



Stocksbridge Junior School

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This week has been a valuable and reassuring time for our children as they spent time with their new teachers and classmates during our transition activities. We know that change can sometimes feel daunting, but the week has marked the beginning of new relationships and a sense of excitement about the learning and challenges ahead. It has been heartening to see how positively the children have approached this experience, showing excellent behaviour and a fantastic attitude to learning. They have worked incredibly hard to show the very best versions of themselves, and we couldn't be prouder. Now back in their current classes, the children are ready to enjoy the final two weeks of term, filled with fun and reflection, as they prepare to embrace the changes that September will bring.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MR: Alice
- Y3CB: Luca

- Y4CH: Cruz
- Y4GG: Chloe

- Y5CS: Charlie
- Y5HK/CG: Ava

Cedarwood Yard: Seth
Ball Games Yard: Kit

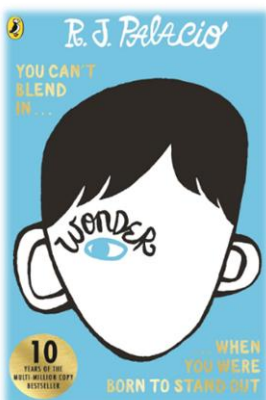
Attendance & Punctuality: Flora
Dining Hall: Kian

PRIZE NIGHT TICKETS

This year's prize night will take place on Thursday 10th July 2025 at 6:30pm at The Venue. (Doors open at 6pm.)

- As we are limited by the capacity of The Venue, we have prioritised Year 6 for additional tickets as it is their last year at SJS. All other families who have requested tickets have been issued with one additional ticket. Tickets have been sent home with children today.
- Please ensure that each member of your family (excluding the award recipient) has their ticket with them on the evening as these will be checked on arrival. This even includes younger siblings who will be sitting on an adult's lap.
- Please also note that award recipients need to be wearing **school uniform**.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Mrs Hall has chosen this week's book, *Wonder* by R J Palacio a wonderful book about a ten-year-old who just wants to be accepted at his new school. Written in the first person, *Wonder* follows Auggie as he experiences more than the usual ups-and-downs of friendships, family and school. The story is also told from the perspective of other characters, providing glimpses into their own behaviour and exploring the impact our actions can have on others. Thought-provoking, engaging and uplifting, this is a wonderful read with a powerful message - we can all choose to be kind.

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - BERLIN

Odin
Laurence
Sam
Wrenn

Y3 - ATHENS

Odin
Luca
Alice
Sam

Y4 - NEW DELHI

Thea
Ciara
Rockley

Y5 - TOKYO

Emily

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Emily

Y5 - CANBERRA

Violet
Emily
Reece

Y5 - WELLINGTON

Elodie
Marcie
Reece

Y5 - HONOLULU

Praise
Sophie
Matilda
Bella
Sophia

Emily
Jake
Elodie
Marcie

READING BOOKS

We are always keen to maintain our book corners, library and reading bus with quality texts for our children to choose from and are therefore asking that children and parents keep their eyes peeled at home for any school reading books. Please ensure these are returned to your child's class teacher before the summer holidays. Thank you in advance for your support; we really do appreciate it.

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES

We are excited to be able to invite parents to join us in school to celebrate the successes of their child at achievement assemblies on the following dates:

- Year 3 Achievement Assembly – 9:15am on Tuesday 15th July
- Year 4 Achievement Assembly – 9:15am on Wednesday 16th July
- Year 5 Achievement Assembly – 9:15am on Thursday 17th July
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 1:30pm on Friday 18th July

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Children are welcome to come to school in their home clothes on the penultimate Friday (11th July) for a £1 donation.

REPORTS AND PARENTS' EVENING

YEARS 3, 4 AND 5: Annual reports were sent home last Thursday. Parents are reminded to return the letter which was enclosed to confirm that the report has been received and to indicate whether an appointment to discuss the report further is required.

YEAR 6: Our Year 6 externally marked SATs results are due to be released next week. We hope to be able to send Y6 reports home on Thursday 10th July. A confirmation slip to be returned to school will also be enclosed within the envelope.

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4GG Y3MR	Y6LR Y3CB	Y5CS	Y6RD	Y5HK/CG Y4CH Y4 Swimming

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Event	Margherita Pizza served with Homemade Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn or Cucumber Sticks (V)	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta & Broccoli or Green Beans	Roast Chicken in Gravy with Roast Potato, Yorkshire Pudding & Carrots or Broccoli	Homemade Chicken Tikka Curry with Rice & Peas or Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
Vegetarian Selection	Quorn Burger served with Homemade Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn or Cucumber Sticks (V)	Rainbow Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice & Broccoli or Green Beans (VE)	Quorn Fillet in Gravy with Roast Potato, Yorkshire Pudding & Carrots or Broccoli (V)	Cheese & Tomato Tortilla Stack with Rice & Peas or Sweetcorn (V)	Cheese & Bean Pinwheel with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans (V)
Picnic	Freshly Prepared Sandwich, Roll or Wrap served with Mixed Salad and the Dessert of the Day, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit				
Jacket Potatoes	Crispy Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Baked Beans (VE), Tuna Mayo or Cheese (V) with Mixed Salad Dessert of the Day, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit				
Desserts	Chocolate Crunch Cookies (VE)	Oaty Biscuit (VE)	Strawberry Bun with Fresh Fruit (V)	Iced Sponge School Cake (V)	Ice Cream with Mango (V)

HEAD LICE

We have received reports of head lice in Year 4.

Head lice is not just a school or a one family problem – it can happen to anyone. Head lice are tiny wingless insects that live on the human scalp, multiply rapidly and are almost impossible to eliminate unless properly treated. Head lice do not hop or jump; they have claws that are adapted for grasping – giving them a strong grip on the hair shafts. Head lice may strike anyone regardless of personal hygiene practices. To minimise cases of head lice in school, it is important for all families to take precautions to prevent infestation.

HOW TO PREVENT HEAD LICE

Suggested precautions include:

- Children with long hair should come to school with their hair tied back in plaits or pigtails/ponytails.
- Children should not share hats, combs or brushes with friends.
- Children should be discouraged from playing with each other's hair.
- Vigorous daily brushing and combing of hair prevents establishment of head lice.
- Children's hair should be checked at home frequently for any evidence of 'nits'.
- Parents should be alert for unusual irritation or itching around ears and nape of neck.

Once an infestation of head lice is detected, special lotion or spray should be used. Vigorous washing with usual shampoo is not effective. The NHS offer further advice on [their website](#). Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Y6 CRUCIAL CREW

Parents of our Y6 pupils are reminded that children need to be at school for 8:15am on Wednesday 9th July for our trip to Crucial Crew. Children will need a packed lunch and their water bottle.

EVENTS COMING UP...

July 7	8	9 Crucial Crew Parents' Evening	10 Prize Night Y6 Annual Reports	11 Non-Uniform Day (£1) Team Treat Y4 Swimming
July 14 Disco	15 Y3 Achievement Assembly Y6 Leavers' Party	16 Y4 Achievement Assembly	17 Y5 Achievement Assembly	18 Y6 Leavers' Assembly
July 21 Curriculum Day	22 Curriculum Day	23 Curriculum Day	24 Summer Holidays	25 Summer Holidays

For events further ahead, please check our [school calendar](#) on our website.

Y3 - Y5 SUMMER DISCO

We will be holding our Summer disco on Monday 14th July from 4:30pm until 6:00pm for children in Year 3, 4 and 5. Tickets are available to buy on ParentMail for £3.00. Please ensure that your child has purchased a ticket in advance of the disco as children will not be able to pay on the door.

Please note:

- The normal school policy applies for mobile phones. Please ensure your child does not bring their phone to the disco.
- As this is a fundraising event for school, children are kindly asked not to spend their snack money at the local shop but to support our fundraising efforts by purchasing snacks from our snack stall.



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

A letter from the regional lead for South Yorkshire Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC):



Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing as a fellow parent of primary aged children in Sheffield, and also as a parent who supports [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) — a growing national campaign led by parents, for parents.

Like many of you, I've been thinking a lot about the role of smartphones in our children's lives. We all want to do what's best for our kids, and yet it's not always easy to know when the "right" time is to introduce devices like smartphones. Smartphones weren't designed with kids in mind, but they're reshaping childhood rapidly. On average, kids get their first smartphone aged nine.

This isn't about judging anyone's choices — I know some children already have smartphones, and every family has its own needs and reasons. But there's also growing concern and evidence from parents, teachers, and child development experts and young people themselves about the impact early smartphone use can have on mental health, sleep, friendships, and attention.

It's also not about being anti-tech - technology is amazing, and it is going to be a huge part of our children's lives. But they can learn how to use technology without having a smartphone - which is really a super computer - in their pocket. **The longer we wait to give our children smartphones, the more time they have to learn, grow, play and develop** away from addictive algorithms and the anxiety machine of social media. The average teenager spends 35 hours a week on their smartphone - imagine if that time was spent with friends or family, pursuing a hobby, doing sport, getting more sleep!

That's why I'm inviting you to take a look at the [Parent Pact](#) — a simple, voluntary commitment that brings parents together to support each other in delaying smartphones and social media. **Already, this has been signed by parents covering over 1,700 children in [South Yorkshire](#) across 159 schools. And across the country over 140,000 parents have signed the pact covering over 13,000 schools.**

The more families that join, the easier it becomes to delay giving our kids smartphones — without children feeling they're the "only one" without a phone.

You can read more about the pact and sign up here:

<https://southyorkshireparentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

And you can join the South Yorkshire SFC WhatsApp community for parents who would like to stay informed and connect with other like-minded parents here:

<https://whatsapp.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

If safety/being able to contact your child when they are in Y6/go to secondary school is a key concern, there are good alternatives:

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>

Thanks for taking a moment to consider this. It's not about getting it perfect — just about working together to make thoughtful choices in a fast-changing world.

Warm wishes,

Ruth (SFC volunteer and regional lead for SFC South Yorkshire)



Do you play a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument? Or another instrument? Keyboard or guitar? WE NEED YOU!

Penistone Community Wind Band

A stress-free buzz and lots of pleasure is guaranteed! Just a short time each week providing a relaxing break from the pressures of the week. We have a lot of fun and laughs, and promise you'll have a good time.



For more details, please get in touch. We look forward to welcoming you.

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Rehearsals: Tuesdays during term time, 7.00 to 8.30 pm at Penistone Grammar School ALC, Huddersfield Road, S36 7BX.