



Stocksbridge Junior School

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We're happy to be back together at Stocksbridge Junior School – and what better way to start the term than thinking about teamwork. Being part of a team means working together, supporting one another, and celebrating each other's strengths. And here at SJS, we are more than just a school – we're a family. This week in assembly, we've been talking about what it means to be a great team member. Whether it's helping a friend, listening carefully, sharing ideas, or encouraging others – every action makes Team Stocky stronger. We've been learning that teamwork isn't just about winning; it's about kindness, cooperation, and confidence – knowing that we can achieve more when we work together. It's been heart-warming to see classrooms buzzing with energy, laughter in the playground, and the sound of friends reconnecting. We're proud of how our pupils have come back ready to learn – after all, 'teamwork makes the dream work'!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3CB: Scarlett
 - Y4GG: Brooklyn
 - Y5CS: Zac-Riley
 - Y6CH/LR: Violet
 - Y3JG: Kodi
 - Y4LS: Emily
 - Y5HK/CG: Joshua
 - Y6RD: Amelia
- PE: Shay
- Y3/4 Yard: Sofiya

Y5/6 Yard: Katherine

Attendance & Punctuality: Mia

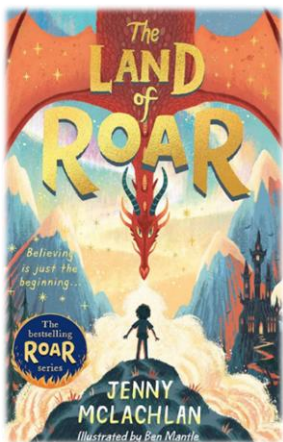
Dining Hall: Thisen

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Y5/Y6 Football with Mr Tee will be starting on **Monday 22nd September - Monday 20th October**. The club will be set live on ParentMail at 6pm on Monday 15th September for parents to secure a place for their child.

Choir with Mr Bundrick will be starting on **Monday 15th September**. For the first week Choir will be open to children who attended last academic year. Additional places will be made available for sign up on **ParentMail at 6pm on Tuesday 16th September**. Children who sign up at this time will be able to start attending from **Monday 22nd September**.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



This week's Book of the Week has been chosen by Mrs Ross, who is currently reading Land of Roar with her sons at bedtime each evening. The first in a series of books, Land of Roar is an instantly gripping adventure where childhood games become a reality for two twins and is perfect for children aged 8 to 12. Readers can bring their fantasy world to life and meet dragons, unicorns, mermaids and more in this beautifully illustrated children's book. Land of Roar is the kind of fantasy adventure that grips you from the first page and keeps you wanting more!
Believing is just the beginning...

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

*Children in Y6RD are asked to bring their PE kits with them to school next week as the school photographer is in on Tuesday. We will ensure the children have a suitable place to get changed for their afternoon PE lesson.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3CB Y5CS	Y6RD*	Y4GG Y5HK/CG	Y6CH/LR	Y3JG Y4LS


SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographers will be in school on Tuesday 16th September to take sibling, individual and class photographs. The photographers will be able to take sibling photographs between 8:30am and 8:50am. If you would like a photograph of all your children together, please bring them to school and join the queue as a family.

**Get ready for
Photography Day on**

Tuesday 16/09/2025
at Stocksbridge Junior School

Look out for the order form
coming home with your child



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Photography
Company

www.schoolphotographs.co.uk



SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION

A single dose of the flu nasal spray will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus. Please provide consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine in school, by completing the online form:

<https://www.sheffieldchildrensvaccinations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Our school code is **SF107055**.

The vaccinations will take place in school on **Thursday 13th November 2025**.

Y3 RESIDENTIAL

Parents of our Y3s are encouraged to check the 'Forms' section on ParentMail for an Expression of Interest form regarding our upcoming Year 3 Residential Trip to Castleton. We kindly ask that you complete the form by Friday 19th September to help us with planning and finalising costs.

ONLINE RESOURCES

This week, we have been adding to your child's planner their login details to the various online resources we use in school. The resources we use may vary slightly between Y3/4 and Y5/6 and may include:

- Seesaw: app.seesaw.me
- Accelerated Reading: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1896545>
- Spelling Shed: www.edshed.com
- Spag.com
- Maths.co.uk
- TTRockstars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/2564>

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)

PUPIL PLANNERS

In addition to using the school planners for events, they are to be used for:

- **A record of reading.** We hope that you as parents will find them of use for recording daily reading at home. (Please see the 'Read Around The World' section of this newsletter for further details.)
On the yellow tabbed pages, children will record their termly star reading test results plus keep a log of the books they have read alongside quiz scores.
- **A record of rewards.** Your child may use their diary to tally the tokens they have earned each week and, on the blue tabbed pages, collect merits and Headteacher's awards awarded for academic achievements.
- **Home/School Communication.** Please feel free to use the diary to jot a message to your child's teacher. (Please ensure your child draws their teacher's attention to the message though!)
- **Home-School Agreement.** Your child's class will have recently spent time looking at our home-school agreement that can be found on page 2 of the diary. We request that you take a moment to discuss and sign the 'home' section with your child.

Please encourage your child to use their diary regularly, to look after it and to bring it to school each day. We have a small number of diaries for the arrival of any new pupils. If your child loses their diary, they may be able to purchase a replacement diary for £4.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September from 8:30am until 9:15am. You are most welcome to call in for coffee and cake or buy cakes to take away. We would also appreciate any contributions of goodies to sell to be brought to school either on Thursday 27th September or on the morning. Please join us to support this very worthy charity.



SJS READ AROUND THE WORLD

Every time you listen to your child read at home, please make a note in your child's diary. For more independent readers, parents are asked to pop their initials in the 'Read Around the World' box to indicate that their child has read at home independently on that day. For every entry, pupils will receive a footprint stamp.

Once your child has accumulated 30 footprints, they will be awarded a postcard from their reading destination.

For example, the first destination for our Y3 children is London. If your child reads every day from their first day at SJS, the earliest they will arrive in London is Thursday 2nd October. The earliest children can begin counting their footprints towards the next destination (Paris) is the first day back after the half term break - Monday 3rd November.

Your child's passport will track their journey around the world over the next four years - please encourage them to keep it extra safe in the special plastic wallet towards the back of their diary. Children need to keep their passports safe for the duration of their time at SJS. Children can still accumulate stamps and receive postcards, even if they have misplaced their passport.

SJS Read Around the World Journey Itinerary 2025-2026

1st Destination

September

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October

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November

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2nd Destination

December

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3rd Destination

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4th Destination

5th Destination

June

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August

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6th Destination

ORIENTEERING

THE MIND AND BODY WORKOUT



South
Yorkshire
Orienteers

2025 / 26 Saturday Series incorporating the SFSS Schools' League

Orienteering is a challenging outdoor adventure sport. The aim is to navigate between control points marked on an orienteering map and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time. It does not matter how young, old or fit you are, as you can run, walk or jog the course at your own pace.



These events are specifically aimed to introduce people of all ages to the sport and also incorporate the SFSS schools' league. However all our events have courses suitable for all abilities - see the website for more details. No need to pre-enter: just turn up on the day. Start times from 12.30pm - 3pm.

Sat 13 Sep	Endcliffe Park
Sat 11 Oct	EIS & Olympic Legacy Park
Sat 22 Nov	Bolehills
Sat 17 Jan	Ecclesall Woods
Sat 7 Feb	Norfolk Park
Sat 14 Mar	Shirebrook Country Park
Sat 25 Apr	Parkwood Springs
Sat 16 May	Graves Park
Sat 6 Jun	Meersbrook Park

Prize-giving event Crookes Valley Park 20 Jun

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SATURDAY SERIES SCHOOLS & ADULTS LEAGUE 2025 / 26

League Format

Nine events spread over the academic year for pupils from Y3/4 up, with a separate league for adults. The series culminates with a fun event and prize-giving. Dates and venues are listed overleaf. Overall positions for competitors and schools will be calculated from their best 5 results. The events are held on Saturday afternoons. They are run by South Yorkshire Orienteers and courses are open to the general public, so anybody can give it a go!

Registration & Start Procedure

Register on the day between 12.30-2.30pm. Entrants will receive a map with the course printed on and an electronic timing chip. Competitors on each course will start at 1 minute intervals. You are welcome to go individually or in a pair or group. Parents can talk through the course and can shadow (follow) competitors around the course but please let children navigate themselves.

Costs

Children £2. **Pupils Y3 & above, whose school is a member of the SFSS, are free.**

Adults £5, £4 for club members

Second runs £2 (£1 if paid for 1st run)

Courses

Orienteering courses are graded by colour; this table shows the course pupils should enter to be part of the league. Adults run whichever course they would like and will be allocated points for the adult league.

Course	Year
White	Y3/4, Y5
Yellow	Y6, Y7
Orange	Y8, Y9
Light Green	Y10, Y11
Green / Blue	Y12, Y13

About SYO

South Yorkshire Orienteering club is one of the most successful clubs in the country at both Junior and Senior level. We organise regular orienteering events and training throughout the year. We can also arrange introductory sessions for Running Clubs, Schools, Scouts, Guides, Youth Groups etc.

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Penistone Grammar School's



Year 6 Open Evening

Calling all Year 6 Students and Parents/Carers!

We are excited to invite you to our open evening where you will have the opportunity to explore school, take part in a range of exciting activities and find out more about the staff who will be supporting you through your PGS journey and what makes us One Penistone.



Thursday 2 October 2025

16:30 - Principal's Welcome Presentation
(repeated at 5.30pm)

17:00 - 19:00 - Departments Open



For more information visit

www.penistone-gs.uk

or follow us on Facebook

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Aim High



Be Determined



Be Kind



Be Supportive



Be Proud



Sheffield Children's 
NHS Foundation Trust

FREE Webinar For Parents / Carers

'10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance - How to Eat Well AND Save Money'

Wednesday 24th September
10am – 11am
Via Zoom

Would you like some tips on how to eat healthier on a budget?

Want to know how to get the most out of your supermarket shop?

Want some ideas & inspiration on how to feed your family whilst not breaking the bank?

Then why not join us for our webinar:

'10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance – How to Eat Well AND Save Money'!

Part of our '10 Top Tips' series, this session includes how to be savvy at the supermarket, tips on shopping and cooking on a budget, and how to reduce food waste.

Presented via Zoom and delivered by nutrition professionals, the session will be informative but fun, with time throughout to answer any of your questions.

[BOOK HERE!](#)

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