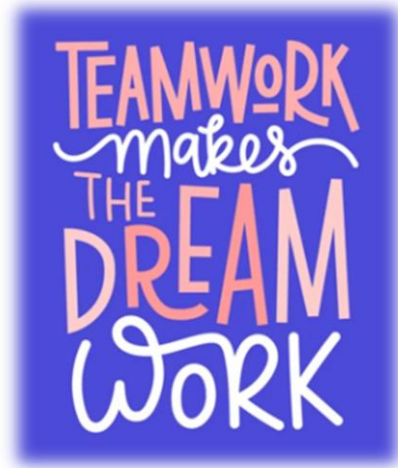




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Although it has been a cold, snowy week, it has been wonderful to see the children wrapped up and enjoying the winter weather. In school, we consistently encourage teamwork and support for one another, and it has been lovely to see this in action—not only in our classrooms, where pupils show kindness and encouragement, but also beyond the school gates. At the Sports Hall Athletics competition, our Y5/6 children demonstrated how hard work and dedication truly pay off. Both teams worked together like pieces of a jigsaw, each contributing to the bigger picture. We were incredibly proud of them—not just for their sporting ability, but for their determination, resilience, and willingness to give their best, even when things weren't easy. Their fantastic efforts led to an outstanding achievement: we placed as the top two teams in our area, a result we are all delighted with. Teamwork really does make the dream work!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

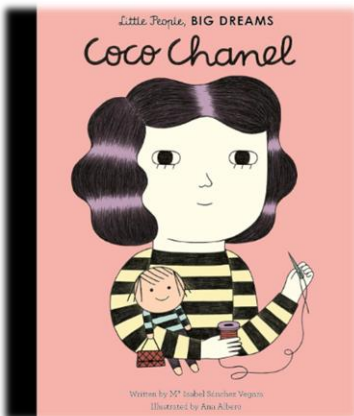
- Y3CB: Bella
- Y4GG: Sam
- Y5CS: Kit
- Y6CH/LR: Georgia
- Y3JG: Lottie
- Y4LS: Seb
- Y5HK/CG: Alicia
- Y6RD: Bella

PE Star: Molly
The Hub: Charlotte

Y3/4 Yard: Millie
Y5/6 Yard: Elliott

Attendance & Punctuality: Charlie
Dining Hall: Evie

BOOK OF THE WEEK



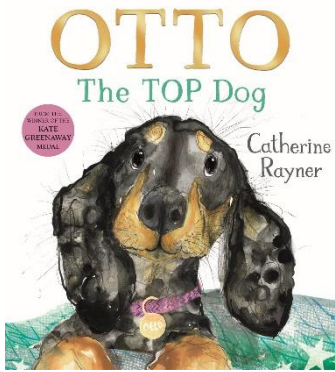
Miss Sheehan has chosen this week's Book of the Week: *Coco Chanel* from the Little People, Big Dreams series.

Miss Sheehan explained in assembly that the book tells Coco Chanel's inspiring story; one of a little girl who dared to be different, follow her dreams and become one of the world's most famous fashion designers. Following the death of her mother, Coco spent her early life in an orphanage, where she was taught how to use a needle and thread. From there, she became a cabaret singer, seamstress, hat maker and, eventually, the world's most famous fashion designer. This moving book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the designer's life.

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

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

THE SHEFFIELD BOOK AWARDS



Last Friday, a group of children who had taken part in the Sheffield Children's Book Awards, were lucky enough to attend the ceremony at the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield. It was extremely exciting finding out which authors had won the awards in the different categories. 'Otto The Top Dog' was the overall winner of the Sheffield Children's Book Awards 2025 - a beautiful picture book about the author, Catherine Rayner's real dog Otto! We had a great time meeting lots of the authors after the ceremony and asking them to sign our books. After enjoying lunch in The Winter Gardens, we visited the Library Theatre where we attended a workshop



with one of the authors, Helen Rutter. We were inspired to read some of her books, and were particularly interested in her new book, 'The Boy with Big Decisions' where the reader gets to make decisions for the character and choose the ending! It was a fantastic trip and the children represented our school beautifully, showing their enthusiasm for reading and fantastic manners.

WINTER CLOTHING

The arrival of wintery weather has led to an increase in children asking if they can borrow dry socks or trousers when their own clothing has become wet on their walk to school or if they have slipped over at playtime. We only have a very limited stock of spare clothing and certainly struggle to cater for all sizes. We would appreciate if parents could consider popping spare clothing (e.g. socks and joggers) in your child's school bag so that your child has something dry and warm to change into if the need arises.

Please also ensure that your child comes to school with a named coat, hat and gloves!

EVENTS COMING UP...

Nov 24	25	26	27	28
	Y4 Swimming Y3 Western Park Trip	Y5 Deep Sky		
Dec 1 Christmas Fair	2 Y4 Swimming Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 2nd destination	3 Rock Steady Concert	4	5 Curriculum Day

CHILDREN IN NEED

We raised an amazing £125 for Children In Need by coming to school in our spots and bright colours. Thank you! If you have not yet donated and would still like too the link is still open on ParentMail and will go straight into the Children In Need Bank Account.



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

MENU WEEK 2

SERVED W/C: 3rd Nov | 24th Nov | 15th Dec | 5th Jan | 6th Jan |
16th Feb | 9th Mar | 30th Mar | 20th Apr

THE
FOOD
EXPLORERS

Hutchison

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OPTION 1 MAIN MEAL	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Cottage Pie & Gravy	Baked Mac 'n' Cheese	Tex-Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap
OPTION 2	Salmon Pasta Bake	Pork & Beef Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry, Rice	Oven Baked Fish & Chips
VEGGIES	Peas & Sweetcorn	Carrot & Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans
FILLED ROLLS	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
	Ham	Chicken	Tuna	Ham	Ham
5	Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans				
SWEET TREATS	Strawberry Mousse	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Original Flapjack	Chocolate & Carrot Muffin	Lemon Sponge & Custard
Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
KEY Vegetarian Nutritionist's Choice Vegan Added Wholewheat					

CROSS-COUNTRY

The next cross-country race will take place at Parkwood Springs, S3 9AA, on Saturday 29th November. Walking the course needs to commence before 9.30am and racing will start with the Y3/4 girls at 10am.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS SUCCESS

This week, Stocksbridge Junior School proudly took two teams - 40 enthusiastic children in total - to compete in the first round of the Sportshall Athletics competition. In the lead-up to the event, Mrs Gaymond held training sessions at the High School, where pupils practised both relay techniques and a range of field events including speed bounce and long jump.

Our teams faced strong competition from two neighbouring schools, with only the top-scoring team progressing to the Links Finals in January. We are delighted to announce that Stocksbridge A triumphed, winning the event and securing their place in the next round. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work, effort, and team spirit shown by all children involved. A huge well done to both teams—and we wish Stocksbridge A the very best of luck as they move on to the Links Finals in January.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE - RAFFLE DONATIONS

Our Christmas Fayre is rapidly approaching so we are hopeful for any of the following donations:

- We are looking for raffle prizes to include in our draw, this could be a gift set, a gift voucher, a new toy, a bottle of wine etc. If you are able to donate an item, or if you have your own business or work for a company that would be willing to contribute, we would be extremely grateful.
- In addition, we will also have a refreshment stall with buns and cakes, so any donations of baked goods would also be very much appreciated.
- If you are able to help on the day, please let us know by Wednesday 26th November.

Your generosity helps make our fayre special for everyone, and all proceeds will go towards supporting our school community.

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Stocksbridge Junior School

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MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER**

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SHEFFIELD PARENTING HUB

Sheffield Parenting Hub offer a range of seminars, discussion groups and workshops to Sheffield parents. If you are interested in any of the upcoming sessions listed below, please use the link to book your place!

- [Coping With Teenagers Emotions 1335 | Sheffield](#) 24.11.25, 9.45am, Astrea Academy
- [Time to Sleep Neurodivergent 1343 | Sheffield](#) 24.11.25, 10.00am, Online
- [Time to Sleep Neurodivergent 1315 | Sheffield](#) 02.12.25, 6.00pm, online
- [Risk Outside The Home Seminar 1280 | Sheffield](#) 02.12.25, 6.00pm, online
- [Family Communication Seminar 1352 | Sheffield](#) 04.12.25, 9.00am, Stocksbridge Junior School
- [Getting Teenagers to Cooperate 1319 | Sheffield](#) 04.12.25, 12.30pm, online
- [Risk Outside The Home Seminar 1318 | Sheffield](#) 09.12.25, 9.30am, Astrea Academy
- [Raising Resilient Children 1325 | Sheffield](#) 10.12.25, 10.00am, online
- [SEND Workshop 1333 | Sheffield](#) 10.12.25, 10.00am, First Start Family Hub
- [Positive Parenting for Children with Additional Needs \(0-12 SEND\) 1309 | Sheffield](#) 11.12.25, 10.00am, online

STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE SLEEP

Another organisation offering support to parents/carers is hosting a free webinar with Helen Rutherford, Specialist Sleep Practitioner from The Sleep Charity. The webinar is taking place on Wednesday 17th December, 10am - 11am. To book: [Autism & ADHD: Strategies To Improve Sleep](#)



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