



Stocksbridge Junior School



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At SJS, we love a bit of healthy competition, whether it's Sports Day or the Spelling Bee! One of our weekly highlights is the team tokens announcement during our Friday Celebration Assembly, bringing plenty of excitement – and sometimes a little disappointment – as totals are revealed. Children earn tokens for meeting expectations around school, following our school values and being great role models. The resulting Team Treat for the winning house each half term is definitely a highlight of school life. Wharncliffe, who won at the start of autumn, enjoyed a cinema trip before Christmas, but Ewden's treat this week was a bit different. On Thursday, they headed to the high school dance studio for a glow disco, complete with glowsticks galore! An amazing time was had by everyone – it's always great to dance like no one's watching.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3CB: Erin
- Y3JG: Poppy
- Y4GG: Sam
- Y4MC: Athena
- Y5CS: Holly-Mae
- Y5HK/CG: Flora
- Y6CH/LR: Alex
- Y6RD: Evie

PE Star: Dolly
The Hub: Ella

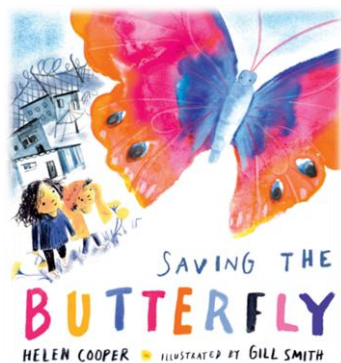
Y3/4 Yard: Nora
Y5/6 Yard: Maxwell

Attendance & Punctuality: Ellis
Dining Hall: Sophie

NEW WORD MILLIONAIRES

We've had a flurry of children who have read their way onto our roll of Word Millionaires this week! Congratulations to Theo, Kit and Elliott!

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Ahead of National Storytelling Week, Miss Killen has chosen this week's Book of the Week: Saving the Butterfly by Helen Cooper.

A poetic, powerful story about a little brother and a big sister finding a new home and new hope after being rescued from a boat lost in the dark sea. This is a moving tale of empathy, resilience, and the universal need for home and safety.

TEAM TREAT

As the end of this half term is rapidly approaching, we will soon be announcing this half term's winning house who will be heading to Penistone Paramount Cinema on Friday 13th February to enjoy a film. Although we're not sure which house this will be until the big reveal next Friday, we wanted to notify parents that we will be requesting a contribution of £6 per pupil towards the travel costs. On Friday 6th February, we will be in touch with the parents of the winning house with further information.

Spelling bee



SPELLING BEE 2026

There has been an enthusiastic buzz in school this week for round 1 of our Spelling Bee! Every member of staff has been hugely impressed with the determination and commendable effort that children have put into learning their words. Well done to each and every pupil and thank you so much to our wonderful parents for your support in learning the word lists! Specific congratulations go to children who have achieved the highest scores in each class:

Y3CB

Carter & Lucas

Y5CS

Holly-Mae & Theo

Y3JG

Poppy & Phoebe

Y5HK/CG

Theo & Elliott

Y4GG

Luca & Bill

Y6RD

Sophia & Jake

Y4MC

Annie & Emily

Y6CH/LR

Georgia & Marcie

THE HUB

Callum & Charlotte

The following children achieved the highest scores in their year groups (and quite possibly had to battle through a tie-break!) and, therefore, progress to the semi-finals:

YEAR 3

Carter
Lucas
Poppy
Phoebe
Miller

Layali
Lottie
Scarlett
India
Bella

YEAR 4

Luca
Bill
Lola
Charlotte
Emilie

Annie
Emily
Sebastian
Kamal
Maxwell

YEAR 5

Holly-Mae
Theo
Kit
Lily
Cruz

Theo
Elliott
Lily
Nathaniel
Harry

YEAR 6

Georgia
Marcie
Martha
Amelia
Henry

Sophia
Jake
Sophie
George
Aroussia

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5CS	Y3CB Y6RD	Y4GG Y5HK/CG	Y4MC Y6CH/LR	Y3JG

EVENTS COMING UP...

Feb 2	3 Y4GG Swimming	4 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 3 rd destination	5 Spelling Bee: Semi Finals	6
Feb 9	10 Safer Internet Day Y4GG Swimming	11 Young Voices 2026	12	13 Team Treat Non-Uniform Day (£1)
--- Half Term ---				

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

MENU WEEK 3

SERVED W/C: 20th Oct | 10th Nov | 1st Dec | 22nd Dec | 12th Jan | 2nd Feb | 23rd Feb | 16th Mar | 6th Apr

THE FOOD EXPLORERS

Hutchison

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL OPTION 1	Quorn Dippers with Oven Baked Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Vegan Bolognese Ragu Penne Pasta	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Baked Mac 'n' Cheese	Vegan Sausage Roll & Chips
OPTION 2	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Beef Bolognese Penne Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Oven Baked Fish Fingers & Chips
VEGGIES	Peas & Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Broccoli & Carrots	Carrots and Peas	Beans & Peas
FILLED ROLLS OPTION 3	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
OPTION 4	Ham	Chicken	Tuna	Ham	Ham
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY 5	Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans				
SWEET TREATS	Vanilla Shortbread	Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Apple Strudel & Custard	Gingerbread Squares with Custard	Garden Brownie
Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					

KEY

Nutritionist's Choice

Vegetarian

Vegan

Added Wholewheat

YEAR 5 BASKETBALL SUCCESS



The Stocksbridge Junior School Year 5 basketball team took part in a local cluster competition this week, competing against some very strong local schools. We entered two teams, a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work and commitment shown by our pupils during lunchtimes and at the after-school basketball club.

Both teams played with great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. We are especially proud to announce that our Orange Team won the competition, putting in an outstanding performance from start to finish and will progress to the Links Finals later in the year. Our Black Team also performed brilliantly, finishing in a very respectable 5th place in a highly competitive field. Well done to all the players for representing the school so positively — Team Stocky should be extremely proud of their efforts!

WELL PHARMACY CHICKEN POX VACCINATIONS

Well Pharmacy in Stocksbridge have recently launched their private Chicken Pox Vaccine Service. The Chicken Pox Vaccine Service is suitable for patients aged 1-65 who have not had Chicken Pox or the Chicken Pox vaccine before. Their service is led by expertly trained pharmacists following current UK health guidance, with a strong focus on patient safety and informed decision making. The vaccine service consists of an individual vaccine delivered as two doses, with the second dose 4-8 weeks after the first. After the appointment they will provide a full overview of any vaccinations or treatments administered, to both the patient and parent for minors, to ensure completeness of the patient's medical records. For more information visit: well.co.uk/health-hub/vaccinations/chickenpox/



South Yorkshire FIRE & RESCUE

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Dear Parents,

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue would like to bring to your attention the dangers of young people playing on frozen water as well as entering icy open water.

Our key messages for children across the county are:

- **Frozen water:** Do not go on to frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs under any circumstances. Children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water during cold weather. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue and certainly don't get into the water. You may become the next casualty.
- **Cold water shock:** The UK is a cold water country which means no open water is above 15 degrees. A public swimming pool is between 26-28 degrees. Many fatalities are caused by the cold temperature and how it affects someone when they enter the water. Firstly, it causes a deep intake of breath, during which dirty water will usually be mixed with the air breathed in. Blood will be directed to the core to protect major organs, restricting supply to their arms and legs which are needed for swimming. This makes it very difficult for someone to swim and is often how lives are lost.
- **Pets:** Should be kept on leads when near frozen water and owners should refrain from throwing objects onto the ice for them to retrieve.

Don't give in to peer pressure from your friends, the ice may look solid from the surface but will not hold your weight and could crack when stood on. It could be the last thing you do.





South Yorkshire FIRE & RESCUE

What to do if you or your friends get into trouble in the water

- If someone can't climb out of the water, it is not advisable, as many people think, to move about in the water to keep warm while waiting for help. Instead, they should conserve their energy by keeping as still as possible.
- If you see someone fall through ice or in trouble in the water call 999 and ask for the fire service. Keep your eyes on them until we arrive. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue.
- If you fall into the ice keep calm and shout for help. Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you. If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice. Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank. If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank by breaking the ice in front of you away. If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water. Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check-up.
- **What3Words:** Please make all young people aware of this location app. Download it to their smartphone so that if they do get into difficulty we can locate them efficiently, even if they are in a remote area.

For more advice on enjoying the water safely go to www.rlss.org.uk or www.rnli.org

Kind Regards,

C. Huxley

