



Stocksbridge Junior School

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As we come to the end of this half term, it's fair to say it has felt like the wettest January and February on record! Despite the endless rain, fog and grey skies, the children have shown incredible resilience and positivity, finishing the half term with smiles, enthusiasm and their usual brilliant attitudes to learning.

To celebrate the end of term, our winning team Hunshelf enjoyed a well-earned treat, travelling to Penistone Paramount to experience a more traditional cinema outing. This reflects our focus this year on team treats that give children opportunities to enjoy new and memorable experiences, offering something a little different from the everyday school routine.

Looking ahead to after the holidays, there is plenty to be excited about. We have more amazing experiences planned, including residential trips for our Year 3 and Year 6 children. These overnight stays are always a highlight, giving pupils the chance to have fun with their friends while also developing independence, confidence and extending their learning beyond the classroom. Let's hope we return to sunshine and blue skies, ready to make the most of everything school has to offer in the next half term!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

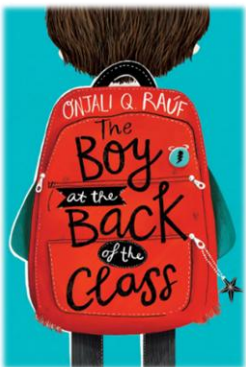
- Y3CB: Evie
- Y4GG: Rose
- Y5CS: Archie
- Y6CH/LR: Kelvin
- Y3JG: Milo
- Y4MC: Alice
- Y5HK/CG: Nathaniel
- Y6RD: Alfie

PE Star: Sebastian
The Hub: Leo

Y3/4 Yard: Taliana
Y5/6 Yard: Ryan

Attendance & Punctuality: Remy
Dining Hall: Wrenn

BOOK OF THE WEEK



This week's Book of the Week has been chosen by Mrs Woods: *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Raúf. Has anyone ever noticed someone sitting alone and wondered what their story was? In our Book of the Week, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, a new student named Ahmet arrives. He's a bit of a mystery—he doesn't talk, he doesn't like sweets, and he disappears at break time. But instead of ignoring him, a group of friends decides to become 'detectives of kindness.' They find out Ahmet is a refugee who has fled a war and been separated from his family. What follows is a massive adventure involving the Queen, a lot of pomegranates, and a plan to reunite a family. If you've ever felt like a small person in a big world, this book proves that your kindness is actually a superpower.

RESIDENTIALS

Both our Y3 and Y6 residential take place shortly after half term! Letters have been sent home this week to provide the itinerary and a suggested packing list. If your child has not brought their letter home, please contact the school office.

It also won't be too long before our Y5s head to London. We hope to have an update soon about the addition of a visit to the Houses of Parliament. In the meantime, we would like to remind parents that the final instalment is now overdue.

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - MADRID

Milo
Erin
Poppy
Kodi
Declan
Max
Phoebe

Y4 - NAIROBI

Bridie

Y4 - PRETORIA

Ada
Jack
Heber
Bridie
Eva

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Molly
Flora
Nathaniel
Mia
Harriet

Y6 - BRASILIA

Max
Evie
Hattie
Lainey

Y6 - LIMA

Mia
Sophia
Sophie

NEW WORD MILLIONAIRE

Congratulations to Molly and Henry who have both read their way onto our roll of Word Millionaires!

PE TIMETABLE FOR W/B MONDAY 23RD FEB

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

PARENTS' SESSIONS

Parents/guardians are warmly invited to our next 'Bring your parent to school' sessions which will take place after half term. The allocated dates and time slots are as follows:

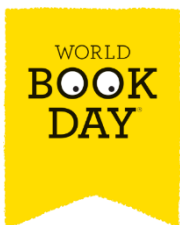
- Year 3 – Thursday 12th March, 9:00am - 10:15am
- Year 4 – Monday 2nd March, 9:00am - 10: 15am
- Year 5 – Wednesday 4th March, 9:00am - 10: 15am
- Year 6 – Tuesday 3rd March, 9:00am - 10: 15am

Refreshments will be available for parents in the hall from 8:40am. We are also hoping to provide a short curriculum presentation whilst the children are being registered.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

This term's Parents' Meetings will take place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March. Our booking facility on ParentMail is set to go live at midday on Wednesday 4th March.

WORLD BOOK DAY



On World Book Day we will be celebrating reading for pleasure in school.

On Thursday 5th March, children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite character. The children will be given the opportunity to celebrate reading as a class, taking part in reading activities, challenges and games.

Just after half term, all children will be given their World Book Day book token. This can be used to purchase one of the £1 World Book Day books as they come out in shops or towards the cost of a book from our visiting Book Fair.

BOOK FAIR

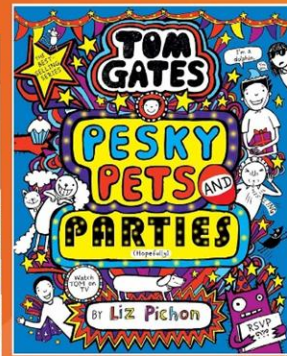
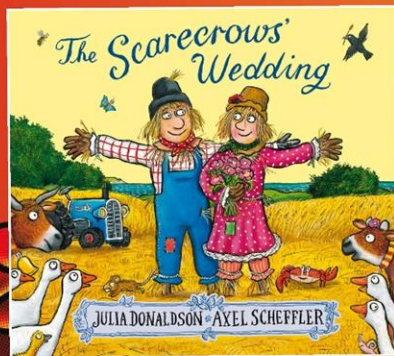
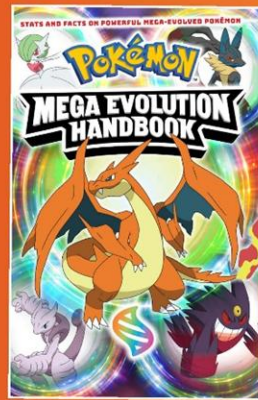
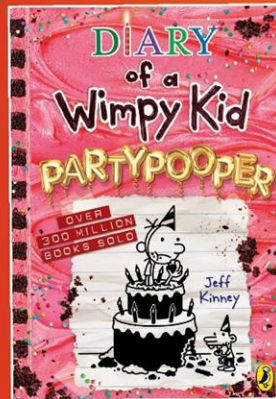
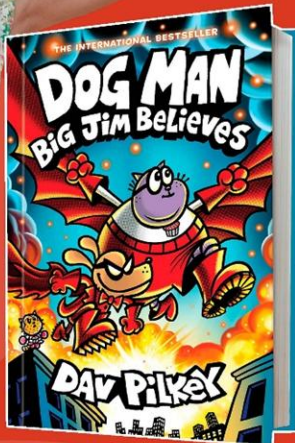
SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

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GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026

DATE:

2nd March - 5th March 2026

TIME:

- * 8.30am - 8.40am
- * 3.10pm - 4.00pm
- * During Parent Sessions

LOCATION: Come along to the School Hall

Please note we are only able to accept card payments.

Scan to pay securely online!



ONLINE SAFETY

Undeniably in recent years, there has been a rapid rise of smart technology in the daily lives of children and young people. It is therefore the shared responsibility of the adults at school and at home to teach children how to safely navigate this online world. To coincide with Safer Internet Day, we would like to share with parents and carers a couple of useful resources and reiterate our policy for pupils' mobile phones and smart watches:



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ON MANAGING CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIVES

Parenting today can feel overwhelming — especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. This guide aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence.

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

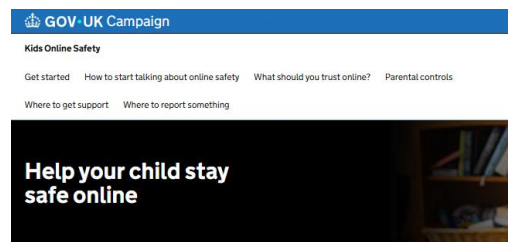
NEW KIDS ONLINE SAFETY WEBSITE LAUNCHED

As part of a government campaign, a new website is being launched on 16th February 2026 called [Kids Online Safety](#). The website is designed to support families and encourage regular conversations about what they're seeing online, asking simple questions, like "who shared this" and "why?". Based on parents' main concerns and needs, it provides:

- tips for parents' conversations with their children
- actions to support each stage of their child's life
- parental controls information

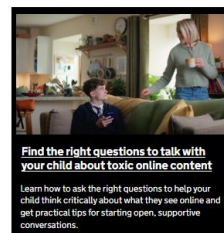
The website also signposts to trusted resources from charities and third parties, where parents can access other forms of support (like speaking to an expert).

The website will continue to grow and be developed this year, supporting the [Online Safety Act](#) and wider government aims.



Find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online.

With so many apps, games, and websites out there, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But the good news is you're not alone.



MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES

We strongly advise that pupils' mobile phones are not brought into school; however, we accept that there may be circumstances in which a parent wishes their child to have a mobile phone with them, for example, if a child makes their way to and from school independently. It is school policy that pupils switch their phone off on arrival at the school gates and place it into their class' phonebox as soon as they arrive in the classroom. Phones are returned to children when they leave the school site at the end of the day.

We have recently noted a number of children who own a smart watch and therefore must extend our mobile phone procedures described above to this technology too.

A mobile phone or smart watch brought into school is entirely at the pupil's own risk, and the school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of any phone or handheld device brought into school.

EVENTS COMING UP...

Feb 23 Read Around the World: Set off on your journey towards your 4 th destination	24 Y4GG Swimming	25	26	27 Spelling Bee: The Final!
March 2 Y4 Parents' Session Book Fair: - 8:30am – 8:40am - 3:10pm - 4:00pm - During Y4's Parent Session	3 Y3 Castleton Y6 Parents' Session Y4GG Swimming Book Fair: - 8:30am – 8:40am - 3:10pm - 4:00pm - During Y6's Parent Session	4 Y3 Castleton Y5 Parents' Session Book Fair: - 8:30am – 8:40am - 3:10pm - 4:00pm - During Y5's Parent Session	5 World Book Day Book Fair: - 8:30am – 8:40am - 3:10pm - 4:00pm	6 Y5 Trip: Hallé for Youth Concert at the City Hall
March 9 Y6 Robinwood	10 Y6 Robinwood Y4GG Swimming	11 Y6 Robinwood	12 Y3 Parents' Session Easter Egg Competition Opens	13
March 16	17 Y4GG Swimming Team Treat Parents' Evening	18 Parents' Evening	19	20 Red Nose Day
March 23	24 Y4 Magna Trip Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 4 th destination	25 Easter Egg Competition Closes Disco	26	27 Non-Uniform Day (£1)

--- Easter Holidays ---

KS2 GYMNASTICS COMPETITION AT CONCORD SPORTS CENTRE

Our gymnasts recently competed in the KS2 Gymnastics Competition at Concord Sports Centre, alongside several strong local schools from across the City.

Stocksbridge Junior School entered four teams, all of whom have been training hard in our after-school gymnastics club. Every child performed brilliantly, showing great control, resilience and teamwork. Although some felt nervous, they represented our school with pride and professionalism.

We are especially proud to announce that our Year 5/6 Advanced Team won their event — a fantastic achievement! We are proud of our strong gymnastics culture at Stocksbridge and look forward to building on this success next year. Go Team Stocky!



KS2 SPORTS FESTIVAL

The KS2 Sports Festival at Stocksbridge High School was a truly fantastic event and a wonderful celebration of sport and teamwork. The children took part in a range of exciting activities including volleyball, target throw, penalty shootout, boccia and curling, giving everyone the chance to showcase different skills and try something new.

It was lovely to see children from schools across the locality coming together, mixing confidently and making new friends. The event was filled with smiles and laughter, with a strong sense of friendly competition throughout. Participation and enjoyment were very much at the heart of the day, and it was clear that every child embraced the spirit of the festival.

We are incredibly proud of the children who represented Stocksbridge Junior School so brilliantly. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, encouragement and sportsmanship at all times. Well done, Team Stocky!



MENU FOR W/B MONDAY 23RD FEB

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 Ragù 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	3 Cheese 4 Ham	Cheese Chicken	Cheese Tuna	Cheese Ham	Cheese 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 (green leaf icon) Vegan (green circle icon) Added Wholewheat (wheat stalk icon)					

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

The South Yorkshire Children's University (SYCU) February Holiday Activity Newsletter is now available, showcasing a wide range of enriching activities designed to support children's continued learning and skills development beyond the classroom during the half-term break.



The programme encourages families to explore Learning Destination activities across South Yorkshire, including opportunities in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham, helping children access high-quality learning experiences in their local communities.

[Click here](#) to view their newsletter.



For children in receipt of benefits related free school meals

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH FOOD LIMITED PLACES, BOOK EARLY!

How to access?



- Attend a Sheffield School (Reception-Y11)
- Be in receipt of income assessed free school meals
- Have a HAF Code

Not eligible but want to join the fun?

Please contact a club directly to discuss.

Please note, HAF providers may need to prioritise families in receipt of benefits related free school meals if activities are oversubscribed.



How to book?

To book activities online or by phone click the link below or visit www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org



LOST YOUR HAF CODE?

Report a problem with your HAF Code | Sheffield City Council

OR

Call the HAF team on 0114 203 9303



This February use #HAF to share your fun!

**HAF CODE
REQUIRED**





Stocksbridge
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COMMUNITY APPEAL

Can you help us make Easter
extra special?

We are seeking cash donations
to purchase Crème Eggs and
Easter treats for children taking
part in our annual Easter
Competition.

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**SHEFFIELD
BRICK
FESTIVAL**