



Stocksbridge Junior School

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This half term is certainly turning out to be a busy one, with so many of our usual spring activities squeezed into just five weeks! One of the highlights this week was our Year 3 residential visit to Castleton, where the children rose to every challenge and impressed staff and members of the public alike with their excellent behaviour, showing true Stocky spirit throughout the trip. We were also delighted to welcome so many parents, family members and friends into school for our Maths Parents' Session, where they joined their children in the classroom for a lesson. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and impressed with the children's learning—although a few parents may have gone home with a slight headache after all that number crunching! To round off the week, our Year 5 children have been out of school enjoying the wonderful experience of hearing a live orchestra, a memorable way to finish another full and exciting week at SJS. And all of this comes before our Year 6 residential next week! Sometimes school life is like a roller coaster—you just have to hold on and enjoy the ride!

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3CB: Jaxon
- Y4GG: Elissa
- Y5CS: Emily
- Y6CH/LR: Oliver
- Y3JG: Arie
- Y4MC: Stanley
- Y5HK/CG: Mia
- Y6RD: Hattie

PE Star: Nathaniel

The Hub: Shay

Y3/4 Yard: Harry

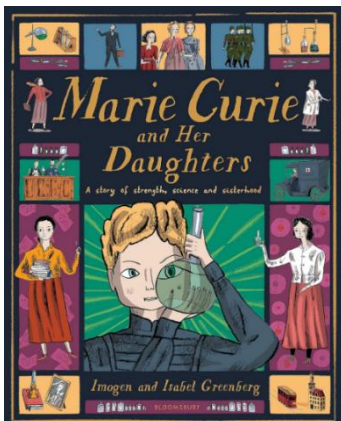
Y5/6 Yard: Max

Attendance & Punctuality: Mia

Dining Hall: Alicia

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Miss Killen has chosen this week's Book of the Week to link with International Women's Day which is celebrated annually on 8th March and also to link with British Science Week which takes place next week.



Imagine someone told you that your dream could never come true. What would you do? Meet Marie Curie. Shy and reserved, she loved science more than anything else in the world. But she lived at a time when women couldn't be scientists. Marie followed her passion and is now remembered for her game-changing discoveries. But while she tinkered away with test tubes and experimented with a glow-in-the-dark chemical elements, Marie became a mother. Irene and Eve grew up to be fiercely independent and determined women just like their mother, and had many adventures of their own. Join these three incredible women in this gorgeously illustrated book as they save lives during WWI and WWII, win Nobel Prizes, overcome tragedies, travel all around the world and change the history of science

forever. This uplifting and touching tale of strength, science and sisterhood, written and illustrated by two remarkable sisters Imogen and Isabel Greenberg, is a triumph of female empowerment.

NEXT WEEK'S PE TIMETABLE

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

PARENTS' MEETINGS

This term's Parents' Meetings will take place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March. Our booking facility is now live on ParentMail to enable parents to make an appointment with their child's teacher(s).

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

As Easter is fast approaching, we would like you to get your thinking bonnets on in preparation for our annual Easter egg competition. Just like previous years, entries to the competition must incorporate an egg in an ingenious way. The competition opens on Thursday 12th March with the final day for entries set as Wednesday 25th March. We look forward to seeing your egg-straordinary entries!



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

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> MAIN MEAL OPTION 1 OPTION 2 </div>	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Cottage Pie & Gravy	Baked Mac 'n' Cheese	Tex-Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap
	Salmon Pasta Bake	Pork & Beef Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry, Rice	Oven Baked Fish & Chips
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> VEGGIES </div>	Peas & Sweetcorn	Carrot & Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> FILLED ROLLS 3 4 </div>	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
	Ham	Chicken	Tuna	Ham	Ham
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> AVAILABLE EVERY DAY 5 </div>	Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans				
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; text-align: left;"> SWEET TREATS </div>	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				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px 5px; background-color: #e67e22; color: white; font-weight: bold;">KEY</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;"> Nutritionist's Choice </div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;"> Vegetarian </div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;"> Vegan </div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;"> Added Wholewheat </div> </div>					

TEAM TREAT

This half term's Team Treat is planned for Tuesday 17th March which means that we will be announcing this half term's winning house on Friday 13th March. 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 per pupil towards the travel costs.

On Friday 13th, we will be in touch with the parents of the winning house with further information.

ARBOR COMMUNICATIONS

We are excited to inform you that we will soon be introducing Arbor communications and payments at Stocksbridge Junior School. Moving to Arbor will provide a clearer and more efficient way to communicate with school and will streamline our payment system through the Arbor App.

We will be going live on the new Arbor App on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

To allow us to make a smooth transition to the new system, ParentMail will be switched off from **Friday 27th March 2026**. After this date, you will no longer be able to access ParentMail or make payments through it. Any balances remaining on ParentMail after 27th March will be transferred to your child's Arbor account. This will include balances for lunch money, trips and residential payments. To support us during this transition, please check your child's dinner money balance to ensure it is in credit. During the Easter break, staff will be updating the new system with payments received and setting up important communications. Please look out for instructions on how to download and navigate the app in the coming weeks.

EVENTS COMING UP...

March 9 Y6 Robinwood	10 Y6 Robinwood Y4GG Swimming	11 Y6 Robinwood	12 The Hub & Y3 Parents' Sessions Easter Egg Competition Opens	13
March 16	17 Team Treat Y4GG Swimming 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 ---				

CHILDREN AND PHONE SAFETY - NSPCC

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource as it addresses one of the most common questions schools are asked: 'When is a child ready for a phone?' and 'How can families manage the risks?'

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS



Congratulations to one of our wonderful Y5 pupils who has been out competing in all weather this winter to run his way to a phenomenal 9th place in the Sheffield Y5/6 boys cross country league; not to mention also finishing an incredible 4th place in the Championship race last Saturday!



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
Easter Disco



Wednesday 25th March

4:30PM-6:00PM

**£3 PER
TICKET**
on ParentMail



Drinks &
snacks for
sale on the
day!

The 3rd Stocksbridge Scouts 5th Annual Multi-School Food Drive 9th to the 20th of March



Our Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections are running a food drive involving schools attended by the 3rd Stocksbridge kids. All donations will be taken to the Stocksbridge Community Food Bank. It is a competition to see which school can gather the most donations per pupil. Help your school win whilst we work together to help the community!



Items Needed:

- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Meats
- Tinned Veg
- Beef Paste
- Curry Sauce
- Sugar
- Sweetcorn
- Jam/Marmalade
- Tinned Fruit
- Laundry Products
- Washing Up Liquid







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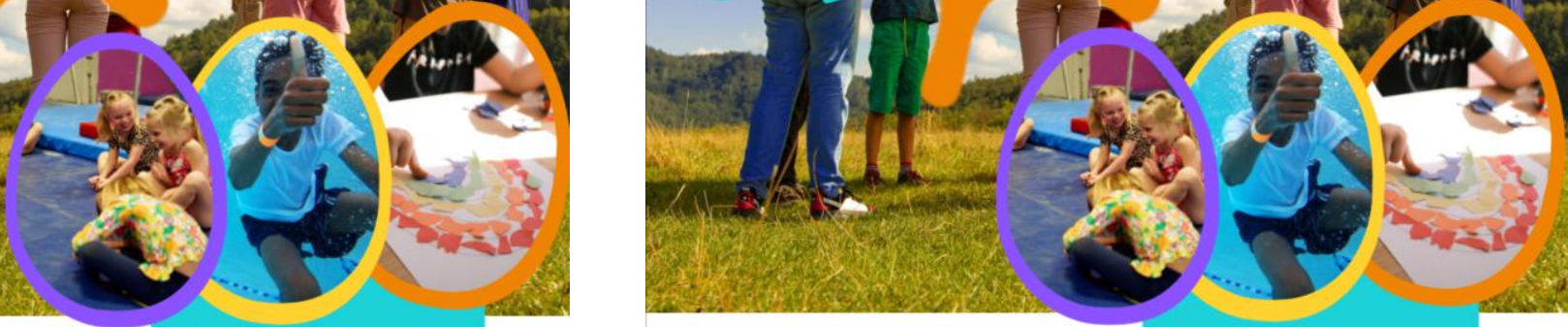
Venue: Stocksbridge High School

- Tuesdays: 7-9 Year olds (Y3/4) PLACES AVAILABLE
- Fridays: 9-11 Year olds (Y5/6) PLACES FULL - Please email in to be put on the waiting list
 - 5-6pm Both days

To register your interest, please email: bradstratton.scd@gmail.com followed by a simple google form.



ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP



Tuesday 31st March & 7th April
Thursday 2nd April & 9th April
10:00am – 3:00pm



Stocksbridge Community
Leisure Centre
Moorland Drive, S36 1EG



£22 per person per day*
*Please contact us about FREE places for children & young people in receipt of benefits related free school meals

Ultimate Activity Camps are guaranteed to give your child enjoyment and excitement during the school holidays.

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The Ultimate Activity Camp team are insured, DBS checked, First Aid trained and experienced or qualified in the activities we offer!



ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP



Tuesday 31st March
Wednesday 1st April & 8th April
Friday 10th April
9:30am – 3:30pm



Hillsborough Leisure Centre
Beulah Road, S6 2AN



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