



# Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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## What's happening in school next week?

- Miss Spencer will be teaching Class 7.
- Dance club Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 3.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Census day on Thursday. \*\*Please note dinner menu change\*\*
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Y2 have drumming on Thursday afternoon.
- The Orchard are visiting Stocksbridge High School on Thursday at 12:30pm to take part in some Sports.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Ollerenshaw is teaching class 3 on Friday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 2 on Friday afternoon.
- Art club AND Archery club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

### Authorised absences.

Health professionals have asked schools to remind parents that absences for medical appointments are authorised. They have reported that some parents have not attended medical appointments for fear of the absence being unauthorised and this leading to potential fines. We ask to see medical evidence of appointments.

## Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 93.6%

Class 1: 93%

Class 2: 95%

Class 3: 96%

Class 5: 95%

Class 6: 92%

Class 7: 93%

Class 8: 93%

The Orchard: 89%

## Well done Class 3!

### Punctuality

Our doors open at 8.20am and learning starts at 8.30am. Our Phonics teaching begins at 8.45am each day. We have too many children coming late each day. Here's the number of children late this week.

Tuesday: 14

Wednesday: 7

Thursday: 10

Friday: 9

Total: 40

## Looking ahead to the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

- The assembly theme will be 'Relationships'.
- Our Y2's will visit Stocksbridge Junior School on Monday morning.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 2 on Monday afternoon.
- Dance club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Y1 Phonics stay and play Tuesday morning 10-11am.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 1.
- Multisports club Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Wednesday afternoon.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Golden Star assembly for classes 1, 2, 3, 5 and The Orchard on Thursday morning 9:00am.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Y2 drumming on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm
- Friday is non-uniform day. Payment can be made on the day or via ParentPay.
- Mrs Ollerenshaw is teaching class 3 on Friday.
- Golden Star assembly for classes 6, 7, 8 on Friday morning 9:00am.
- Art club AND Archery club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Break for Spring Bank Holiday. School will re-open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

## After school clubs

Mondays – Dance. 3 – 4pm. Only 1 space left.

Tuesdays – Multisports club. 3 – 4pm. FULL.

Wednesdays – Football club. 3 – 4pm. FULL.

Thursdays – Gymnastics. 3 – 4pm. Limited spaces.

Fridays – Art club. 3 – 4pm **AND** Archery club. 3 – 4pm. BOTH FULL.

**NB: - After school clubs for next term will be available to book on ParentPay at the end of next week (17/05/2024).**

## Healthy snacks

A polite reminder that when children are bringing snacks from home, they should be healthy snacks only i.e. fresh fruit, dried fruit, fresh vegetables, hard cheese, plain breadsticks etc.







**Tweak of the Week:** Play on the field or on the playground but not near the steps.

## School Menu Spring/Summer 2024 (All school including Nursery)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday ** PLEASE NOTE MENU CHANGE**	Friday
Main course	Macaroni cheese	Hot dog baguette with baked potato wedges & coleslaw	Roast turkey with roast potatoes & gravy	Breaded chicken with chips and beans/peas	Cheese and tomato pizza with chips & tomato ketchup
Vegetarian main course	Vegetable enchiladas with sunny vegetable rice	Vegetarian chilli wedge bake	Veggie mince cottage pie	Vegetable nuggets with chips and beans/peas	Cheese & onion puff pastry roll with chips & tomato ketchup
Jacket potato and filling	Jacket potato with cheese or baked beans	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo
Sandwich option	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Garden peas, carrots & mixed fresh salad	Sweetcorn, baked beans, coleslaw salad & mixed fresh salad	Cauliflower, carrots, peas & mixed fresh salad	Beans/Peas	Garden peas, baked beans & mixed fresh salad
Dessert	Ginger & mandarin traybake	Strawberry jelly	Freshly baked chocolate cookie	Brownie	Homemade shortbread biscuits

Yoghurt and fruit are also available each day as an alternative to dessert along with a selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water.

### Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School - Healthy Snack List

					
Fresh fruit	Fresh vegetables	Dried Fruit	Hard cheese	Cream crackers	Unaccompanied breadsticks

**Lunchboxes** (All school inc Nursery) Could we please ask that children bring healthy lunches from home if they are not having a school meal. It is fine for the children to bring a cake bar, a biscuit etc. for dessert but please do not send chocolate or sweets. Thank you.

### After School Clubs (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

If your child is attending an after-school club, please send them with an additional snack and drink which they can have before the club starts. Some of the children were **very** hungry by the end of the club.

**Assembly Theme: Pentecost**

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

### PEGI 18 RATING



Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

### VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

### FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

### LACK OF ACCESS



The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### GIVE IT A GO FIRST



Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

### SET EXPECTATIONS



At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

### CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES



If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

### KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS



Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

### MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS



Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the games media industry for five years. As well as being an avid long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



# Word of the Week



temperature



## Meaning

- How much heat there is in something?



## Challenge

How would you describe the temperatures in the pictures?

**CELEBRATING WORDS**

## Nursery News

We hope you all enjoyed the bread that the children had made this week. They really did a great job and big thanks to the staff who occasionally appeared from the cloud of flour to share some funny stories of what the children had been up to whilst they mixed and kneaded. We also learnt the story of The Little Red Hen - retelling it with words and signs.

## Star of the Week

**Freddie Christian** has impressed us all recently. He is trying extra hard to keep the Golden Rules and sometimes that is not easy for any of us. Freddie has played really well with his friends and is always kind to them. Well done young man.

## Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

**Scarlett Milnes.** Scarlett is such a reliable, kind, considerate young lady. Nothing is too much trouble for her; she's always there to lend a hand. Scarlett can follow quite complex, multi-stop problems. If you want something doing that requires following quite a lot of instructions, then Scarlett is your girl. She is old beyond her years. Scarlett has a sophisticated sense of humour and it's lovely to share fun and jokes with her. She's a pleasure to have in school and a delight to spend time with.

## Slapped cheek cases in school

We have had a few confirmed cases on slapped cheek in school over that past few weeks. First symptoms can include a high temperature, headache, stomach upsets, sore throat, runny nose, aches and pains and feeling generally unwell. After a few days, a bright red rash may appear on the cheeks. Your child can also get a different rash on their chest, back, arms and legs which looks like a pink lace pattern on the skin.

The infection is most contagious during this initial period. Once the rash appears, the infection is no longer contagious.

Some people with slapped cheek syndrome won't notice any early symptoms but most people have the above symptoms for a few days.

If your child develops any of these symptoms, please keep them off school as we have 2 members of staff who are pregnant and it can be quite dangerous for them.

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## This week's praise board



- Isabella Tabor for working really hard in maths. She has been excellent at telling the time.
- Charlotte Armitage and Ada Lily Fiddler for fantastic work in maths. They show a great understanding of time.
- Lola Wall for having such a mature attitude and being a great friend to others.
- Busby Blake has tried super hard in phonics this week. He is joining in and learning those phonemes. Well done, Busby!
- Thank you to Poppy Dodd, who is always making the grown-ups laugh in Class 2!
- Thank you, Jack Woodhouse. You always put your friends before yourself.
- Elissa Nicholson your laugh is infectious, don't ever change!
- Thank you, Phoebe Hobson, for bringing Mrs H flowers she had picked on the way to school.
- Aubree Donovan has done some fantastic detailed drawing in visualisation this week.
- Thankyou Lenny Levitt for joining class 5 in drumming this week, you did fantastic drumming!!
- Eira Slack for always being helpful and kind to her friends and grown-ups.
- Elliot Mills for his excellent work in Science. He could tell the class all about rainforests and what animals might live there.
- Oliver Staniforth for having brilliant manners and holding the door open for Miss Harrison as she walked out of the hall.
- Miss Palmer would like to say well done to Lucas Howcroft, who always always always works his absolute socks off in phonics.
- Well done Benjamin Graham for doing lots of reading at home. Keep it up!
- Poppy Guy has been busy doing lots of writing at home. Thank you for bringing it in to show us all.
- Fern Turner has amazed us with her maths this week.
- Thank you, Freya Morgan and Ada Shaw, for being super helpers this week. We don't know what we would have done without you.
- Lily Hinchliffe has shown us her lovely manners each and every day this week.
- Somebody was up to mischief in Nursery with the wellies this week but we were so lucky that Effie Hanson and Evelyn Pitt were there to sort them all back out, pair them up and put them away - without even being asked. We were so grateful!
- Etta Long followed the instructions very carefully to make a super little bird.
- Ronnie Waters and Teddy Black worked so hard outside to help make Nursery a more pleasant place. They were so determined and saw the long job out to the very end.



The children's out of school achievements this week. Keep them coming. What they do and learn out of school is as important as what they do here.



This lovely girl has found a new love for fishing! She wanted to share this photo of her with the fish that she caught! Well done!

### **Playtimes and Lunchtimes**

The children are really enjoying playing basketball and tennis when outside. They also love the scoops. We've moved small ball games into the middle of the playground to try to save so many tennis balls heading down Pot House Lane! Miss Newton has asked for badminton to be introduced as she spent one lunchtime dodging balls. Whilst the children love it, they are in the early stages of skill development and the balls are flying everywhere.

Basketball is supervised so we can little games going and use it as a chance to develop some skills. It also keeps it fair so everyone is involved. We have some super little players who, quite rightly, would have the ball most of the game if the adult didn't step in. We still don't allow football as it always ends up in dispute, with many a shin suffering a blow. Perhaps when we make it onto the field, we'll introduce it with an adult refereeing.

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Nigel Beatson  
from the  
DWP



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