



Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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What's happening in school this week?

- Mrs Greenwood is teaching Class 5 on Monday.
- Mrs Bailey will be teaching class 2 on Monday morning and class 1 in the afternoon.
- Street dance/cheerleading club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Hutchinson is teaching Class 5 on Tuesday and for the rest of the week.
- **Class 7 & 8's Nativity on Tuesday 10th December 9:00 – 10:00am. Two adults per child only. Bring your tickets. No younger siblings in attendance please.**
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 8 on Tuesday morning and Class 3 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Christmas Fair on Tuesday 10th December in the hall 3:15 – 4:15pm. **Please read the section below on organisation.**
- NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON TUESDAY.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 8 on Wednesday morning and Miss Kane will be teaching in the afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend will be teaching music to class 3 & 5 on Wednesday afternoon.
- NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY.
- **Nursery Nativity on Wednesday 11th December 4:00 – 4:45pm.**
- **Class 3 & 5's Nativity on Thursday 12th December 9:00 – 10:00am. Two adults per child. Bring your tickets. No young siblings in attendance please.**
- Thursday 12th December is Christmas jumper day.
- Classes 3 & 5 are visiting Stocksbridge Christian Centre on Thursday 12th December for the Christingle Service. The service is 1:30 – 2:30pm. If there are any parents that can help walk up to the Christian Centre, please let your child's class teacher know.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 93.5%

Class 1: 94%

Class 2: 95%

Class 3: 95%

The Orchard: 84%

Class 5: 95%

Class 7: 95%

Class 8: 91%

Well done Classes 2, 3, 5 & 7

Punctuality

Our doors open at 8.20am and learning starts at 8.30am. Our Phonics teaching begins at 9.00am each day. Here's the number of children late this week.

Monday: 6

Tuesday: 15

Wednesday: 11

Thursday: 6

Friday: 10

Total: 48

- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 7 on Thursday.
- Our Y2 children have drumming on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Arts & crafts club & ball skills club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Looking ahead to the w.b. 16th December 2024.

- The assembly theme will be 'Christmas'.
- **Class 1 & 2's Nativity on Monday 16th December 9:00 – 10:00am. Two adults per child only. Bring your tickets. No younger siblings in attendance please.**
- The immunisation team will be back in school today to administer the flu vaccine to any children who missed it when they were in school a few weeks ago.
- Mrs Bailey will be teaching class 2 on Monday morning and class 1 in the afternoon.
- Our Y2 children are visiting Stocksbridge Christian Centre on Monday 16th December for the Christingle Service. The service is 1:30 – 2:30pm. If there are any parents that can help walk up to the Christian Centre, please let your child's class teacher know.
- Street dance/cheerleading club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Golden star assembly for classes 7, 8, the Orchard and Nursery 8:45am.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Tuesday morning and class 8 in the afternoon.
- Tuesday 17th December is Christmas Day Lunch!
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Wednesday 18th December is Christmas party day. Children should come to school in their party clothes.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursey on Wednesday.
- Mr Barker is teaching class 5 on Wednesday morning.
- There is a special visitor in school on Wednesday morning.
- Wednesday 18th December is party lunch day.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Classes 7 & 8 and the Orchard are visiting Barnsley Civic to watch the pantomime on Thursday 19th December.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 7 on Thursday afternoon.
- Our Y2 children have drumming on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Golden Star assembly on Friday 20th December for classes 1, 2, 3 and 5. 8:45am.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching in the Orchard on Friday morning
- Arts & crafts club AND Ball Skills club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Break for Christmas. School will re-open on Monday 6th January 2025.

After school clubs

Mondays – Street Dance/Cheerleading Club – 3:00 – 4:00pm – FULL

Tuesdays - Multisports Club – 3.00-4.00pm - FULL

Wednesdays – Football Club – 3.00-4.00pm – FULL

Thursdays – Gymnastics – 3.00-4.00pm – FULL

Fridays – Arts & crafts club 3:00 – 4:00pm – FULL **AND** Ball skills – 3.00-4.00pm SPACES AVAILABLE

All our clubs are on a first come first served basis. If any clubs are unavailable, please contact the school office and your child can be added to a reserves list.

School Menu Autumn/Winter 2024 (All school including Nursery)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Potato, spinach & cheese toasted wrap with homemade salsa	Pork sausage with mashed potatoes and gravy	Roast chicken with gravy, Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes	Garlic & tomato chicken pasta spirals	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Cheese & tomato pizza with tomato pasta salad	Cauliflower, sweet potato and chickpea curry with mixed rice	Quorn grill with gravy, Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes	Garlic & tomato vegetable spirals	Cheese & onion pastry roll & chips
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	Baked beans, garden peas	Broccoli, cauliflower & carrots	Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots & sweetcorn	Broccoli, cauliflower & carrots	Baked beans, garden peas
Dessert	Oat & raisin cookie & custard	Iced carrot cake & orange slices	Chocolate shortbread pinwheels with chocolate sauce	Toffee cream tart	Chocolate oatly slice & custard

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

Nativity tickets for main school only

This years Nativities will be ticket only. Each child will bring home 2 tickets, please remember to bring these with you on the day of your child's Nativity. Any tickets not being used, please return to the school office by Monday 9th December.

Thank you.

Assembly Theme: Christmas

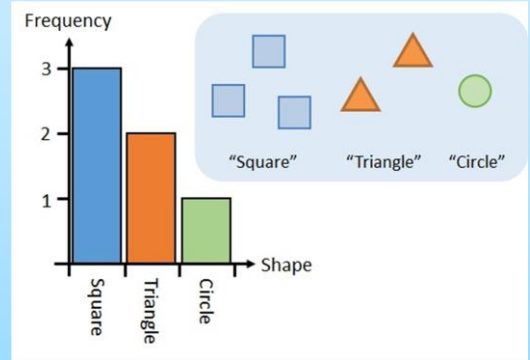
Supporting Maths at Home

When you go for a walk, try to find as many shapes as you can. Can the children make a tally chart and then a bar chart of the different shapes they have found?



Name _____

3D Shape	Tally Marks
Sphere	
Cylinder	
Cone	
Cube	
Prism	



Phonics, Keyword and Reading at home.

The children will begin their daily phonics lessons in class next week. We use Monster Phonics. Information about the scheme can be found on our website. Each week we'll let you know what sounds (phonemes) the children will be learning and which keywords (sometimes called Common Exception Words or High Frequency Words) they need to have learnt to read and in Year One and Two to spell by the end of the week.

It's really important that the children practise at home so that they keep up.

Mrs Kaine has updated the system so that you can access the right books for your child.

Week 10	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	ar	ou ow	ti i
Keywords	Please practise all previous ones. This is assessment week.	play way say may away been need keep feet snow grow window know	eye who Mr Mrs
eBooks to share for those children on track. Teachers have assigned books for children who may be catching up.	At the park	Volcanoes U-Hoo to the rescue Looking for clues	Position for a taxi Wild explorers The tiger

Monster
Phonics

Word of the Week



chapel



Meaning

- A small church or room where Christian people go to pray and worship



Challenge

Where else could Christian people go to pray and worship? How would that be different from a chapel.

CELEBRATING WORDS

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING APPS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

When looking at options for supporting a child's mental health, the sheer volume can be overwhelming. There are many wellbeing apps available, but unfortunately not all are trustworthy. It's important to evaluate which resources are suitable, reliable and effective. This guide lets you know what to consider before installing such an app, to determine just how useful it's going to be.

QUALITY & RELIABILITY

Mental health apps can be a useful starting point when looking for wellbeing advice and strategies and can be a useful extension to the in-person services available. However, they aren't a substitute. Information on the quality of some of these apps is scarce. They may look cute and child-friendly, but have they been designed by a mental health professional? Furthermore, do they have research to back up their content?

PLACE RESPONSIBILITY ON CHILDREN

Some apps add the words 'kids' or 'children' to their title or use cartoon icons to make them more appealing to young people. When signing up for some of these apps, some will speak to the parent directly, saying something along the lines of "Your child is good to go. Let them take it from here". It's important to remain involved in the child's mental health journey, so regular check-ins are recommended.

DISREGARDING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT

Young people who feel anxious and have trouble sleeping may download a mindfulness app to help. While this is a good strategy initially, it's not addressing the root of the problem. A child could simply try managing these symptoms themselves (as opposed to speaking out and seeking professional help), which could potentially worsen their anxiety in the long run.

LACK OF PERSONALISATION

Mental health or wellbeing apps are useful tools for the short term, teaching users several helpful habits to manage their condition – such as keeping an illness diary, improving nutrition and practising mindfulness exercises. As every person is unique – and children especially will grow and develop in different ways – these apps struggle to tailor themselves to users' individual needs. For example, many apps don't distinguish between the ages of users and can offer extremely generic advice.

DATA SECURITY

As with any other app – not just those for mental health and wellbeing – it's wise to check out the privacy policy before downloading it. Some of these applications may share data with third parties for numerous reasons (such as targeted advertisements), and if a user is sharing personal and sensitive information within the app, they probably don't want it ending up elsewhere without their consent.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Many apps will provide their most basic features for free but will require you to pay for other aspects – such as a more tailored experience or access to additional resources. This could be a one-off fee or a regular subscription. Consider whether this is actually required. Is it benefiting the child, or could they receive the same support from a medical professional?

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK THE CREDIBILITY OF THE APP

Before you download a mental health and wellbeing app, investigate the developers. Have they consulted with qualified mental health professionals to create their resource? Also check whether the app is affiliated with any government or mental health organisations, as these are solid indicators of legitimacy. Reviews can also be a useful signpost to the app's quality. There are many good apps out there, but there are just as many that miss the mark.

SEEK PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Trusted mental health and wellbeing apps designed by qualified, reputable organisations can be used alongside the personalised advice and support of fully trained professionals. These apps should never be considered a substitute for counselling or other tailored medical help. If you have real concerns about a child's mental wellbeing, you should seek appropriate advice from a suitable source, such as their GP – or Childline, who can be contacted by calling 0800 1111.

READ THE PRIVACY POLICY

Look into the app's terms of service – especially its privacy policy. Do so by yourself first, then go over it with the child who is considering using the app, to ensure they know what data will be collected and how exactly it will be used. Use all of this information to make an educated decision on whether or not to download that particular app.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Mental health and wellbeing apps can be useful for writing down feelings, tracking your own health and other such activities. These can help if the problem is short-term and temporary – such as a child getting stressed about approaching exams – or if you're currently waiting for professional support. Nonetheless, it is important that children aren't solely reliant on the app and have a safe space to talk about their feelings and experiences in the real world.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/mental-health-apps>



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Study Bugs

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Thank you,

Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It helps us know sooner if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.
(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)



Christmas Fair

Tuesday 10th December – 3.15- 4.15pm

We will dismiss the children as usual from their regular doors. We will close the doors for a short time, just to allow staff to get to the stalls they are running. Please make your way around to the main door near the offices. We'll open the doors at 3.15pm.

Please leave pushchairs in Classes 1 & 2. Father Christmas is making a visit and will be ensconced in The Rainbow Room which is close to the staffroom. If you are waiting to see the lovely man, please do so in the area near the staffroom. Mrs Christmas is coming along to make sure it all runs smoothly.

Mrs Costello will act as our first aid person. She will be wearing a high vis jacket and you'll find her near the disabled toilet on the bottom corridor.

Refreshments will be available in Class 3 and the stalls will all be located in the school hall.

If you have any last minute donations of non-perishable items, please send these on Monday. We would really welcome donations of home bakes, cakes and biscuits for our refreshment 'café'.

Assembly Theme: Christmas

RECEPTION 2025/26 – information from the Local Authority.

Letters will be going out to relevant parents on or around 6th September, advising them about the need to apply for a school place in the 2025/26 Reception year group. These are parents of children born between the 1st September 2020 and the 31st August 2021. Parents are advised to make their applications online at:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare

Parents also have the option to apply using a paper application form. I have attached a copy of this application form in case it's helpful for you to print this out and give it to parents. There is also a Guidance Sheet attached to help parents with completing their application.

Posters

A copy of the Time for School poster has been sent out with this week's letters.

Important Dates (for your information):

- Applications invited from: **6th September 2024**
- On-line site closes: **6th December 2024 (noon)**
- Closing date: **15th January 2025**
- Offer date: **16th April 2025**

<p>Who has mastered a reading colour band this week? (These books are to designed to practice a range of reading skills and develop a love of books and reading.)</p>	<p>Who has learnt all their keywords this week? (Knowing keywords, high frequency words and/or common exception words means your child will be able to read more fluently and be less reliant on sounding out).</p>	
<p>Scarlett Milnes Jaxon Thistlewood</p> 	<p>Lucian Worrall Jazmine Attard Tilly Anderson Rosalie Roberts Lyssie Redwood-Peace Reuben-J Kimpton Charlie Cawthorne Riley Freestone</p> 	<p>Ted Guy Scarlett Brown Noah Greaves Logan Barden Erin Tazzyman Sophie Meaney Sofiya Rattigan</p> 

Tweak of the Week: Good manners please all day, every day.



This week's praise board



- Ellis Williams for his amazing singing in the Nativity.
- Sebastian Spriggs has blown us away this week in maths and could add two two-digit numbers together by himself.
- McKenna Somerfield has such empathy and compassion for the residents at Alpine Lodge.
- Phoebe Harvey is wonderful at playing dominoes with Irene who is 103!
- Caleb Black thank you for trying to help your friend who had fallen off their scooter in Golden time
- Layali for using a communication mat with one of our Orchard boys.
- Billie Brown was truly wonderful with Veronica at Alpine Lodge last week. Veronica can't talk but that didn't bother Billie who showed such compassion and kindness to her.
- Evie Taff's for doing lovely singing and remembering all the actions to the songs when we have been practising our nativity.
- Oscar Bradley was fantastic in our nativity rehearsal on Thursday. He remembered what he had got to do, and did it brilliantly.
- Thankyou Poppy Hodgkinson for stopping and helping your friend who was struggling to do the zip on their coat, Poppy did the zip and then said "come on lets go and play" as she took their hand and off they went outside!
- Skyler-Mai Jackson has blown us away this week with her phonics and blending
- Noah Greaves for trying really hard with his sentence writing this week.
- Remi Guy is working super hard at home and school, your confidence has really grown.
- Lyssie for just being you!
- George Gibson did amazing Art this week. Using different tones and lines on his star.
- Margot Parker-Hardwick has blown our socks off with her phonics this week.
- Coby Grocock shone in his keywords jumping up 5 levels- wow!
- Ezra Rudge, Ronnie Waters and Harry Jackson have been excellent with their lines for the Nativity.
- Tommy Digman has been a superstar with all his work this week.
- Bobby Askham- Morfitt is trying really hard to remember the phonics sounds.
- Super phonics this week Seb Wood, Freddie Christian, Charlie Milnes and Hugo Cain-Allan.
- Thank you Eadie Tazzyman for always helping Miss. Kane with her jobs in the morning.
- Amelia Menhennet tried so hard in maths and it paid off- Well Done!
- Opie Galston is on fire at the moment! His blending and phonics work is fantastic.
- Ori Carr wrote a fantastic sentence about a castle he had drawn.
- Vaughn Gibson is trying his best to be an honest and kind member for class 8- Keep it up!
- Connor Murphy and Joey Moore play the best games together. It is wonderful to watch these two three year olds negotiating, sharing, laughing and listening to each other so well.
- They say an elephant never forgets but neither does Ellia Webster who is a whizz at matching pairs and remembering games.



Active Travel


Thank you to everyone that has taken part in The Active Travel Challenge despite the awful weather we have had to contend with.

Assembly Theme: Christmas



Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Evie Mallinson-Owen Evie always has an interesting story to tell. She does some lovely things out of school and she explains her activities really clearly. Evie is thoughtful and considerate. She thinks about others before herself. This week, along with her brother Harry, they have put together present bags for children who are not as fortunate as them.




Nursery News

In between decorating the tree, wrapping presents, creating cards, making decorations and keeping an eye on our mischievous elf, we have practised our singing and our little nativity is sounding great. Fingers crossed it stays that way until Wednesday evening.



Star of the Week

Whatever Nursery throws at **Oliver Tomlinson** he throws himself right back into it for all he is worth. Oliver really does give learning 'all he's got' and has the most superb 'I can do this and I will do this the best I can' attitude. Keep it up Oliver.



Allan Law (our Mayor of Stocksbridge) came up to school this morning to present Ellia Webster and Rosie Davies with a pack of the Town Council Christmas cards. They took part in the local competition and won! Well done girls.

Tweak of the Week: Good manners please all day, every day.



SEND PARENT GROUP MEETING



Stocksbridge
Junior School

Does your child attend Stocksbridge Nursery Infants School or
Stocksbridge Junior School?

Join our parent group meeting
on
Tuesday 17th December at 10am
at Stocksbridge Junior School

Parents are welcome to stay after drop-off for crafts/play with the children before the
meeting.



All parents welcome
Come and find out more
Chat to other parents
Share experiences
Find out about SEND services

For more information or to confirm attendance, email
annamarie.emmett@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

EXCITING NEWS!!!!

I am coming to town... to Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School's Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 10th December.

I would love to meet children who attend this school and their younger siblings, so please pop in to the School Office to sign your little ones up for an appointment time. Visits to Santa cost £5. Please can that be paid when you sign up either in cash or via ParentPay.

I can't wait to see you all and hear what is on your lists.

Father Christmas



Tweak of the Week: Good manners please all day, every day.



Stocksbridge Nursery and Infant School Christmas Fair

*You are invited to our
annual Christmas fair.
Tuesday 10th December
3.15pm*

Games, crafts, refreshments
and music.

Assembly Theme: Christmas

A winter-themed graphic with a dark blue night sky at the top containing six white, stylized Christmas trees. Below the trees are white, rolling hills representing snow. The background transitions into a gradient of light blue and dark blue, suggesting a mountain range or a snowy landscape.

Inman Pavilion Winter Craft Club

Saturday
7th December
10.00-11.45 am

£2 per child
No need to
book

Moorland Drive

Stocksbridge S36 1EG

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A VISIT WITH
Santa

Sunday 15th December
12pm - 4pm
Free event

Santa and his elves will be ready and waiting to welcome you to the Christmas grotto - with a photo and gift for every child!
Plus festive treats and live music for all the family.

IKON Church,
512 Manchester Road,
Stocksbridge, S36 2DU



Choose a character
or a bauble to paint



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**AFTER SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
WORKSHOP**

WED 11TH DEC 4PM-5.30PM

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RECRUITING FOR 2025



**WINTER TRAINING - SATURDAYS 10:30-11:30
PARSON CROSS PARK - S5 8AL**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
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