



Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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What's happening in school this week?

- **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 The Orchard on Monday morning and class 8 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 1 in the afternoon.
- **Tuesday 17th December is Christmas Day Lunch! Menu attached. There will be no jacket potato or sandwich option. Children who do not want to order the school Christmas lunch will need to bring a packed lunch from home.**
- 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.
- There is a special visitor in school on Wednesday morning.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 94%

Class 1: 95%

Class 2: 95%

Class 3: 95%

The Orchard: 84%

Class 5: 95%

Class 7: 95%

Class 8: 91%

Well done Classes 1,2,3,5 & 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: 14

Tuesday: 9

Wednesday: 12

Thursday: 6

Friday: 13

Total: 54

- **Wednesday 18th December is party lunch day! There will be no jacket potato option. The menu will consist of sandwiches, pizza whirls, cheese and onion rolls, carrot and cucumber sticks and jelly and biscuits for dessert.**
- 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 2 on Thursday morning and 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.

Looking ahead to the w.b. 6th January 2025.

- The assembly theme will be 'Epiphany'.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 7 on Monday morning and class 8 in the afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around on Monday afternoon 1:30 – 2:30pm.
- Street dance/cheerleading club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Tuesday morning and class 2 in the afternoon.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Townsend is teaching music in the hall to classes 3 & 5 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Thursday morning and the Orchard in the afternoon.
- Our Y2 children have drumming on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Arts & crafts club AND ball skills club on Friday both are 3:00 – 4:00pm.

After school clubs for next term – week commencing 6th January 2025 (will be live on ParentPay by 4:15pm on Tuesday 17th December 2024).

Mondays – Street Dance/Cheerleading Club 3:00-4:00pm **AND** Book Club – 3:00-4:00pm

Tuesdays - Multisports Club – 3.00-4.00pm

Wednesdays – Football Club – 3.00-4.00pm



Thursdays – Gymnastics – 3.00-4.00pm

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

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.







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

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Cheesy pasta spirals with pizza style topping	 CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY	 PARTY FOOD DAY	Beef & potato pie with mashed potatoes	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Beany shepherds pie			Vegetable meatballs, tomato sauce & mixed rice	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
Sandwich option	Ham Tuna mayo Cheese			Ham Tuna mayo Cheese	Ham Tuna mayo Cheese
Vegetables	Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots & sweetcorn			Baked beans, garden peas	Baked beans, garden peas
Dessert	Lemon cupcake with fruit slices			Strawberry mousse	Sponge cake with 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

Y2 Nativity

This years Nativities will be ticket only. Y2 parents – please remember to bring your tickets with you on Monday.

Thank you.

Assembly Theme: Christmas

Supporting Maths at Home

Work out how to make a 3D shape. What would the net look like when opened up? There are some terrific Minecraft ones on the internet. Or why not try your hand at a festive one.



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.

	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	oo	ue ew	constant suffixes contractions
Keywords	look now down	three tree trees green sleep queen please ever never river under better after	All the common exception words we've covered so far
eBooks to share for those children on track. Teachers have assigned books for children who may be catching up.	Into the woods	Volcanoes U-Hoo to the rescue Looking for clues	Any books missed,

Monster
Phonics

Word of the Week



Christingle



Meaning

- Oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with fruit and sweets with a candle on top



Challenge

Can you tell someone in your home or family what all the parts of a Christingle mean?

CELEBRATING WORDS

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/safety-over-the-festive-season>

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

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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>)

A MASSIVE thank you from FOSNI

A big thank you to everyone who donated goods to the FOSNI Christmas fair and to those who supported us on the day by attending our event. We raised a massive £1000!!

We are extremely grateful to all the staff and their families for helping to pull together the collection of donations, the setting up and running of the event; without them it couldn't have gone ahead.

We would also like to thank Costa for their generosity by providing cups for the jars of joy and refreshments. Thank you to Morrisons for donating a hamper for the raffle. It's great that local companies continue to offer support for our school.

We still have a few products from the homemade stall available to buy, photos and details will be shared shortly in case you need that last-minute present.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The FOSNI Team.

A photograph and a note

The children had been asked by the Hillsborough Morrisons Community Champion if they could make some green hand prints for their store. The children did not disappoint and they created some beautiful ones. They are displayed in the Morrisons store so if you pop in please make sure you look. The photograph is attached,

Mrs McGhee

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

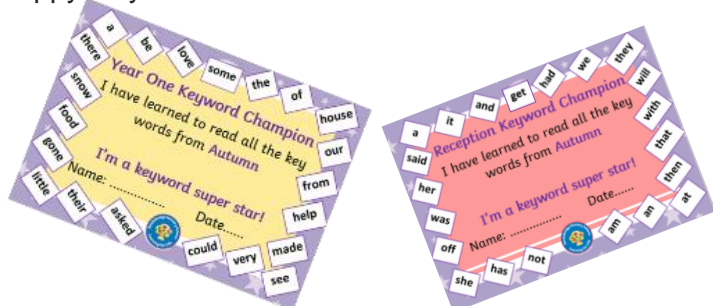
Parents also have the option to apply using a paper application form. I have attached a copy of this application form in case it's helpful for you to print this out and give it to parents. There is also a Guidance Sheet attached to help parents with completing their application.

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>Phoebe Couldwell Charlotte Cawthorne Maddie Harwood Logan Barden Riley Fleetwood Riley Freestone Ben Graham Evie Mallinson-Owens Sofiya Rattigan Bella Murphy Freya Morgan Parker Burt Millie Pitt Rosalie Roberts Skyla Taff Lucian Worrall Ivy Clarkson Eira Slack</p>	<p>Oscar Hardcastle Tilly Hall Matilda Anderson Ava Shaw Sophie Pickwell Ava Hible Scarlett Brown Rowan Wild Leo Priestley Ellis Williams Pearl Wright Ava Halliday</p> <p>Shay Millington Ada Shaw Ariane Brown Sophie Pickwell Oscar Hardcastle Freya Morgan Millie Hardcastle Ava Hible Poppy Guy</p> <p>Ben Graham</p> 

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This week's praise board



- Seb Spriggs has tried so hard in EVERYTHING this week! We are so proud of you Seb.
- Junior Gould-Clegg for using his incredible manners at lunchtime to Mrs Turner.
- Freya Morgan has wowed her teachers this week with her brilliant and neat painting.
- Sophie Pickwell and Ava Hible for doing some brilliant reading with Miss Harrison.
- Oscar Bradley for using lovely manners and being a very kind friend to others.
- Harry Kaine, Poppy Guy, Millie Hardcastle and Darcie Simmons thanked me every time I helped him cross the road on the way up to the Christian Centre and back down again - Mrs T.
- Leo Bailey for using lovely manners.
- Ezra Fort did fantastic sounding out of his words to write some brilliant sentences in literacy this week.
- Ezra Rudge always has a super answer.
- Olive Reed and Coby Grocock for having beautiful manners.
- Issaq is superb at drawing and drew a beautiful picture of Mrs McGhee and Father Christmas.
- Tommy Levitt for amazing singing.
- Charlie Hodgkinson and Zachary Golightly tried hard with their writing this week.
- Faolan O'Brien's wonderful manners. His behaviour during our Christingle Service at school was exemplary.
- Hugo Cain-Allan for pushing himself out of his comfort zone this week. Well done Hugo!
- Harry Brown for being extremely brave this week.
- Ezra Stead for coming into school smiling. It has been lovely to see (and thanks for the lovely biscuits).
- Sonny Foster for trying new foods at lunch times. Well done Sonny!
- Eadie Tazzyman, Ori Carr, Freya Sawicki, Sonny Foster and Rosie Davies are working hard to learn all their keywords. Keep it up!
- Ella-Jo Brown & Emily Jowitt for fabulous nativity singing – with actions.
- Harriett Ottaway and Lyssie Redwood-Peace for being such marvellous cooks.
- Jazmine Attard for making us laugh when she picked up baby Jesus and cleaned off the hay!
- Nancy Wharton-Lovett is always in the right place doing the right thing.
- Sophia Sainthouse for leading Mary and Joseph the right way to Bethlehem.
- Eladia Anderson is trying new foods and becoming more confident.
- Treven Saif has been a fabulous baker.
- Charlie Ibbotson-Daw loves to tell us all about his out of school adventures and his stories are always relevant and interesting. Thank you, Charlie.
- All the children who have sung, spoke and/or acted this week. You have all been marvellous and you made lots of grown-ups happy. That is a wonderful thing.



Illnesses in school

We have had 26 children off today with either sickness & or diarrhea or temperatures/sore throats/lethargy? We have increased cleanliness routines in school to try to stop it spreading - if we don't we may be very short of characters in our nativity on Monday!

Assembly Theme: Christmas

Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Eadie Tazyman. Eadie was a little overwhelmed when she walked into the hall to perform Wiggly Nativity. But, she composed herself, calmed herself and did a wonderful job of helping to narrate the story. I was very proud of her.

Nursery News

Weren't they fantastic?! A true Nursery Nativity in every sense and we were so proud of every single little person who sang, danced and showed us just what they could do. This week also can't pass without saying 'Thank you' to Mrs Evans who has made a never-ending stream of gingerbread men and always with a smile and the utmost patience and enthusiasm.

Star of the Week

Ava Hallows has been playing some fantastic games with other children. She has shown maturity and kindness and it was lovely to see her being so thoughtful to others that were struggling. Well done Ava.

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 boy was as proud as punch at receiving Beaver of the week last week and wanted to share his news!

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Raffle Prizes

The raffle from our Christmas Fair has not yet been drawn but here are the lovely prizes.



Assembly Theme: Christmas

Each year Peak Edge trustees put together a Christmas Hamper. We will put all the children's names into a 'hat' and pull out a winner.

There were lots of lovely things left over from the Christmas Fair. FOSNI are putting together some gift bags. Again, we'll put the children's names into a 'hat' and pull out some winners.

We have a small mountain of lost property. Please would parents pop in next week to check the rail.

Active Travel update

The results of our 10-day active travel event have been sent to us and they are as follows:

Your Active Travel rate was 60% and is now 68% - an increase of 13%!!

Your walk rate was 43% and is still 43%

Your Park & Stride rate was 7% and is now 21% - an increase of 200%

Your Driven rate was 36% and is now 31% - a decrease of 14%

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part!



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.

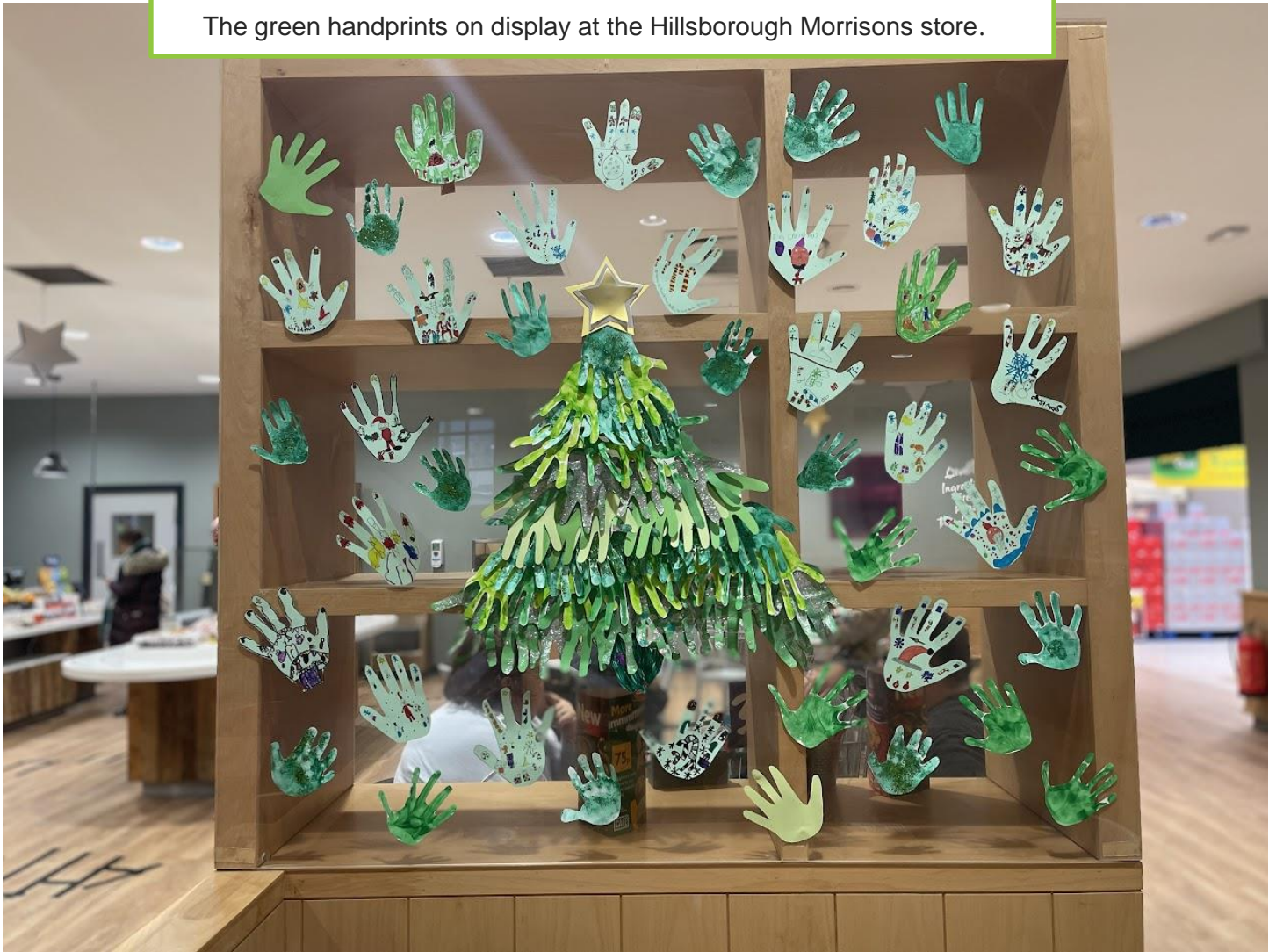


All parents welcome
Come and find out more
Chat to other parents
Share experiences
Find out about SEND services

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

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The green handprints on display at the Hillsborough Morrisons store.



On Friday (20th) the children may bring a toy or game to play with their friends. Please don't send anything too big - we won't have the room. Please don't send anything too small - so we don't have to spend time hunting for it. Please don't send anything too precious (or IT based) or too loud. The last 'ask' is for our sanity.

Facebook

Please follow this link to view our new Facebook page: -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557721150857>

Assembly Theme: Christmas

HO HO HO!



**Join the FAB4 for a
Yummy Christmas Lunch!**

Tuesday 17th December 2024

Christmas Lunch

Roast Chicken

or

Quorn Grill/Sausage

Served with

**Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Sage &
Onion Stuffing, Cocktail Sausage, Brussels
Sprouts, Carrots, Peas & Gravy.**

For Dessert

Chocolate Mousse Cookie Cup

Please note: there will be no jacket potato or sandwich option Children
not wishing to order Christmas Lunch need to bring a packed lunch from
home. Thank you!

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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





Christmas Edition

Kids Activity •••• Pack ••••

Packed full of family
friendly fun activities
and challenges for
everyone!



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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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