



Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 91.8%

Class 1:	90%
Class 2:	99%
Class 3:	83%
Class 4:	89%
Class 5:	94%
Class 6:	97%
Class 7:	93%
The Nest:	80%
The Orchard:	86%

What's happening in school next week!

- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on 5th December
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Monday instead of Friday.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to show parents around school on Monday at 10.15am.
- Class 6 are off to Stocksbridge Library on Monday afternoon.
- Dance Club on Monday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Bags to School collection on Tuesday morning. Please see below.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 2 on Tuesday morning and Class 3 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Miss S Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Wednesday 7th December.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 1st December.
- The Christmas Recipe – Class 6 & 7 Nativity, 9.15am in the school hall. Residents from Alpine Lodge have been invited to watch our nativities. Staff will bring across 2 residents to each nativity.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday and Thursday 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Nursery Nativity – Wednesday 7th December 4.30pm. The doors will open at 4.10pm.
- Nursery Induction Meeting for parents of children joining us in January 2023, 5.30pm on Wednesday 7th December.
- Class 5 have Forest School on Thursday 8th December as Friday is a little busy.
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday 8th December to play board games with the children.
- Miss S Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Thursday morning.
- A Miracle in Town Nativity for parents of children in Classes 3 & 4 at 9.15am on Thursday 8th December.
- Mrs. Townsend is not in school on Thursday afternoon.
- Year One and Two Xmas multi skill festival at Stocksbridge High School 2.45 – 4.30pm.
- It's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9th December. Donations to Save the Children can be made through ParentPay.

**Well done
Class 2 again!**

Assembly Theme: Our Golden Rules

- Don't Be Afraid Nativity for parents of children in Classes 1,2 & 5 at 9.00 – 10.00am and 10.15 – 11.15am, Friday 9th December. Tickets will be issued. Could children in Class 2 please come to school for 8.30am on the 9th December?
- Classes 6 & 7 are visiting Alpine Lodge at 11.00 on Friday to sing their Christmas songs for the residents.
- One of Santa's elves is visiting on Friday afternoon

Looking ahead to the w.b. 12th December

- The assembly theme will be Christmas
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on 12th December
- Miss. S. Rodgers is teaching Class 1 on Monday 12th December. This will be her last day with us in school. Sue is retiring. She has taught part-time for several years and we have all enjoyed working with her. We wish her a lovely, long, happy retirement. In January, Mrs. Ollerenshaw is coming back just one day each week and will teach Class 1.
- Y2 have drumming on Monday afternoon.
- Dance Club on Monday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 2 on Tuesday morning and Class 3 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Golden Star Assembly for parents of children in Classes 6,7, The Nest, The Orchard and Nursery on Tuesday 13th December at 9.15am. Parents will be notified. The assembly lasts 20 mins or so.
- Tuesday is Christmas Dinner day complete with table decorations and crackers.
- Parents of children in The Orchard and The Nest are invited to a Christmas sing-a-long on Tuesday 13th December at 2.15pm in the hall.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 1st December.
- Wednesday 14th December is Christmas Party Day complete with special visitor (but please don't tell the children). The children should come to school in their party clothes. Please make sure the children are still warm enough as we still do play outside. The princess dresses are lovely but not always warm enough in December! The children should not wear heeled shoes or jewelry, again because we play outside and it's not easy to climb and run in heels or wearing your best necklace. The children can either have a party lunch from school or bring their own.
- Quidditch Club on Wednesday and Thursday 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Golden Star Assembly for parents of children in Classes 1,2,3,4 & 5 on Thursday 15th December at 9.00am. Parents will be notified. The assembly lasts 20 mins or so.
- Children in Classes 3 & 4 are visiting Alpine Lodge to sing their Christmas songs for the residents on Thursday 15th.
- Chris Standley is in school on Thursday 15th December to play board games with the children.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday 16th December. Class 5 have Forest School.
- Friday is non-uniform day for a fee of £1.00. Contributions can be made via ParentPay.
- Children in Classes 1 & 2 are popping over to Alpine Lodge to sing their Christmas songs for the residents.
- We break for Christmas on Friday 16th December. School reopens Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Tweak of the Week: Quiet voices around school

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Macaroni cheese	Chicken Chow Mein with noodles	Roast chicken with roast potatoes, stuffing & gravy	Chicken & sweetcorn meatballs with pasta	Cheese & tomato pizza with chips & tomato sauce.
Dish of the day 2	Veggy curry with rice	Veggie burger with potato wedges	Quorn roast with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy	Veggie meatballs with pasta	Cheese pastry roll with chips & tomato sauce.
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with cheese, 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	Egg	Ham	Ham	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches	Ham, tuna mayo, cheese sandwiches
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Green beans Sweetcorn	Broccoli Fresh carrots	Cauliflower Seasonal greens	Sweetcorn Carrots & mixed salad	Baked beans Garden peas
Desserts	Vanilla crunch	Ginger sponge & chocolate sauce or custard	Jelly & mandarins	Shortbread finger & fruit wedges	Chocolate crunch

Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Jack Woodhouse. You could not wish to meet a more polite, considerate, thoughtful young man. He holds doors open for other people, he asks others if they are OK when he sees them around school. He NEVER forgets to say please and thank you and is an utter delight to be around.

Nursery News

Christmas has definitely begun in Nursery where it has been full of singing, cards, decorating and stories of elves and advent calendars. During the day, your children have to play outside. This week we have had some very cold little people. Please do send their warm coats, hats and gloves and we will do our best to make sure they are wearing them. Thank you.

Star of the Week

Ted Guy Every Nursery needs a Ted. He is thoughtful, generous and incredibly kind-hearted. He will always go out of his way to help everyone and with a big smile too. There is no question that Ted will be on Santa's 'good list' this year!

MTS - Mealtime Supervisor vacancies – we have two, vacancies that is!

Are you interested in working in school over the lunchtime period looking after a class of children? The role involves playing with and supervising the children outside, helping them with their lunches, clearing tables etc. Our Mealtime staff work for 1 hour 25 mins each day. The times vary slightly dependent on when each class starts and finishes their lunchtime. The job is busy but a rewarding one. If you are interested please ask the school office for an application form and job description. Please return completed forms by 12 noon on Monday 5th December. The post is temporary until 31st August 2023 (in the first instance).

Nativities

Rehearsals are well underway. The Rainbow Room has turned into the costume department and random emails are being sent asking if anyone has a green wig, can we buy two white aprons?

The nativities are being filmed so the chairs will be arranged slightly differently but don't worry, you'll still get a good view.

We have invited our neighbours to the nativities and 2 residents from Alpine Lodge are coming across to each one.

Just a bit of housekeeping re the nativities.

- Please remember to switch mobile phones off during the performances.
- If you bring a younger sibling and they become restless, we ask that you take them out and stand behind the glass doors to watch the performances. Some of the children will be a little nervous. One year, Joseph was so nervous he didn't make it to Bethlehem and poor Mary had to give birth on her own. Lots of noise from the audience will put the children off.
- If the fire alarm sounds, please allow us to lead the children out. They really do know what to do as we have practised more times than usual this term! Please leave by the nearest exit and meet us in the far corner of the playground. Please allow the children to follow procedure, line up, be counted etc.
- We have organised for Steve Cooper to photograph the children in costumes so we won't organize photo opportunities at the end of the nativities. For children in Classes 1,2, & 5 there wouldn't be time at the 9.00am showing and it only seems fair to do the same for all shows.

Scout Food Drive

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Food Drive organised by the scouts. Over 500 items were collected in total and our school came second. For those who take the Look Local, the scouts made it on to the front cover. Well done scouts – what a great job you have done for the community.

Amy Johnson

In the spring term, our Year One and Two children are learning all about travel and transport. As part of this an actor is coming in to play Amy Johnson. The dates are on the school calendar and will be sent out again as part of the spring dates letter and they will be on the newsletters.

Amy, AKA Gertie, has asked if the children can bring in a beanie or bobble hat, swimming or other goggles and a scarf. The children will dress up as Amy Johnson for their 'flight'.

Newsletter after Christmas

After Christmas Miss Marshall, in our office, will take over compiling the newsletter. We have created an email so that parents, staff and governors can send any items they wish including. The address is newsletter@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk



This week's praise board



Billie Brown could be on here every week. She sees a job and does it with no fuss at all. If Billie can help, Billie will.

Alfie Gould-Bist has been trying hard to listen and follow instructions.

Mason Morgan shared the little figures he was playing with even though we're not really sure he wanted to. Because of his kindness, he then had a lovely game with his friend.

Annie James for looking out for people in class and for being a great friend.

Phoebe Couldwell is a superstar when it comes to making things. She is always eager to have a turn and perseveres to the end.

Theo Davis for his expressive singing whilst practising our Nativity songs.

Jax Brown did some beautiful singing in assembly this week.

Lola Wall blew us away with her amazing writing.

Luca Tawade is always so enthusiastic about his learning.

Class 3 did some fantastic writing last week, persuading Miss Miles to come back to school.

Lydia Horsfield is always the first one ready to learn on the carpet.

Charlotte Armitage has been busy doing lots of writing at home. Thank you for sharing on Seesaw.

Naoise O'Brien was fantastic when singing our nativity songs this week. He remembered all his actions and has even started to dance along to the songs.

Elysia Holmes has blown us away this week with her maths. She has been a superstar!

Corey Brookes for putting his hand up to answer EVERY single question that is asked!

Archie Alliban is one of the best listeners on the carpet; he never misses a thing!

Bella Murphy, Lottie Moore, Dylan Brearley and Seb Spriggs have played so imaginatively today, making sure everyone was included, then worked cooperatively to tidy up their "house" and "path" after making an obstacle course outside on the small yard. Mrs. McGrail was very impressed!

A huge thank you to all our grown up volunteers who accompanied us to the Library on Monday afternoon.

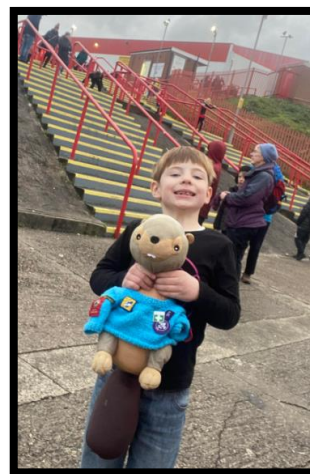
Ellis Williams has been doing so well with his keywords.

Thank you Archie Young-McMenemy for being a wonderful postman in our classroom post office.

Millicent Pitt, Phoebe Harvey and India Briggs have blown us away with their singing for the nativity. Keep it up girls!



This lovely young lady took part in her first dance show last weekend. I think she enjoyed it!



This young man enjoyed the women's football match last week. He took a mascot along too!

FREE FOOD SUPPLEMENT VOUCHERS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Information from Sheffield Local Authority)

We are writing to you to confirm our plans to provide food supplement vouchers for 32,000 children and young people across the city for the Christmas holidays.

The Government Household Support Grant has been extended to assist with rising food and energy costs. Sheffield City Council recognises that many families continue to face financial difficulties because of the pandemic, changes to Universal Credit, and rising costs for food and energy.

A £30 food supplement voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the Christmas holidays:

- Families who claim income-based Free School Meals (FSM).
- Families who get income-assessed Early Years Support (2–4-Year-Olds).
- Young people leaving their care setting (Care Leavers).

Our Plan We have chosen to continue to use Edenred as the supplier of the vouchers as schools and parent/carers are familiar with the two-step process involved in downloading the vouchers.

- We aim for the voucher letters to arrive with parents by **w/c Monday 5 December**. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher, and we are asking parents to contact their school/establishment in the first instance if they need help with downloading or printing their vouchers. We are also providing them with the contact details for Edenred.
- We will send schools an unredeemed eCodes list via Anycomms on **12 December**. This will identify all the children at your school who received a food supplement voucher letter for the Christmas break, enabling you to support any families that you know need some extra help.
- This list will also include unredeemed eCode information for October half-term 2022.
- Any child/young person that becomes eligible for a food voucher between **21 November 2022 and 18 December 2022** will be sent a voucher letter **w/c 21 December**.

The Process

As before, parents/carers need to go to the following website to redeem their vouchers

- www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery

Enter their unique 16-digit e-Code and select their chosen supermarket. Edenred give them a choice of 10 supermarkets: Aldi, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, M&S, McColl's, Company Shop, Iceland and Farmfoods.

Parents/carers can download their vouchers for more than one supermarket. For example, £15 for Aldi and £15 for Asda.

The downloaded E-Gift Card/Voucher will arrive by email within 24 hours. If they cannot find this, they should check their Junk/Spam folder.

Please note that codes need to be activated within 3 months or they will be cancelled. Once they

FREE FOOD SUPPLEMENT VOUCHERS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – continued.

We have again produced a short 'How to...' video for parents that you can put on your school website/social media if you wish. The instructions on how to download the video are below:

The YouTube link is - https://youtu.be/RFS6R_s7nqQ

The Cloud video download link is: <https://shared-assets.adobe.com/link/05d64b74-e811-441a-5605-40f892a984e1>

(Please note you need to open this in Chrome browser to download)

We will again provide schools with a short 'How to...' video for parents that you can upload to your school website/social media if you wish. The instructions on how to download the video will be sent directly to Headteachers and Business Managers in a separate email.

Where can families get further help?

- The FSM voucher helpline will be available on 0114 2734567, option 4, option 3, and can offer help to parents experiencing difficulties with their e-Codes or with general FSM enquiries.
- Parents/carers can also contact Edenred directly with an enquiry about an eCode or voucher at freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com or telephone 0333 400 5932.
- Schools can contact Edenred at freeschoolmeals@edenred.com

Please note:

If a parent is facing financial hardship, there is free advice and support available at www.citizensadvice.org.uk or they can call on 0808 278 7820 or find further information at: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/benefits/help-money-issues>

Additional support can also be found via Sheffield City Council's Community Support Helpline on 0114 273 4567 or at: www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/benefits/help-money-issues

Elf on the shelf

Those pesky elves are back. Here are [some great science related activities](#) Elf could get up to over the next few weeks!



CHRISTMAS DINNER



**JOIN US ON FOR
CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON...
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

**ROAST CHICKEN.
CHIPOLATA SAUSAGE & GRAVY
OR
QUORN ROAST.
VEGAN SAUSAGE & GRAVY (V)**

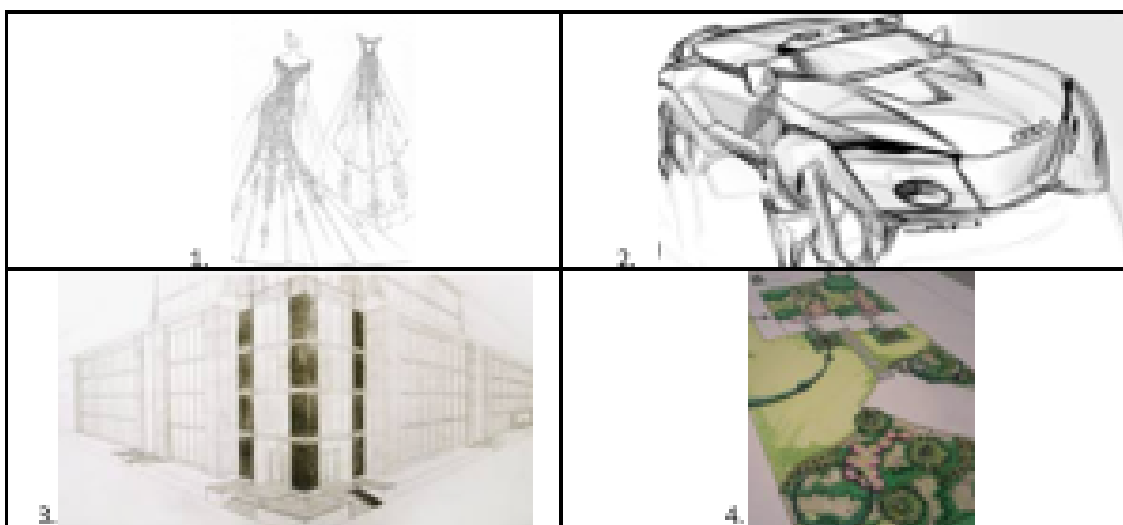
**SERVED WITH
ROAST POTATOES. CARROTS &
PEAS**

**FOR DESSERT
CRISPY CHRISTMAS PUDDING (V)
OR FRESH FRUIT**

Word of the Week



design



Meaning

- A detailed drawing to decide how something might look or work e.g. a building, a piece of clothing, an object such as a clock.
- It can also mean a pattern



Challenge

Where are these designs of?

CELEBRATING WORDS

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SOCIAL MEDIA & MENTAL HEALTH

An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming, what they're posting and the interactions they're having. On social media, it can be easy to go down 'rabbit holes' that aren't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing such 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted – sometimes to tragic effect. We might be daunted by the scale of the tech giants and their content which so enthralls young people, but we can still help children to be aware of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't OK ... and knowing what to do about content that upsets them.

1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM

Algorithms rank content by user interest: someone who regularly interacts with sports news, say, will see the latest results at the top of their feed. Likewise, if a user browses content that can cause harm, that's what will be recommended to them in future. Someone who's had a bad day and looks for posts which reflect their mood will find similar content being suggested to them more and more.

2. AVOID THE MAIN FEEDS

Avoiding the default feeds on social media platforms limits the amount of recommended content that's shown. Users can opt to only scroll through the accounts they follow, use restricted modes, or highlight posts that they don't want to see more of. Explore the platform safety settings to see how you can take control of what your child's phone shows them when they open the app.

3. DISCUSS WHAT THEY'VE SEEN

Chatting about what your child's seen online keeps you aware of the content they're interacting with. Don't assume that platforms are screening out inappropriate material, or even that your child would recognise content as being harmful. Discuss who they follow, what posts they like and what comes up in their feeds: if alarm bells ring, it could be time for a more in-depth talk or to seek support.

4. LEARN HOW TO HIDE CONTENT

If your child stumbles across unsuitable content on social media, there's the option to hide that post as well as indicating you'd prefer any similar material not to be suggested in future. On some platforms, you might also be able to block posts that contain specific words, which is an excellent way to start taking control of what your child sees online.

5. SET DAILY LIMITS

Phones and most apps can tell you how much they're being used. Spending too long online can mean a child misses out on other activities that are important to all-round wellbeing. You could set some family rules – for everyone to follow – around device use, such as screen time limits and tech-free spaces: involving your child in creating this agreement makes them more likely to stick to it.

6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY

Keeping a discreet eye on how your child is using social media can help ensure they're not entering potentially dangerous situations. As they grow up, of course, children need space to exercise their independence – but you can still occasionally ask to see what they're looking at. Be transparent about your own social media use and try not to sound judgemental about your child's.

7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

Even for adults, it's tempting to check an email or message as soon as the alert sound pings. Push notifications encourage people to open their apps and spend time on their device, so turning them off will help your child to practise mindful use of tech. Most of us have other things that we need to focus on as a priority – and those notifications will still be there later, when we have more time.

8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER

Giving children internet-enabled devices and complete freedom to explore platforms on their own can result in exposure to hugely damaging content. You could consider making a particular area at home a designated space to use phones, tablets and so on – making it much easier to monitor what content your child is viewing and (if necessary) steer them away from any potentially harmful paths.

9. ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mental health professionals often highlight the importance of exercise, quality time with loved ones, a balanced diet and restful sleep for our mental wellbeing. Spending hours on social media can cause us to sacrifice other activities that our brains need to feel well – so encouraging your child to put down their phone and enjoy something that doesn't involve a screen can be immensely beneficial.

10. TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE

Most platforms default children's accounts to private, so only people they've accepted as friends can see their posts. This reduces the risk of bullying or unkind comments, but – just like offline life – the digital world can still make children feel as if they need to act or look a certain way to fit in. Talk to your child about peer pressure, and listen to any concerns so you can provide the support they need.

Meet Our Expert

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