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Have a wonderful half term! See you all again on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### What's happening in school next week?

- We have a special visitor coming to welcome children to school in the morning on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday.
- Mrs. Townsend is available to for parent visits 9.30am on Monday.
- Class 7 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Monday afternoon and
- The Nest are visiting Alpine Lodge.
- Dance Club after school on Monday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February is Pancake Day!
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 2 in the morning on Tuesday and Class 3 in the afternoon.
- We are celebrating 100% and improved attendance for Spring term 1 on Tuesday in assembly.
- Class 6 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Tuesday afternoon.
- Football Club after school on Tuesday, 2.45 - 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- Miss Bennett is teaching Class 7 on Wednesday.
- The school photographer will be back in school on Wednesday to drop off the proofs of our class photos and will catch up with any children who missed their class photo before half term.
- Y2 children have drumming on Wednesday afternoon.
- Multisport after school on Wednesday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs. Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 1 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- Chris Standley is in school playing board games with the children on Thursday.
- Football Club after school on Thursday, 2.45 - 4.00pm
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.
- Class 1 have Forest School on Friday.
- The Nest are visiting Alpine Lodge on Friday afternoon.
- Multisport after school on Friday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.

### Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 87%

Class 1:	97%
Class 2:	94%
Class 3:	88%
Class 4:	92%
Class 5:	89%
Class 6:	93%
Class 7:	91%
The Nest:	64%
The Orchard:	77%

**Well done Class 1 – again!**

**Assembly Theme: Lent.**

## Looking ahead to the w.b. 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

- The assembly theme will be Special Days (St David's Day, World Book Day).
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching Class 4 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.
- Class 3 is visiting Stocksbridge Library on Monday afternoon.
- The Nest will be visiting Alpine Lodge on Monday afternoon.
- Dance Club after school on Monday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Tuesday and Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> February) are the next planned NEU teachers strike. Information on how this will affect school will be sent out on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.
- Mrs. Greenwood is teaching Class 2 in the morning on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Class 3 in the afternoon.
- Class 4 is visiting Stocksbridge Library on Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school at 9.30am on Tuesday.
- Football Club after school on Tuesday, 2.45 - 4.00pm
- Mrs. Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- Y2 children have drumming on Wednesday afternoon.
- Multisport after school on Wednesday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day! More information included in this newsletter.
- Mrs. Ollerenshaw is teaching Class 1 on Thursday.
- Chris Standley is in school playing board games with the children on Thursday.
- Football Club after school on Thursday, 2.45 - 4.00pm
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5 on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.
- Class 1 have Forest School on Friday.
- Class 2 are visiting Stocksbridge Library and the Nest are visiting Alpine Lodge on Friday afternoon.
- Multisport after school on Friday, 2.45 – 4.00pm.
- Mid-year reports will come home today for our children in school.









### Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

**Oliver Collins** Oliver tries very hard in school – at work and at play. He is a terrific helper, always one of the first to lend a hand. He has made me smile this week in assemblies. He sings with such gusto, joining in with all the Makaton signs. Well done Oliver Collins. I am proud of the progress you have made and the wonderful young man you are becoming.

### Invite to Golden Star assemblies

One or two parents have mentioned they did not get the invite to the Golden Star assemblies this week. I sent these out from home via eschools. I always try to send the invite to both parents. All your information is stored in SIMS, our data system, which ordinarily I can access from home. This is really helpful where parents have different surnames to their child. SIMS had updated and I couldn't access the information. However, on the bottom of my eschools email, I did explain that, for some children, I had sent the invite to just one parent and asked that it be shared. Apologies to those parents who missed the assembly. If you want us to do a 'rerun' for your child, just let us know and we will pop them in again next time.

Week 2	Green Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Tomato & basil pasta	Turkey Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in a Tomato sauce with Rice	Cheese & tomato pizza with chips & tomato sauce
Dish of the day 2	Veggie hot dog with onions & baked potato wedges	Veggie Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Veggie Balls with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges	Vegetable nuggets with chips & tomato sauce
Oven baked jacket potato	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	Egg (No ham on Green Mondays!)	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
	(No tuna on Green Mondays!)	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Green Beans Cauliflower	Carrots Savoy Cabbage	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked beans Garden peas
Desserts	Vanilla Crunch	Fresh Fruit Salad	Jelly & mandarins	Jam sponge & custard	Chocolate brownie

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

### Nursery News

The children have made the most of the sunshine this week – enjoying time outside and developing their skills climbing, balancing and bike riding. They really are getting so speedy. Aside from this, we have enjoyed delicious cookies from Isaac, Rosalie and Poppy as well as giving the school photographer our best smiles. Have a good half term together and we will look forward to sharing what the children have been up to after the holiday.

### Star of the Week

**Nancy Wharton-Lovett** is the most positive person you could ever hope to meet. She sees the good in everyone and never lets anything get her down. Her approach to all that she does is a credit to her – a true ray of sunshine.

**Assembly Theme: Lent.**



## This week's praise board



- Tommie Horsfield and Joshua Willetts for writing a whole page of writing in English. They had so many creative ideas and enjoyed writing.
- Archie Jackson for showing respect to his friends by working quietly.
- Henry Warren for excelling in his spelling test.
- Jack Bishop and Louie Green were great helpers in Golden Star assembly. Thank you.
- Harriet Tibbles for kind manners in multi-sports and thinking about her brother.
- Taliana Tshibangu for always taking her time in our art lessons. She always adds colour, pattern, and detail. Her artwork is just beautiful.
- Ella Payne for trying hard with her handwriting this week.
- Thank you to Oliver Housley for bringing in some chocolate fingers for the class. He is so kind.
- Thank you to Nora Bowden-Lovell for donating lots of junk modelling to school.
- Pippa Guy is always on the ball in our phonics lessons. Well done Pippa!
- Laurence Tibbles was spotted being extremely helpful and kind to one of his classmates at home time. His friend was struggling to get his rucksack on his back and Laurence stopped getting himself ready so he could help his friend and then continued to get himself sorted. Well done Laurence. What a great friend you are!
- Autumn Sykes for being a brilliant help this week. She is always kind to her friends and loves helping them when they find something tricky.
- Fern Bradshaw for always putting a smile on Miss Harrison's face in the morning with her wonderful stories. She is a joy to be around!
- Naoise O'Brien for always doing the right thing. He always tries his best and if you ever need a good chat he's the boy to go to.
- William Hague has been a fabulous friend this week and he's dazzled us with his writing. Vinny loved playing the chime bars in music yesterday and showed us how carefully he can listen.
- Emily Clough has 'blown us away' with her phonics this week!
- Harry Oxley made everyone smile when he ran out to the front of assembly to collect his Golden Star award.
- Chloe Green is such a kind, caring and gentle friend. She is an always child – always in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
- Jax Brown – we are all very proud of you.
- Thank you Corey Brookes for the beautiful bracelet and the never ending facts about ships!
- Erin Moore for doing her best to keep the cloakroom tidy.
- Archie Young-McMenemy and Ellis Williams have been playing some brilliant games outdoors using their imaginations, it's been lovely to watch.
- Leo Priestley shared how many goals he had scored at football with Mrs T. He was so proud of himself.
- Harry Stokes has been busy having a go at the daily golden star job- Well done!
- Lucas Carr and Scarlett Milnes have created some AMAZING sentences this week about a London bus and have worked really hard.
- Jack Hopkins has been amazing this week. Well done Jack. We're all very proud of you.
- Adem Boudabouza is the dough disco king!
- Tilly Hall is the jigsaw queen!

**Tweak of the Week:** Remember to say please and thank you all the time.



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. Email items for the newsletter to [Newsletter@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:Newsletter@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk)



Didn't we have a lovely time the day the bus came to visit! Thank you to everyone who made a donations to South Yorkshire Transport Museum.



Some great team work going on at the library's Lego club last Saturday.

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### Class start and finish times

A reminder for all parents/carers of our class start and finish times. Children arriving for an 8.30am start can enter school from 8.20am and children arriving for an 8.45am start can enter school from 8.35am. Please do not leave your child unattended before these times, as teaching staff are busy preparing for class and cannot be responsible for children in school before their allocated time. Thank you.

	Start time	Finish time	Drop off and collection point
<b>Class 1</b>	8.30am	2.45pm	Office gate
<b>Class 2</b>	8.45am	3.00pm	Office gate
<b>Class 3</b>	8.30am	2.45pm	Main gate near steps
<b>Class 4</b>	8.45am	3.00pm	Main gate, near steps
<b>Class 5</b>	8.30am	2.45pm	Main gate and head towards top corridor door.
<b>Class 6</b>	8.45am	3.00pm	Main gate and head towards path at side of school.
<b>Class 7</b>	8.30am	2.45pm	Small yard gate
<b>The Nest</b>	8.45am	3.00pm	Small yard gate
<b>The Orchard</b>	8.45am	3.00pm	Small yard gate

### After school clubs after half term

We are running the following after school clubs from week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February to week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March:

**MONDAYS** – Dance club (FULL)

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS** – Football club (Tues FULL limited spaces still available on Thursday)

**WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS** – Multisport club (Weds FULL some spaces still available on Friday)

All clubs run from 2.45pm – 4pm. Payment is now open on ParentPay. Full payment will need to be received **by close of school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** term to secure your child's place. Thank you.

### Eat them to defeat theme starts Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

80% of our children are not eating enough vegetables with a third eating less than one portion a day. Perhaps most alarmingly is that 50% of parents say they have given up even trying.

The 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign (as seen on TV) is returning to our plates from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, with the aim of changing children's attitudes towards vegetables. Again, more information is being sent home with the children on Friday so look out for it arriving in their bags. Alternatively, you can find out more at [EatThemToDefeatThem.com](https://www.eatthemtodefeatthem.com)

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### **World Book Day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We would like to invite all of the children to come to school dressed up as a 'word.' In school, we have a big focus on vocabulary and this is a way of celebrating some of our favourite words. We know in school that some children love dressing up and some really don't, so please do not go to any expense. Many costumes can be put together with things you already have at home or alternatively there are lots of words that could be used from just using the children's own clothes (for example, unique, casual, beautiful, mischievous). A quick internet search will bring up more ideas.

And! If you would like to get involved in more World Book Day action, there's also our 'A Book in a Box' competition. This is where you take a favourite book, a box (you decide the size) open it up and let your creativity go wild! Represent the book in any way you wish. More information is attached. Entries by **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** please.

### **EIS trips Year 1 & 2 – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March our Y1 children will be off to the English Institute of Sport to take part in a sports festival with other schools. Our Y2 children will visit on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We will send out more details nearer the time about what the children should wear and bring. There is no cost to parents for these trips. School will fund the coach hire costs.

### **Reception Yorkshire Wildlife Park visit 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

Our reception children are off to visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. This is linked to our topic on animals and their habitats. We are expecting that this will be a really enjoyable day and the children will gain a lot from it. As part of the visit, they will take part in an educational workshop led by a member of staff from the Wildlife Park. More information is being sent home with children on Friday. Please check in their bags for it!



# 10 WAYS GAMING CAN SUPPORT POSITIVE OUTCOMES in Children and Young People

Gaming, of course, is phenomenally popular with children and young people. In 2021, for instance, more than three-quarters of teenagers played online games, with almost 70% of primary school aged children doing likewise. If enjoyed in moderation and supported by a healthy routine (staying hydrated, good sleep habits, taking breaks and so on), gaming can actually benefit a person's mental health. As long as we stay alert for potential risks, games can be much more than what we see on the surface: they can be a way to socialise, an avenue for creativity and a route to solving problems. Check out our top ten tips on how gaming online can sometimes work to your child's advantage...

## THE FEEL-GOOD FACTOR

Gaming is so popular because at the base level, it's enjoyable for the player. Succeeding in any game or contest releases dopamine in our brains: the 'feel-good' chemical that makes us happy or excited. Those emotions can be incredibly beneficial for mental wellbeing – as long as young players don't become reliant solely on playing video games to make themselves feel happy.

## ACHIEVEMENT & PRIDE

A sense of achievement is incredibly important to all of us and can be particularly valuable to someone who's feeling unhappy or distressed. It's easy to get caught up in our thoughts, which can sometimes take a negative turn. So even achieving something small – like finishing a difficult level in a Mario or Sonic game – can feel like conquering Everest and give us renewed optimism.

## SOCIAL SALVATION

Gaming can be an incredibly social activity. When playing online with trusted friends, what usually start out as chats specifically about the game can often develop into conversations about school and life. Even if they've had a bad day, simply knowing that a friend is there, on the other end of their headset, can provide young gamers with a sense of security and some welcome laughs.

## TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

In many online games, teamwork is crucial to winning. Often, people who are struggling with their mood tend to feel like they fail or let others down a lot. Working as a team with trusted friends or family in a game can reinforce a young person's self-importance: striving for a common goal and succeeding together can remind them that they're an integral part of something bigger.

## REAL-WORLD RELATABILITY

Because many major releases are shooting or action games, when some people hear "gaming" they think of guns, explosions and violence. What's less recognised is how many titles explore relatable issues such as overcoming anxiety or coping with grief. These games allow young players to understand their emotions more deeply and realise they aren't alone in how they might be feeling.

## A DIGITAL COMFORT

Video games can provide a reliable constant. No matter what happens in school or between friends, playing a favourite game is something that youngsters can look forward to all day and can help them de-stress. Let's not forget, games are fun – and, when approached safely, an interactive activity in which the player has a degree of control over what happens next can feel immensely reassuring.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING PRACTICE

It can be difficult for young people to handle the feeling that nothing is going right or that their problems are insurmountable. Gaming can help alleviate that by presenting challenges to be overcome, either solo or alongside trusted friends. Defeating a powerful monster or solving a tricky puzzle reminds young gamers that even the most daunting obstacles can be faced and conquered.

## THE GREAT ESCAPISM

A certain amount of escapism is fabulous – allowing us to temporarily park some stress while exploring a world other than our own. For children, gaming can be like reading a novel or watching a film: a moment in the day when the fantastical becomes real, firing their imagination and immersing them in a story. Who wouldn't want to venture to the stars? Or battle monsters to save the planet?

## TRIED & TRUSTED

There can be reassurance in repeating tasks. It often promotes a controlled outcome, which is ideal when life feels overwhelming or out of control. Replicating an experience, such as playing the same level of a game over and over to perfection, gives the player a sense of control and familiarity: it's like listening to a favourite song that always makes you feel happy or confident.

## ENCOURAGING CREATIVITY

Inventiveness is a huge part of many modern games: in Minecraft and Roblox, for example, players regularly dream up amazing structures or new ways to play. Using our imagination to create something (whether digitally or physically) is massively beneficial for the brain; that's why Lego is sometimes used in the medical sector as both a stress reliever and a brain injury rehabilitation tool.

## Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a writer who specialises in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. Author of 15 guidebooks for children on games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft, his work has also been published in the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VO247.



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