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What's happening in school next week?

- The assembly theme will be Christmas is Coming.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Monday 18th December.
- Monday 18th December, 9.00am, Midwife Crisis Nativity by Classes 1 & 5.
- Children in Classes 6,7 & 8 are visiting Alpine Lodge to sing their Christmas songs to the residents.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 3 on Monday afternoon.
- The Orchard have their Christmas Dance and Sing-a-long on Monday at 2pm. Parents are invited.
- Dance Club on Monday 3.00-4.00pm.
- Tuesday 19th December, Golden Star assembly for classes 1, 2, 3, 5 and the Orchard at 8:45am.
- Tuesday is Christmas lunch day.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 2 on Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Greenwood is teaching Class 3.
- Football club on Tuesday, 3.00 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday 20th December.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Wednesday.
- Wednesday 20th is Christmas Party day - children can come to school in their party clothes. Please make sure the children are warm enough as they will still play outside. Also please don't send them in shoes with heels or wearing jewelry. Thanks. Puzzling Paul is booked to entertain the children and we asked FC, at the fair, whether he would be able to pop back again on Wednesday to see the children.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching in the Orchard on Wednesday afternoon.
- Multisports club on Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00pm.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 95%

Class 1: 95%

Class 2: 99%

Class 3: 98%

Class 5: 94%

Class 6: 96%

Class 7: 92%

Class 8: 95%

The Orchard: 91%

Well done Class 2

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.

Monday: 18

Tuesday: 9

Wednesday: 18

Thursday: 12

Friday: 9

Total: 66

Assembly Theme: Christmas is coming!



- Miss Spencer is teaching class 7 on Thursday morning and class 8 in the afternoon.
- Golden star assembly on Thursday 21st for classes 6, 7, 8 and Nursery at 8:45am.
- Classes 2 & 3 are popping over to Alpine Lodge on Thursday to sing their Christmas songs to the residents.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday, 3.00 – 4.00pm
- Friday is non-uniform day.
- Class 1 & 5 are going to Alpine Lodge on Friday morning to sing their songs to the residents.
- Mr Barker is teaching class 6 on Friday.
- Art Club on Friday, 3.00-4.00pm.
- We break for our Christmas holidays Friday 22nd. School reopens on Monday 8th January 2024.

Looking ahead to the w.b. 8th January 2024

- The assembly theme will be Compassion.
- The learning for all the children in school is Healthy Me.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Monday 8th January.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Monday afternoon.
- Dance club on Monday 3.00 – 4.00pm.
- On Tuesday we will be celebrating 100% attendance for Autumn Term 2. With all the illnesses that have been flying around, it might be a short assembly!
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 5 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Tuesday afternoon.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3.00 – 4.00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Wednesday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around on Wednesday 10th January at 9.00am.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching Class 2 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Football club on Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00pm.
- Our school nurses will be in school on Thursday and Friday doing hearing tests and heart rate tests with our Reception children.
- Drumming will be on Thursday afternoons for our Y2 children from January onwards.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 8 on Thursday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3.00 – 4.00pm.
- Miss Tonks is teaching Class 6 on Friday.
- Art club on Friday 3.00 – 4.00pm.




Tweak of the Week: Suggested by Lucy M – play gentle games outside.

School Menu Autumn/Winter 2023 (All school including Nursery)

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Sausage & mash	 CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY!!	 PARTY FOOD DAY!!	Beef chilli with mixed rice	Cheese and tomato pizza and chips
Vegetarian main course	Spanish vegetable Quesadilla			Veggie mince cottage pie	Cheese & onion roll with chips
Jacket potato and filling	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
	Tuna mayo			Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese			Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Cauliflower			Green beans Cauliflower	Baked beans Garden peas
Dessert	Chocolate banana cake			Sponge cake	Shortbread with mandarins

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

Christmas dinner day – Tuesday 19th December 2023

There will be no other options for lunch on Tuesday 19th December. It will be Christmas dinner only. If your child does not want a Christmas lunch, please provide a packed lunch from home. Thank you.

Party lunch – Wednesday 20th December 2023

On Wednesday we will be having party food. There will be a selection of sandwiches, cheese and onion rolls, wedges, carrot and cucumber sticks and jelly. If your child does not want party food, please provide them with a packed lunch from home as there will be no other option on this day.

Assembly Theme: Christmas is coming!

Phonics, Keyword and Reading at home.

Next week your child will be learning the following sounds (phonemes) and keywords in class. By the end of the week we want our Reception children to be able to recognise the sounds and read the keywords. Children in Year One and Two should be able to recognise the sounds, read and spell the keywords. Please help them by practising these at home and sharing the appropriate Monster Phonic eBooks.

The website has been made better with access to more books. We believe Monster Phonics are going to email parents directly.

Autumn 2 Week 5	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	ar	ou ow	Ti i
Keywords		play way say may away been need keep feet snow grow window know	eye who Mr Mrs
eBooks to share	At the park	Smoke on the mountain Lost in the snow Cows Brown cow gets stuck Snow	Position for a taxi Wild explorers The Tiger



We have bought the subscription to eBooks for parents but our records are showing that many still have to activate their account. Below are instructions on how to do so. It's important the children read the books each week so that they are making the progress through the scheme they need to.

After school clubs

Mondays – Dance. 3 – 4pm.

Tuesdays – Multisports. 3 – 4pm.

Wednesdays – Football with coaching from SUFC. 3 – 4pm.

Thursdays – Gymnastics. 3 – 4pm.

Fridays – Art club. 3 – 4pm

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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12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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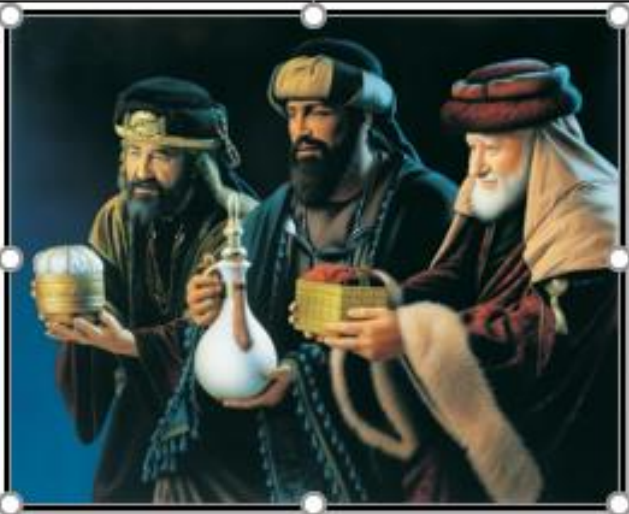
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Assembly Theme: Christmas is coming!

Word of the Week



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Meaning

The name for the 3 wise men who brought gifts for baby Jesus.



Challenge

What gifts did they bring and why?

CELEBRATING WORDS

Tweak of the Week: Suggested by Lucy M – play gentle games outside.

Active Travel news!

Our active travel challenge was a great success and we would like to share the results with you all.

Active Travel rate was 60% and is now 76% - a rise of 27%

Walking rate was 48% and is now 49% - a rise of 2%

The Park & Stride rate was 20% and is now 21% - a rise of 5%!!

Driven-all-the-way rate was 36% and is now 23% - a reduction of 36%!!

(PS We didn't work out the percentages. These are the figures that were sent to us)

Staffing Changes

Our lovely Miss Swift is leaving us at the end of next week. She is taking up a post as an Education Mental Health Practitioner with CAMHS (Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service). We are sorry to see Diane go and so very grateful for all she has done in the 2+ years she has been with us. It is a fact that we would not have been able to set up The Orchard without being lucky enough to work with Diane. We have worked with lots of outside professionals to support us in setting up The Orchard, improving it and trying our very best to make it the right provision for the children. Those professionals have always been very complimentary about what we are doing, the level of skill of all the staff. So, Diane will be a loss.

But, we have a lovely teacher taking over, Helen Turner. Helen has worked with children with Special Educational Needs before and it is her passion. She has supported children with autism, speech difficulties and Developmental Language Delay. She has been coming into school to get to know the children and to liaise with Miss Swift so that the handover is as smooth as it can be. We have taken advice re the best transition for our lovely Orchard children. We want to make it as easy as possible, knowing we are going to have some bumps on the road.

Mrs Worsley and Mrs Beal-Edwards will continue with their normal hours. Mrs Charlesworth is reducing hers slightly and working Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Whitworth will work on Thursdays, Fridays and Tuesday mornings.

Our lovely Orchard parents already have this information and have been asked not to share it with the children. We need to tell them carefully at the right time. The run up to Christmas is unsettling for lots of children with the change in routines and we want the children to enjoy their last week and not be anxious about the forthcoming changes.




Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Erin Kerfoot (although it has been very hard to choose this week).

There are lots of words to describe Erin – kind, thoughtful, considerate, brave, honest, open. She tries hard with learning and knows when to ask a grown up for help with her work or with little worries she has.

She is polite and positive around school. I admired her courage, in the nativity this week, to sing and dance in front of 120 grown-ups. Well done lovely Erin, for this week and every week because you are an asset to our school.




Nursery News


A huge well done to all our little superstars. We were so proud of them on Wednesday evening. Thank you for coming to watch them and for helping them to be so fantastic.

Aside from singing and acting we have been reading The Jolly Christmas Postman...and we loved it! We have played at Post Offices, delivered letters, written to Father Christmas and posted parcels. If the postman/lady comes to your house please point them out to the children as lots of them had no idea that letters even came through the letterbox in their door.

Star of the Week



Carter Bowskill is such an enthusiastic member of Nursery. Whatever we are learning he throws himself in wholeheartedly, asks great questions and always shares his own experiences and stories. Carter is cheerful, helpful and loves to be busy.



The Nativities

I am sure you will agree that the nativities this week have just been wonderful, and we are all looking forward to our last one on Monday – a Midwife Crisis. I wanted to thank you for being such great audiences. I can't tell you the difference it has made not having our younger siblings in the audience. I thank you all for 'going with it' and finding childcare. Without a doubt, the performances this year were better than last and I genuinely think it is because the children were not distracted by noises from the audience. Thank you.

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This week's praise board



- Where would class 1 be without you, Heber Eady? You quietly put chairs away, tidy-up resources and make our classroom neat and tidy. Thank you, Heber, we are truly grateful.
- Odin Allen - thank you for being Mrs Bailey's teacher this week and telling her what a turkey is when you are bowling!
- Tyson Kiffin always greets Mrs Bailey in the playground, sometimes at high speed, sometimes with a hug - it always brightens her morning. Thank you, Tyson.
- Well Done Athena Fort for doing some amazing writing about "The Nativity story"
- Thank you Alisha-Rose Barrott-Young for helping to tidy all the equipment up after we had finished doing our animations!
- Jack Woodhouse. Thank you for helping Mrs Moore in the hall after the nativity practice and opening the door for her so she could carry the props back to Class!
- Lucas Carr made a fantastic start to his Christmas card. He listened to the instructions, made some fantastic suggestions and produced a wonderful piece of artwork. Well done Lucas!
- Freya Morgan always puts a smile on the grown-up's faces when she says "Thank you for a lovely day at school".
- Sophia Sainthouse for trying hard with her phonics this week.
- Billie Brown for helping one of her friends put on their coat and shoes.
- Thank you, Poppy Hodgkinson, for kindly making the class some gingerbread. Everyone said it was very yummy!!
- Ruben Leadbeater has a fabulous pencil grip and is great with scissors too.
- Despite a horrible cold that just seems to keep lingering on, Dakota Rodgers still arrives every single day with a smile and a willingness to try her best.
- Pippa Housley sorts things out we don't even know about sometimes, and at this busy and tiring time of the year, we are so grateful.
- Harry Jackson loves games and is becoming both a gracious loser and winner.



FOSNI & Christmas Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Christmas Fair. You helped us raise close to £1500 – an amazing total in 2 hours. The Christmas card and goodies, organised by our FOSNI, raised £151 too.

Thank you to our FOSNI – Emily, Sophie and Mrs McGhee for all the hard work they put into organizing the fair – no mean feat for three people. Thank you, Father Christmas and his able assistant, for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit school. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Denton, aka Mrs McGhee's parents, who gave up time to help us set up and run the very popular bottle stall.

We have a few home-made gifts left, on sale in the school office, if anyone needs any little stocking fillers.



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



This cheeky little chap gained his yellow belt at karate.



This gorgeous girl did her ballet and tap Christmas show at the weekend.

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This little miss won some tickets to Disney on Ice through a competition at school. Her and her family really enjoyed it and her favourite part was 'everything!!'.



This little super star won most improved player by the Sheffield Wednesday community programme. Well done!