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What's happening in school when we return from our Christmas break?

- 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.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 93%

Class 1: 94%

Class 2: 96%

Class 3: 96%

Class 5: 94%

Class 6: 92%

Class 7: 92%

Class 8: 92%

The Orchard: 87%

Well done Classes 2 & 3

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: 29

Tuesday: 24

Wednesday: 14

Thursday: 18

Friday: 7

Total: 92

- Art club on Friday 3.00 – 4.00pm.

Looking ahead to the w.b.15th January 2024

- The assembly theme will be 'What have you done today to make you feel proud?'
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Monday 15th January.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Monday afternoon.
- Dance club on Monday 3.00 – 4.00pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 8 on Tuesday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Mr Barker is teaching class 6 on Tuesday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching in the Orchard on Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 3.
- Multisports club **TUESDAY** 3.00 – 4.00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Wednesday.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 2 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Football club **WEDNESDAY** 3.00 – 4.00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Thursday.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3.00 – 4.00pm.
- Mrs Tonks is teaching class 6 on Friday.
- Art club on Friday 3.00 – 4.00pm.

After school clubs

Mondays – Dance. 3 – 4pm. Spaces available.

Tuesdays – Multisports. 3 – 4pm. Limited availability – filling up quickly.

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

Thursdays – Gymnastics. 3 – 4pm. Spaces available.

Fridays – Art club. 3 – 4pm. Limited availability – filling up quickly.

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.

Food Bank

You no longer need a referral to access the foodbank in Stocksbridge. It is now at the Christian Centre on Cedar Road. It is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-12noon. Here's a [link](#) for more information.







Tweak of the Week: Remember to say thank you when people give you things or do things for you.

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

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO MONDAYS MEAT OPTION **	**BBQ chicken meatballs with pasta**	Beef pasta bolognese	Pork sausage toad in the hole with roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken pie	Cheese and tomato pizza with chips
Vegetarian main course	Cheese & onion pastry roll with baked potato wedges	Veggie pasta bolognese	Vegetable sausage toad in the hole with roast potatoes and gravy	Macaroni cheese	Onion bhaji burger 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	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	Sweetcorn Garden peas	Green beans Carrots	Seasonal greens Cauliflower	Mixed vegetables Sweetcorn	Baked beans Garden peas
Dessert	Apple crumble bar	Lemon cake with custard	Banana cake with fruit	Chocolate cookie	Strawberry jelly

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

Lunchboxes (All school inc Nursery) Could we please ask that children bring healthy lunches from home if they are not having a school meal. It is fine for the children to bring a cake bar, a biscuit etc. for dessert but please do not send chocolate or sweets. Thank you.

After School Clubs (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

If your child is attending an after-school club, please send them with an additional snack and drink which they can have before the club starts. Some of the children were **very** hungry by the end of the club.

Assembly Theme: Compassion

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 6	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	oo (u)	ue ew	constant suffixes contractions
Keywords	look now down	three tree trees green sleep queen please ever never river under better after	Review of all previous week's spellings
eBooks to share	Into the woods	Volcanoes U-Hoo to the rescue Looking for clues	Any books missed



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.

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Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to "Screen Time". From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select "Add Child" and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under "Broadcasting", you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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Word of the Week



gratitude



Meaning

Being thankful for the good things in your life.



Challenge

Watch or read
Gratitude is My
Superpower.

[Gratitude is my Superpower | Read Aloud by Reading Pioneers Academy \(youtube.com\)](#)

CELEBRATING WORDS

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Staffing Changes

Miss Swift left us today. She is taking up the role of Education Mental Health Practitioner with CAMHS in the new year. I have worked with Diane for many years, first in her role as the lead for intervention service from the Primary Inclusion Centre. She worked with several of our children who attended Bumble Bee – a bespoke nurture provision and she worked some small miracles.

Diane is one of the most skilled teachers I have ever had the pleasure to work with. Her passion for inclusion and skill in helping young children to calm has been inspirational and humbling to see. I have certainly learnt from watching how she interacts with children. She always takes the time to figure out why things have happened either through observation or by talking with the children and she then sets about changing things slightly to meet needs.

I thank Diane for what she has helped us create in school. The Orchard is commended by the professionals who visit us. The routines and expectations in place are wonderful but it's always being tweaked to meet the needs of our lovely children. I am not sure quite what we would have done if we hadn't been lucky enough to work with Diane and I know, that we would not be as far on our inclusion journey without her.

We all wish Diane well in her next venture; we're all sure she will be wonderful. She has just the right personality and oodles of patience to support children and young people who may be struggling with their mental health.

In January, we have Mrs Helen Turner coming to teach The Orchard children. Those parents with older children may remember Helen. She worked with us in school around 8 years ago. She's lovely. She is passionate about working with children with additional needs. She's calm and not a great deal puts her off her stride. Mrs Whitworth, who the children already know, will also begin working in The Orchard.

Father Christmas

The big guy himself, managed to take some time out of his very busy schedule to come and visit us at Stocksbridge Nursery and Infant School this week. He was super impressed with all the children and has made sure that they are all on his nice list.

Well done and thank you to all the children who visited Santa and waited patiently in line for your turn to speak to him.

Some useful information.

The 0-19 Service at Sheffield Children's Hospital have introduced a new online 'Helpful Hints' newsletter which is written for parents and provides useful information each month.


[You can access it by using this Mailchimp link](#)

The latest edition includes information about HPV vaccinations for Year 8 children, the dangers of button batteries and finding the right healthcare services if your child is ill over the Christmas period. Be sure to check it out!



Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Seth Grace. Seth is a lovely boy. He is kind, considerate, honest and hardworking. We were having fun in singing assembly this week and he had a really good chuckle which made me laugh. We have been learning Away in a Manger with Makaton signs and he gave 100% in every verse. Thank you, Seth.




Nursery News

Wow! A huge well done to all our boys and girls who, despite their tired little faces, have arrived every day with big smiles and enthusiasm. We have thoroughly enjoyed playing Christmas games, making tree decorations, sharing Christmas stories and of course, blowing around in the wind But now we are ready for a rest! We would like to wish you all fun, love and happiness together this Christmas time. See you in 2024.

Star of the Week

Cohen Brookfield has been so much fun to have around over the Christmas period. He has enjoyed sharing his good sense of humour and his laughter has rung out through Nursery again and again.



Parking

This morning I received the following email from the manager at Alpine Lodge.

Good morning Jane,

I wanted to introduce myself as the Managing Director for Highgate Care, we are the operating company that manages Alpine Lodge Care Home. I am aware that there has been a very long history of parents using the homes car park when they are dropping off and picking up their children from the school, and that is the reason I am contacting you today.

This morning, some members of our team have arrived at the home, and none of our parking spaces were available for them to use due to parents being parked in them. I am sure you appreciate that it is less than ideal when our team members cannot even use their own car park for work purposes. I am sure you wouldn't find it acceptable for parents to park in the bays allocated for teaching staff at the school.

My wider concern is as follows: given the nature of the care we deliver, I do not feel it is appropriate that relatives, who may have to visit their loved ones when they are in end-of-life care, which can be at any given point if the day & night, may experience the added stress of trying to locate a parking space near the home before they are able to visit at the home.....I am sure you will appreciate the potential negative consequence of this situation.

We are not in a position whereby we can have a barrier placed at the entrance of a car park due to the need for emergency vehicular access 24 hours a day, therefore I am hoping that you can come up with a resolution that can remedy this matter. I am at the home today if you would like to discuss this in-person otherwise: I wish you a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to your response, thank you.

Kind regards,

Joanne

I am unsure how to respond given I have no control over where and how parents park. This morning I had to ask someone not to park on the double yellow lines outside school. It's not my job but this, and the above are putting our children at risk and damaging our relationship with neighbours.



This week's praise board



- Jenson Turner Jones for his beautiful, neat sewing in design technology.
- Lylah-Shae Everitt - When Father Christmas visited he said "Merry Christmas" and Lylah "Thank you, you too." Such lovely manners Lylah!
- A HUGE well done to all of class 5 for been amazing in our Nativity this week, especially the children that had lines to learn 😊
- Erin Kerfoot is so kind. She was spotted showing two of the Reception children where to stand when we had a fire drill this week.
- Thankyou Isabella Murphy for holding the door open for Mrs Moore when she was carrying a big box of Lego back to her classroom.
- Well done to all of Class 6 this past couple of weeks. We've had nativities, parties, entertainers and sewing! All the children have shown fantastic positive attitudes and behaved brilliantly. All the class 6 grown up are very proud of you.
- Seweryn Herbert is just so caring. He is always trying to help out his friends, zip their coats up and find their lost things.
- Ava Hible impressed Miss Kane during reading today when she saw a speech bubble in her book and explained to her what it was!
- Thank you to Olivia Stokes and Sophie Pickwell for always being such willing helpers any time of the day.
- Amelia Magill has kept us all entertained with her beautiful singing this week- thank you Amelia you have a beautiful voice.
- Thank you, Erin Tazzyman. You have been so helpful tidying up and sorting out lids on pens.
- Lucas Howcroft has been a superstar in his writing this week.
- Ada Green's sewing was beautiful and her fire person is amazing. Well done.
- Jazmine Attard is impressing us with her reading. Keep it up.
- Carson Else has been busy creating wonderful creations this week and done some wonderful talking about them.
- Chloe Tu had the most perfect manners on party day. High praising others when they have won. Thanking staff when she received a prize.
- Harry Kaine did some amazing reading this week. Keep it up, Harry!
- Poppy Hodgkinson and Autumn Frost for trying hard in phonics.
- Rosie Wainwright made the grown-ups smile when she was telling Father Christmas, she would like some Minnie Mouse nails for Christmas.
- Thank you to Lyssie Redwood-Peace for all the 'show and tells' she has brought in over the last few weeks. We've had something Christmassy every day.
- Henry Smith has learnt so many high-frequency words. Well done Henry.
- Well done to Class 8 for getting through a very busy half-term. You have made Miss Miles and Mrs Jennings very proud with how hard you have all worked.
- Ezra Stead-Caprice has wonderful manners.
- Evelyn Pitt is always in the right place doing the right thing.
- Hector Morgan has overcome a big hurdle this week that we are hoping he will bring back with him when he returns in January!



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 girl has passed her Stage 4 swimming and is very proud of herself.

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