



Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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What's happening in school next week?

- The School Nursing service will be in school on Monday morning carrying out screening checks for our Reception children.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 all week other than on Thursday when Mrs Ollerenshaw will teach.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 7 all week other than Friday morning.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Monday afternoon.
- Dance club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching in The Orchard on Tuesday afternoon.
- Craft club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents round on Wednesday morning between 9:00 and 10:00.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 2 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Y2 drumming on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Ollerenshaw is teaching class 7 on Friday Morning and class 8 in the afternoon.
- Class 5 have Forest School on Friday. Miss Tonks is teaching Class 5.
- Art club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 92.9%

Class 1: 93%

Class 2: 95%

Class 3: 89%

Class 5: %

Class 6: %96

Class 7: 94%

Class 8: 96%

The Orchard: 90%

Well done Classes 5 & 8

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: 12

Tuesday: 15

Wednesday: 7

Thursday: 13

Friday: 12

Total: 59

Looking ahead to the 25th March 2024

- The assembly theme will be 'Easter'.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 7 all week.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 3 on Monday afternoon.
- Pre-loved uniform sale, Easter raffle and bun sale on Monday at 2:30pm outside the school office.
- Dance club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Golden Star assembly on Tuesday for classes 1, 2, 3 and 5 at 8:45am.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching The Orchard on Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 1.
- Craft Club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- There will be a coffee/craft session on Wednesday morning – 9.00am – 11.00am
- Mrs Taylor is teaching in Nursery on Wednesday.
- Mrs Ollerenshaw is teaching class 8 on Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Bailey is teaching class 2.
- Children who attend Nursery on a Wednesday morning will be having an Easter hat parade on Wednesday morning at 11am.
- The rest of the school and the afternoon Nursery children will be having another one in the afternoon at 2:30pm. Children who attend Nursery all week will take part in both parades.
- THERE IS NO AFTER SHCOOL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH.
- Y1 Easter disco on Wednesday 4:30 – 5:30pm.
- Thursday is non-uniform day for a fee of £2.00.
- Mrs Bailey is teaching class 1 on Thursday afternoon.
- Y2 drumming on Thursday afternoon.
- Egg rolling will take place on Thursday on the field at 2:15pm. Could each child please bring a hard-boiled egg.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Break for the Easter holidays! School reopens on Monday 15th April 2024.

After school clubs

Mondays – Dance. 3 – 4pm. Limited spaces.

Tuesdays – Craft Club 3 – 4pm. FULL

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

Thursdays – Gymnastics. 3 – 4pm. Limited spaces.

Fridays – Art club. 3 – 4pm. FULL







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

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Sausage & mash	BBQ chicken meatballs with pasta	Roast chicken with roast potatoes and gravy	Beef chilli with mixed rice	Cheese and tomato pizza and chips
Vegetarian main course	Spanish vegetable Quesadilla	Veggie meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta	Vegetable sausage with roast potatoes and gravy	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	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 Cauliflower	Mixed vegetables Garden peas	Carrots Seasonal greens	Green beans Cauliflower	Baked beans Garden peas
Dessert	Chocolate banana cake	Flapjack with fruit	Chocolate sponge with custard	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

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.

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.

Assembly Theme: Spring Time

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.

	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	air	Review ve ai oi ay	Review el il al Adding suffix
Keywords	like by when little what	giant find laughed again friends different door jumped stopped	Grass class pass past fast last soon food room school air where there
eBooks to share	A trip to the fair.	Revisit A dog in the ditch Pet rabbits Stuck in the rain Snails Play days The annoying troll Tricky witch boils a spell Angry Red is going on holiday	Review Fossils on the beach The little witches and the channel tunnel

Monster
Phonics

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief. We have raised an amazing £200.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

DEVELOPING HEALTHY SLEEP PATTERNS

Quality sleep is paramount for wellbeing as it impacts our cognitive function, emotional balance and overall health. A World Health Organisation study highlighted that 44% of young people reported difficulty sleeping – potentially affecting their mood, concentration and immune system. Our guide offers expert tips for helping children to sleep more healthily.

1 MINDFUL TECH USE

Encourage a balanced approach to screen time. While phones, laptops, tablets and so on can serve as a helpful means of stress relief, it's advisable to minimise their use right before bed. These devices can keep the mind racing long after they're switched off, impacting how easily and how well a person can sleep.

2 EFFECTIVE SLEEP PRACTICES

Offer practical advice on reinforcing certain habits that have a positive influence on sleeping patterns. Children could start keeping a diary which they add to each evening, for example – or they could use up excess energy by exercising during the day.

3 HYDRATION HABITS

Underline the importance of drinking plenty of water throughout the day, while limiting drinks close to bedtime to prevent disruptions during the night. It's a lot harder to switch off if you keep needing to get out of bed for the toilet. Avoiding caffeinated drinks later in the day also allows the body and brain to slow down naturally, without any chemicals firing them back up.

4 CONSISTENT BEDTIME SCHEDULE

Assist children in developing consistent bedtime routines that tell the body it's time to wind down, promoting a more relaxed state. Establish specific activities for young ones right before going to bed – such as brushing their teeth – to set up an association between that action and falling asleep.

5 OPTIMAL SLEEP ENVIRONMENT

Ensure that the bedroom is comfortable, dark and free from distractions, fostering an ideal space for quality rest. The room's temperature should also be suitable for sleeping – that is, not too hot and not too cold – while rooms should be kept as tidy and free of clutter as possible.

6 RELAXING EVENING ACTIVITIES

Recommend activities that have a calming effect on the mind – such as reading or gentle stretching – in the lead up to bedtime, to prepare the mind for a peaceful night's sleep. Doing something quiet, relaxing and low intensity signals to the brain that it's time to rest and makes falling asleep much easier.

7 PRIORITISING ADEQUATE SLEEP

Emphasise the crucial role of sleep in maintaining physical and emotional wellbeing. It's especially important to sustain a healthy sleep pattern during challenging and intensive periods in our lives: during the exam season for children and young people, for instance.

8 NUTRITIONAL BALANCE

Highlight the significance of a healthy, balanced diet – and its role in establishing a more consistent sleep pattern. Try to lean towards preparing meals with plenty of fruit and vegetables, served in reasonable portion sizes: not only is this a lot healthier, but it also reduces the chances of feeling too full to be comfortable in bed.

9 PARENTAL SUPPORT

Parents and carers, of course, are uniquely situated to support their children in establishing and maintaining healthy sleeping habits. Parents can review their own sleep habits (incorporating anything from this list that they don't do already) to model a balanced bedtime routine and reinforce the importance of self-care.

10 MILITARY SLEEP METHOD

Look up 'the military sleep method': it's a technique for falling asleep quickly, which incorporates deep breathing exercises. You could encourage children to try it or even use it yourself. While it can take a good deal of practice to perfect, eventually it will start to feel natural – and the results are often extremely impressive!

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. Winner of the Social Enterprise UK: 'One to Watch' award, the charity provides training and support to education organisations and local authorities. This guide has been written by Adam Gillett – a learning and development specialist who is also Associate Vice-Principal for Personal Development at a large secondary school.











Word of the Week



germination



1. 	3. 	a. 	c. 
2. 	4. 	b. 	d. 



Meaning

- The growth of a seed into a young plant.



Challenge

Can you match the seed to the plant it will grow into?

CELEBRATING WORDS

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Nursery News

We have been busy working on our cutting skills this week. We are getting much better at just using one hand with our scissors and trying to follow a line. We have also been working on our large muscles with outdoor jobs. The sandpit has been cleared and fresh sand added, the mud kitchen has been washed and the tent has had a scrub. Great work Nursery children.

Star of the Week

We can tell that **Teddy Black** is almost 4 because he has been so grown up this week - sharing, helping, taking part in everything he can and having great conversations with the grown-ups. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching him this week with his positive attitude. Well done Teddy.

Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Roxy-Mae Whalen. I have been impressed with Roxy's attitude to learning this week. She tries very hard in everything she does. She listens carefully and shows such determination. She has been a very kind, caring and loyal friend. When someone had a bump in PE, she was the first to offer a support and an arm around the shoulder.

Sheffield Parent Hub

Parents and carers can access a range of groups that offer practical advice and support with parenting. Sheffield Parent Hub deliver evidence-based programmes that have been tried and tested.

To find out more information, please visit the following link: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/sheffield-parent-hub/>

School Photos

The school photographers will be back in school on Monday 25th March to collect photograph orders. Therefore, can you please ensure that any photograph orders are handed back in to school by Thursday 21st March, ready for the photographers collecting. Thank you.



This week's praise board



- Remy Clayton for his easy-going attitude. Remy is always so positive and can work with anyone in class.
- Jax Brown, thank you so much for helping Lucian Worrall when his zip got stuck on his boot. You really made him smile.
- Well done James Smedley, Jack Woodhouse and Oscar Guy for fantastic defending in our outdoor PE lesson.
- Ivy-Jay Sampson-Coopland, you wowed Mrs Moore this week with your keywords!
- Emily Clough, Emilie Lamb and Aubree Donovan you were fantastic in our indoor P.E doing different balances using the equipment.
- Roxy Whalen was really kind to her friend who had hurt herself.
- Kodi Dobson was really kind to a friend when she got hurt at playtime.
- Well done Shay Millington for performing his gymnastics sequence in front of the class. It was super!
- Evie Mallinson-Owens did some beautiful line drawings in art. She took her time and carefully observed our daffodils. She was a superstar!
- Rocco Kelly, thank you for helping your friend when he was upset by holding his hand and talking to him, it was lovely to see.
- Well Done to all of class 6 for their fantastic litter picking effort on a blustery Welly Wednesday.
- Class 6 have been very kind in helping our new friend Skylar settle in.
- Nancy Wharton- Lovett has had such a busy week becoming a big sister again - Congratulations. She's been a little tired but still walked in with a huge smile on her face and a can-do attitude. Well done Nancy!
- Harry Radford is trying so hard with everything. Miss Kane is super proud of you; keep it up.
- Ezra Fort, Shanelle Kiffin, Nancy Wharton- Lovett, Ava Hible and Jonah Thistlewood have been so helpful in every way this week.
- Class 8 have enjoyed welcoming Freddy into their class. We hope he has enjoyed his first week with us.
- George Barrott-Young has made the grown-ups smile this week.
- Thank you to Stanley White in Class 2 for donating some of his unused toys to school. The children in the Orchard are really enjoying them.
- Tommy and Lenny Levitt kindly gave Nursery some amazingly big dinosaurs and dragons to play with. Thank you.
- Ronnie Waters was brilliant at sharing our new dinosaurs and dragons.
- Ava Hallows loves singing and always joins in wholeheartedly and with a big smile.
- Hector Morgan has made us super proud this week.



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Stocksbridge Cubs Food Drive

Here is a breakdown of the events during the month of March:

W.C. 4/3 - I will drop off a box and poster at your school

11/3 - Start of food drive

15/3 - I will visit the schools and do a quick count of items

22/3 - Food drive ends and I will visit schools to pick up collected items

25/3 - Hand over of collected items to the Food Bank (Stocksbridge Scout Hut near bottom of Nanny Hill at 7.00 pm).

A message from the 3rd Stocksbridge Cub Leader

Thanks for making it such a great kick off week to our food drive! It is very close but here is how the schools are currently ranked.

1. Stocksbridge Nursery Infants
2. Wharncliffe Side tied with St. Ann
3. West Meadows
4. Stocksbridge Juniors
5. Stocksbridge High

It is very close! I'll be excited to see how it plays out. Ill pop around schools on the 22nd to pick up final donations.

Heating Replacement

We have been successful in a bid to the DFE to have our heating system replaced. It's been in since the school was built so it's certainly ready for changing.

The main work will begin in the Easter holidays but there will be heating engineers on site over the next couple of weeks trying to get ahead. They will be working underneath school and in the boiler house so normal school running won't be affected.

After Easter, the contractors will continue working from 5.00pm to the early hours. They hope that the whole project will be completed by the end of the Spring Bank Holiday.

The boilers will be removed during Easter and from that point we will have no heating in school. If we hit a cold snap, please make sure your child comes suitably dressed with additional layers. If we have a prolonged cold spell the contractors will lend us some heaters but we have our fingers crossed the sun shines and we don't need them.

Coffee & Craft Morning – Make a wreath in time for Easter.

On Wednesday 27th March we are having a coffee and craft morning for parents and carers. It's from 9.00-11.00am. Please stay once you've dropped your child off – no need to go home and come back again. Come along, have a cuppa and a chat and make an Easter Wreath. It's open to all parents and carers of children aged 0-19 (or up to 25 if they have Special Educational Needs). We're hoping parents from our other local schools will come along and join us too. A person called Emma Ajerlo from the LA is running the session – there is no hidden agenda. If you want more information you can contact her on 07964 122422



Easter Activities

Here's what we have planned for Easter this year.

On Monday 25th March FOSNI are running a little fundraising stall after school from 2.30pm. We'd love your home-made bakes (as these sell really quickly). Pre-loved uniform will be on sale too.

We'd love to run an Easter Raffle. We've asked local businesses if they would donate prizes but we've not had much luck. We wondered if any of our parents worked in businesses who might be kind enough to send us a prize for our raffle, however small.

On Wednesday 27th we are holding our annual Easter Hat parades so get those creative caps and help your child make a hat. We have prizes for each class. Our judges will choose hats where which the children have made rather than adults. The hat parades are at 11.00am for our beginning of the week Nursery children and at 2.30pm for all the other children (including Nursery). Fingers crossed it doesn't rain.

At 4.30pm on Wednesday 27th, we have our Y1 Easter disco. More details to follow.

At 2.15pm on Thursday 28th we will do our annual egg rolling from the top of the hill. Please send your child in with a hard-boiled egg on that day.

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