



Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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What's happening in school next week?

- Our Y2 children transitioning to Stocksbridge Junior School are there Monday to Wednesday. They are finishing at a similar time to us. If you have younger children in school, we will collect them all up and gather them in Class 1 until you arrive. Please come to this classroom to collect.
- All the children will spend time with their new teacher in their new classroom for four separate hours next week.
- Street dance/cheerleading and Book club after school clubs on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Otten is teaching class 8 on Tuesday morning.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Nursery children are visiting Wigfield Farm on Wednesday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Wednesday 10 – 11am.
- **Class 2 only** - Open afternoon on Wednesday for parents to come and meet with existing teacher 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Friday morning.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 3 on Friday morning and class 7 on Friday afternoon.
- Y2 leavers assembly on Friday at Stocksbridge High School 1:30-3:00pm.
- End of year reports will be coming home today.
- Arts & crafts club AND Gardening club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- The lovely Mrs Ellis begins her maternity leave today! We sure will miss her and we wish her well.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 95.5%

Class 1: 89%

Class 2: 100%

Class 3: 97%

The Orchard: 78%

Class 5: 99%

Class 7: 96%

Class 8: 97%

Well done Class 2

Punctuality

Our doors open at 8.20am and learning starts at 8.30am. Our Phonics teaching begins at 9.00am each day. Here's the number of children late this week.

Monday: 7

Tuesday: 6

Wednesday: 9

Thursday: 9

Friday: 5

Total: 36

Looking ahead to the w.b. 7th July 2025.

- The assembly theme will be “Summer”.
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching Class 2 on Monday and Tuesday.
- Street dance/cheerleading AND book club after school clubs on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Tuesday.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching class 2 on Wednesday.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 3 on Wednesday morning.
- Open afternoon 3.00-4.00pm on Wednesday for parents to chat to existing teachers. This is an opportunity to ask any questions you have from your child's report.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Induction Evening for Parents of Nursery children starting in September 2025 – 5.00-6.00pm
- Miss Bennett is teaching class 2 on Thursday and Friday.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching class 3 on Thursday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Friday morning and class 8 on Friday afternoon.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 7 on Friday morning and class 1 on Friday afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Friday between 1:00 – 2:00pm.
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Transition to juniors next week (Monday, Tuesday & Weds)

Parents/carers are requested to walk their child up to the top yard at 8:50am where they will be met by the Y3 staff. Please do not arrive earlier than 8:45am as this allows our older year groups to arrive at their normal time, therefore, ensuring Cedar Road and the school pathway are quieter for our Y2s.

At the end of the day, the children will be brought out to the same yard at 2:50pm. The gate will be opened for parents/carers at 2:45pm.

On Monday 30th June, parents are invited to join us in school for lunch at 11.45am. Our new catering company, Hutchinson's, are kindly offering to fund a school meal for every Y2 child and a parent/carer.

A form was sent out via ParentMail, in order for us to get an idea of numbers for lunch, thank you to the parents who have completed this.

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School Menu Spring/Summer 2025 (All school including Nursery)

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Sweet & sour chicken meatballs & sunny rice	Beef lasagne & garlic bread	Roast chicken with gravy, stuffing and roast potatoes	Margherita pizza & tomato pasta salad	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Cheesy tomato pasta bake	Vegetable chilli rice	Quorn grill, gravy, stuffing and roast potatoes	Cheese flan & home-baked potato wedges	Crispy vegetable fingers & chips
Jacket potato and filling	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	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham	Ham
	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo	Tuna mayo
	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
Vegetables	Garden peas, baked beans	Broccoli, cauliflower & carrots	Broccoli, carrots & sweetcorn	Garden peas or sliced carrots	Garden peas, baked beans
Dessert	Chocolate mousse & fruit slices	Chocolate cookie & orange wedges	Vanilla cupcake	Chocolate crunch 'concrete' & chocolate sauce	Homemade jam sponge & custard

Yoghurt and fruit are also available each day as an alternative to dessert along with a selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water.

Snacks

Please can we remind parents that if they are giving their child grapes for their snack at school, that they need to be sliced in half, length ways. Thank you.

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.

Golden Time.

In school we encourage good behaviour choices through positivity, praise, reward and being good role models. We live our life in school by our Golden Rules. Sometimes children may lose Golden Time (in 5 min slots) because of the choices they have made. This week several parents have challenged teachers over their decision to remove some Golden Time. It really is the decision of the adults in school. It's not something they do lightly as we know how important Golden Time is to the children and they always have the opportunity to win it back. We don't tolerate children being unkind to each other, hurting one another or breaking property – the reasons this week why children have lost some time.

Makaton – Signs of the Week

	
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After school clubs

Mondays – Street Dance/Cheerleading Club – 3:00-4:00pm AND Book Club 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Tuesdays - Multisports Club – 3.00-4.00pm

Wednesdays – Football Club – 3:00-4:00pm - **FULL**

Thursdays – Gymnastics Club – 3.00-4.00pm

Fridays – Arts & Crafts Club 3:00-4:00pm – **AND** Gardening Club – 3.00-4:00pm - **FULL**

Spaces are limited and offered on a first come first served basis. If there is a club that your child would like to attend but there are no spaces available, please contact the school office and we can add them to the reserves list.

Our gardening club will now be busy planting what we have but we still need more. In particular, we would really like some perennial flowers and herbs to plant in and around our annual food plants. If you have any spare plants that may be appropriate we would be very glad to receive them! We also need some watering cans and garden canes if you have any at home that you are not using. Thank you.

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Word of the Week



pupa



Meaning

- An insect in a middle stage as it changes into an adult.



Challenge

Find out and tell me three facts about pupa.

CELEBRATING WORDS

Supporting Maths at Home

Practice adding up and counting skills using money. In a bun tray, write a different amount on a piece of paper and put one in each space. E.g. 23p in one space, 54p in another. Count out coins and put the correct amount in each space. How many ways can you make the same amount?

(Money can be a tricky concept for children to grasp. They will often just count the number of coins regardless of the coin's value.)



SCHOOL UNIFORM

New Uniform

FOSNI now have all remaining stock of new school uniform that was still held in school from when we sold new uniform directly to parents. There are only limited numbers in certain sizes left. Please see the attached table for details of availability and cost. These are being offered at a minimum of 40% discount. Please contact FOSNI directly to purchase

Preloved

FOSNI has a large stock of pre-loved logo-ed school uniform. £1 per item. All items are lovingly washed and ironed before sale by our wonderful FOSNI parents. Please see the attached table for details of availability and contact FOSNI directly to purchase

Iron on badges

FOSNI also sell iron on school logo badges. These are £2.50 each and can be purchased from the school office.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splosion 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of *Daily Star* and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including *IGN*, *TechRadar*, and plenty more.



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Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week



Evie Foster. I cannot believe the transformation in Evie Foster. She is like a completely different girl to the one who started with us in Reception nearly 3 years ago. She is a fabulous friend, a terrific learner - all with her own, unique, quirky sense of humour. Evie is so in control of her own emotions. She's a sharer, a carer and a doer.



Nursery News

It's been a week of bugs and beetles in Nursery. We watched our chrysalises hatching and dug in the dirt for worms as well as making our own bugs from play dough and natural resources.

Star of the Week



Cora Smith is going from strength to strength. She is joining in activities, sings beautifully and is becoming more independent. We are so impressed with how she has risen to challenges in PE.

****PE kits from September 2025****

In September we would like the children to come to school each day in their uniform. They will need a PE kit in school in a named PE bag. Our PE kit is black shorts, a white t-shirt, a pair of pumps and a pair of black jogging bottoms for outdoor PE. We will send this home at the end of each half term for washing. The children will get changed in school for PE lessons and also for sporting after school clubs.

Found – one trainer!

We have received an email from a lovely parent who has found a lone trainer on the pavement heading up Cedar Road from the junior school. It could have quite possibly fallen out of someone's bag. The trainer apparently looks brand new so would be a shame for it to not get back to its owner. The parent who has found it has put it in Stocksbridge Junior Schools lost property but is happy to retrieve it if the owner comes forward to us! It is a black adidas trainer, size 3.5. Unfortunately, there is no name in it.

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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 was excited to show everyone the strawberries she has grown so far in her garden!



Well done to this lovely lad for passing stage 2 in swimming and moving up to stage 3.



This lovely girl was excited to share with us that she gained her first 2 swimming certificates. Well done!



This week's praise board



- Leo Priestly, thank you for being such a kind friend.
- Miss Harrison would like to say well done India and Scarlett for being part of the first ever under 8's girls football team at Stocksbridge Park Steels. That's an amazing thing to be a part of!
- Lucas Carr for putting the lids back onto the bins when they had blown off.
- Mrs Hearnshaw would like to say a big well done to Sewi who is working very hard in Phonics.
- Isaac Ogden did some brilliant sewing this week in DT
- Hope Barnes has done some lovely reading this week, keep it up Hope you're flying now!
- Noah Greaves has made Mrs Moore smile lots this week, thankyou Noah
- Henry Smith found sewing a little tricky but didn't give up and ended up doing a brilliant job. Well done Henry.
- In visualisation this week, Tilly Hall did a great detailed drawing from our book "Walter the Wonderful snail".
- Harry Jackson did some beautiful handwriting this week.
- Thank you, Spencer Minto, for also helping others to tidy up Class 7.
- Lucas Smith did some great reading and phonics- super!
- Ezra Stead has worked hard in phonics this week.
- What wonderful singing this week from Eadie Tazzyman, Isaac Oates, Faolan O'Brien. Grayson Howcroft and Lilly Hinchliffe.
- Well Done to Ori Carr, Sonny Foster and Harry Lodge for some brilliant detailed mapping in maths.
- Ruben from class 8 for fantastic singing and joining in, what a great role model!
- Teddy Hanson has had super pleases and thank yous this week.
- Delilah Greaves was really kind when a friend wanted to paint - showing her how to clip the paper on, where to get water and how to mix the powder up. Thank you, Delilah.
- Miss Adams has been our student in Nursery this year and this was her last week. She's been fab!
- Connor Murphy will always help someone who needs it, even when he hasn't been asked.
- To all Miss. Kane's and Mrs. Moore's Craft clubbers. Thank you all for your wonderful manners and fantastic behaviour. Such a creative bunch who make us smile from ear to ear even after a long week at school. You are all marvelous!



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Tinies and Tots NEEDS YOU!

Who can volunteer?

Everyone is welcome to help: mums, dads, aunties, uncles, grans, grandads, and more!

When?

Every Monday
during term time
9:30am until 11:30am
The Christian Centre
Cedar Road, S36 1AS

We support our volunteers:
Any training or certificates you may need
are provided
including DBS checks, Safeguarding, Food Hygiene, and
Paediatric First Aid.

Don't worry if you're new:
we'll help you every step of the way!

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