



Weekly Newsletter 37 (4th July 2025)

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What's happening in school next week?

- 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. Welcome back from maternity leave Miss Bennett!
- 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.
- Arts & crafts AND Gardening clubs on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to say a very big thank you to our lovely FOSNI team and spouses for putting up our lovely new shed in the yard last weekend. It looks great so THANK YOU so much!

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 96.7%

Class 1: 99%

Class 2: 100%

Class 3: 98%

The Orchard: 89%

Class 5: 95%

Class 7: 99%

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: 12

Tuesday: 10

Wednesday: 4

Thursday: 7

Friday: 5

Total: 38

Looking ahead to the w.b. 14th July 2025.

- The assembly theme will be “All change”.
- Miss Bennett is teaching class 2 on Monday and Tuesday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parent around school on Monday 11:00am – 12:00pm.
- Street dance/cheerleading club 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Golden star assembly on Tuesday 15th July for Nursery, the Orchard and classes 7 & 8. 8:45am.**
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Tuesday.
- Multisports club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Golden star assembly on Wednesday 16th July for classes 1, 2, 3 and 5. 8:45am.**
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 3 on Wednesday morning.
- Mrs Greenwood is teaching class 2 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Open afternoon on Wednesday – meet your child’s new teacher – 3:15 – 4:15pm.
- Vinnies ice-cream van is visiting school on Thursday.
- Gymnastics club on Thursday.
- Friday will be a non-uniform day. A payment item will be set up on Parent Pay for a donation of £2.
- 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.
- Arts & crafts club and Gardening club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- School closes for the summer holidays! School re-opens on Tuesday 2nd September 2025.

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.

Tweak of the Week: Play gentle games outside.

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

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Pork sausage toad in the hole & home-baked potato wedges	Mild chicken curry, mixed wholegrain & white rice	Roast chicken with gravy, stuffing and mashed potato	Wholemeal margherita pizza & pasta salad	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Veggie sausage toad in the hole & home-baked potato wedges	Macaroni cheese	Quorn grill with gravy, stuffing and roast potatoes	Cheese, onion & potato pie & home-baked potato wedges	Cheese flan, chips & ketchup
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	Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots & sweetcorn	Garden peas, sliced carrots	Broccoli, cauliflower & carrots	Carrot & cucumber sticks or garden peas & sweetcorn	Garden peas, baked beans
Dessert	Pinwheel biscuit & orange smiles	Vanilla cookie	Strawberry jelly with watermelon slice	Marble sponge & custard/chocolate sauce	Iced sponge cake

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



Today we said bye to Mrs Ellis for a while. We are sure going to miss her. She's a brilliant teacher and a wonderful colleague. She has taken growing Baby Ellis in her stride as she does everything else. There will be a hole while she's gone, but....

we hope Baby Ellis comes soon and Mr and Mrs E enjoy every moment with their new little bundle. Good luck Jodie. If you take to motherhood as you have to teaching, you'll be top drawer!

Makaton – Signs of the Week



red

[Makaton for 'Red' ♡](#)



okay

[Makaton for 'okay / ok'](#)

See if being signed here.

A Thank You Note!

Dear Stocksbridge Nursery Infant school,

I wanted to write and say a very big thank you. You were all so kind and generous with your cards, notes, and presents. I truly felt like I received a lifetime's worth of compliments!

I miss visiting you each week, especially my dear book clubbers. It was always such a joy to spend time with you all.

Please keep working hard—teachers love it when you try your best, and I know you're all capable of amazing things.

With love and best wishes,

Mrs Bailey

Reach More Parents

We are going to start using this platform to communicate with parents. It is more versatile and will make life easier in school. It's cheaper too than our current one. Later today, you'll receive an email with all the details in how to log in etc. For the remainder of this year, we'll use Reach More Parents and Eschools to allow everyone to get set up. From September, we'll just use Reach More. Parent Pay is integrated into Reach More so all your details, credit etc will be available through the website or the app.

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Word of the Week



peculiar



Meaning

- Different to what is expected, strange



Challenge

How many other words could you use instead of peculiar or strange?

CELEBRATING WORDS

Supporting Maths at Home

It's movie night but what about snacks. Create your own tuck shop. Line up items on the table which are priced. (10p for a lolly, 25p for a packet of crisps). How will you spend £2.00? Will you have any change? What coins will you get back in change?



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 APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week



Poppy Guy. Poppy is a wonderful young person. She has impeccable manners. Poppy seems to know just the right thing to say to make people feel better. She's a trouper – a hard worker, a rule keeper and someone who is just lovely to be around.



Nursery News

What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday. The children fed goats, llamas, sheep and cows, we grunted at pigs lounging in the sun, pretended to be meerkats, stroked the ponies, oohed and aahed over the piglets and found time to dig in the sand and climb on the straw bales. The children were great company and really did us, and you, proud.

Star of the Week



Albie Crofts is such a smashing little chap - capable, helpful, thoughtful and becoming far more confident. Albie asks questions when he wants to know something and always keeps the Golden Rules.

****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.

Summer Reading Challenge 2025.

The Sheffield Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2025, themed "Story Garden," encourages children aged 4-11 to read six or more library books over the summer. The challenge launches on Saturday 5th July, in Sheffield libraries, and ends on Saturday 13th September. Children can participate by visiting their local library, discovering new books, and enjoying fun, imaginative activities. Those who complete the challenge could receive a medal and certificate.

If you would like to take part but your child is not a member at Stocksbridge Library, you can pick up a registration form from the school office. You will then need to sign up to do the challenge with the library.

Tweak of the Week: Play gentle games outside.

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.



Well done to this lovely girl for getting another 2 certificates in swimming! 10 meters and stage 3! Keep it up, that's fabulous!

Lost coat

Please could we ask everyone to check at home if their child has come home with a coat that does not belong to them? The coat is a two-tone blue colour and age 7-8. We have searched all around school and we cannot find it so we are wondering if it has gone home with someone by mistake. Thank you.

Cleaners vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner at Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School. If you are interested, please visit the following link: <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/cleaner-stocksbridge-nursery-infant-school-sheffield-south-yorkshire>

Please find below the latest Eat Smart Newsletter, which includes upcoming grant and training opportunities, information about healthy initiatives and much more!

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/1HIMGOdt276o3BE5?ref=email>



This week's praise board



- Mrs Jennings would like to say a massive well done to Mrs Ellis, you made it!! Now relax and wait for the arrival of Baby Ellis.
- Mrs Jennings would also like to say thank you to **ALL** of Class 2 for looking after Mrs Ellis for her while she has been off school.
- Phoebe Harvey, Skyla Taff and Ava Halliday always sing so beautifully in our Leavers rehearsals.
- Thank you to India Briggs and Layali-Mekkah Lahdiri for being dedicated choir members.
- Adem Boudabouza has such lovely manners. Thank you for being so polite to everyone around you.
- Well done Rosie Wainwright for using her 2, 5 and 10 times table to count coins.
- Olivia Stokes asked what a word meant in assembly as she didn't understand it. That's great Olivia.
- Thankyou Olivia Stokes for very kindly and patiently helping one of our friends from the orchard put his Hi Vis jacket on at lunchtime and help him outside
- Billie Brown made Mrs T feel better this week when she told her that you're never too old to have a party!
- Thank you, Billie Brown and Ada-Grace Shaw who did a brilliant job of, tidying the hall after lunchtime.
- Mrs Turner is so proud of George Barrott-Young this week, he has worked really hard on his phonics!
- Thank you George Barrott-Young for helping Sara wipe the tables at lunch time.
- 'Mrs Townsend!' called Lucian on Monday as she walked down the corridor. 'Nice outfit.' he said.
- Thankyou Jazmine Attard and Tilly Anderson for helping their friends in Maths this week when they were finding things a little tricky.
- Well done to Emily Jowitt for practising using money at home with her own shop.
- Thank you for being such a kind and supportive friend this week
- Thank you, Rosalie Roberts, for baking your friends in class 5 some biscuits last week they were delicious.
- Thank you, Henry Smith, for retrieving lost playground equipment and putting it away!
- Seb Wood has worked hard in phonics this week. Keep it up, Seb!
- Harry Radford wrote a fantastic poem about a spider. Well done, Harry!
- Teddy Hanson has had amazing manners during transition this week.
- Noa Worrall's independent skills are top notch. She knows how to look after herself, listens well and can seek help on the rare occasion that she should need it. She's all ready for school.
- Teddy Hanson is kind to friends in Nursery who don't always find following instructions as easy as he does. He shows them what they should be doing and helps them. The grown-ups on the trip also commented on Teddy's excellent manners.
- Charlie Ibbotson-Daw always involves the most reluctant of players in his games. Well done for being kind.
- Oakley Rooke is so enthusiastic - always. He has a real zest for life.



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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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