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What's happening in school next week?

- We begin our theme teaching next week. For the first 3 weeks of school we focus on getting the children settled, their Personal, Social and Emotional well-being. We take time to get to know them and for them to get to know their new grown-ups.
- Mrs Townsend is not in school on Monday and Tuesday. There will be no one additionally supervising gate for Class 8 in the mornings on these days.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 8 on Monday. Mrs Veale is supporting Class 8 all day.
- Mrs Hearnshaw is supporting in Class 7 on Monday morning.
- Dance club with Jade on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Sewing club with Miss Spencer on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Gymnastic club with Miss Price on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Football club with Lee on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- On Thursday, our Y2 children will be going on a local walk.
- Mrs Townsend is teaching Class 5 on Thursday afternoon.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 3 on Thursday afternoon.
- Multisport club with Jade on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around on Friday at 9:15 – 10:15am.
- **Friday 26th Sept is Macmillan Cake Day – children can bring in cakes and donate either bringing in coins or via ParentPay – a payment item will be set up in due course. Any cakes left over will be sold outside the school office at the end of the day.**
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Friday afternoon.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 7 on Friday afternoon.
- Arts & Crafts club AND Gardening club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 96.2%. Yeah!!!!

Class 3: 91%

The Orchard: 100%

Class 5: 93%

Class 6: 99%

Class 7: 99%

Class 8: 95%

Well done The Orchard

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: 2

Tuesday: 9

Wednesday: 2

Thursday: 1

Friday: 2

Total: 16

Not sure what happened on Tuesday but punctuality is so much better this year. Thank you!

Celebrating 100% attendance each week.

The lucky winners this week were.... Rowan Dennis-Wild, Ruben Cotton and Tilly Hall.

Looking ahead to the w.b. 29th September 2025.

- The assembly theme will be 'Being in my world – Jigsaw'.
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- **Thursday is school census day. It would help school if you could encourage your child to choose a school lunch today! The menu is as below.**
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- Multisport club with Jade on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 5 on Friday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Friday afternoon.

After school clubs – starting w/c 08/09/2025 for Y1 and Y2.

Mondays – Dance Club – still spaces available AND Sewing Club - FULL – 3.00-4.00pm.

Tuesdays – Gymnastics Club – 3.00-4.00pm. Still spaces available.

Wednesdays – Football Club – 3.00-4.00pm. FULL.

Thursdays – Multisport Club – 3.00-4.00pm. Still spaces available.

Fridays – Arts & crafts club – a few spaces left AND Gardening club – a few spaces left – 3.00-4.00pm.

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.

Reading Volunteers

Some of our parents and grandparents come into school each week to listen to children read. We're very grateful for their support. If you are interested in doing this and can spare an hour or two each week, please pop in and let us know. We'd love your help. We would need to carry out a DBS check for safeguarding reasons. Your children might talk about reading with Peter, Anne, Dawn, Mrs Charlesworth or Sandra, these are our volunteers.

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.

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 (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 are **very** hungry by the end of the club.

Roofing Work – Class 8, Scaffolding and Alpine Road.

The roofing work is almost complete. The scaffolding is being taken down on Tuesday 23rd September. This may make some noise although they took some down this week and we didn't even notice. The contractors will remove all their materials from school on Tuesday too. Alpine Road may be a little busy on Tuesday. We will keep the small yard closed next week so that it can be cleaned, sorted and set up ready for Monday 29th. Class 8 parents and carers should continue to use the path up to Nursery next week. From the 29th, the children will be able to enter Class 8 from the small yard.

Assembly Theme: Our Golden Rules

Supporting Reading at Home

When your child is reading to you, ask them questions about what they have read.

- What just happened there?
- Why do you think he did that?
- What do you think is going to happen next?

It helps your child's understanding of what they've read. At the end of the story you could ask your child to sum it up. This is quite a sophisticated skill. Our youngest children may just do a complete retell so make sure you have time!

Other ways to support reading at home:



If your child is reluctant to read their school book with you, you read it to them instead.

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Word of the Week



dweller



Meaning

- A person or animal that lives in a specific place.


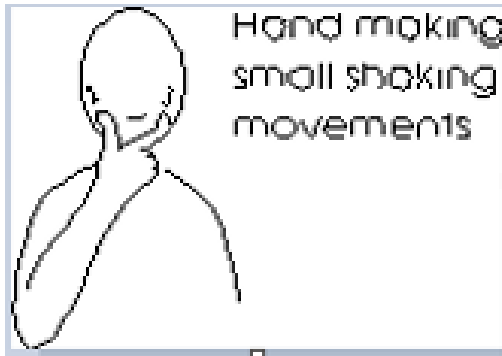


Challenge

What dweller could live in these places. Tell Mrs T via SeeSaw.

CELEBRATING WORDS

Makaton – Signs of the Week

	
rainbow	laugh
See if being signed here.	
Rainbow	To Laugh

Sing With Me!

The National Literacy Trust have produced a lovely booklet of Nursery Rhymes for parents and carers to sing with their young children.

It's available here. If you'd like a hard copy, please let us know and we'll print you one off.

[Sing With Me digital.pdf](#)

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Growing Wild @ SNIS

Our growing wild @ SNIS has got off to a flying start with our Gardening Club taking the lead on composting in school.

Soil is not just the stuff that stops the plants falling over. Healthy plants (and healthy people) starts with health soil. Composting is a win: win for everyone. It helps us reduce our food waste, by recycling our left-over snacks. It helps the minibeasts who live in the compost bin, by giving them a lovely home to live in and food to eat, which in turn helps the wildlife that rely on the bugs to feed themselves. And at the end of the process we get lovely grubby compost to grow our plants in, which help keep all of us, and the planet, happy and healthy too.

Our gardeners have been learning about the composting process and also helping us get our compost bins ready for the food waste that we're collecting. Two of our gardeners will be our composting champions each week, helping to collect food waste for composting. We also got a little bit distracted checking out all of the lovely ladybirds that were living around the compost bins! Which has inspired us to do a survey of the wildlife around the bins as a baseline that we can then use to compare as we make our composts, to see if all of our busy gardening and composting is helping to increase biodiversity at school.

So much fun! The World needs more gardeners. Our green fingered club members are just the beginning of our climate action aspirations at SNIS. Watch this space for more info!



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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 500 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boasts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 'streak' icon. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2023, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you mature an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgmentally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Breakfast Club

We currently have 9 children on our breakfast club. Unfortunately, this number does not make it feasible to keep running the club. If anyone is interested in joining the club, please email us on breakfastclub@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk – if we are unable to get the numbers up, we will have no option other than to stop running it and to give parents who have children in the club notice that it will end at the end of September.

Universal Credit and childcare

Did you know that you may be able to claim back up to 85% of your childcare costs if you're eligible for Universal Credit? You (and your partner if you live with them) will usually need to either:

- be working - it does not matter how many hours you or your partner work
- have a job offer

How much you'll get - The most you can get back each month is:

£1,031.88 for one child

£1,768.94 for 2 or more children

How to claim - You can claim online via your Universal Credit portal by clicking on Report Childcare Costs. You can claim costs as soon as you have paid them. You will just need a monthly invoice from school, which the school office can provide for you.

More info is available at <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit> or contact the school office on 0114 2883019, enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk or pop in for a chat in person between 8am-4pm Monday to Friday.

Message sent on behalf of Education & Childcare Commissioning Team, SCC

We are asking parents and carers to tell us about their childcare needs and experiences of childcare by responding to our survey. Parents / Carers views of the Government's early years childcare support schemes and school wraparound childcare is important.

The more replies we receive the clearer we are, of the childcare needs amongst families and where additional support is needed by parents to find places.

This year's Childcare Survey for parents can be completed [here](#)

This survey closes on Wednesday 22 September 2025.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine

Please remember to fill in your consent form for the seasonal flu nasal vaccine that will be given in school in November. An email was sent last week with instructions on how to complete the consent form.

Thank you.

Message from ParentPay – PLEASE READ!!!!

We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding. Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, they have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware: ParentPay **does not** have an app available for download from any app stores. To use ParentPay, parents should visit **<https://www.parentpay.com/>** from a mobile phone or computer.

After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen

Community Warming Project

Could you benefit from free home energy efficiency and saving measures? With winter on the way our Community Warming Project could be just what many households need.

They offer the following simple insulation and energy efficiency measures to households: - door curtains, door sausages, draught excluding tape, radiator reflectors, pipe lagging, LED bulbs.

So far, we have worked with more than 50 local householders including families, disabled, and elderly people. This service is provided free of charge to eligible households (a simple personal circumstance check we carry out in complete confidence) and all work is carried out by professional handy people.

If you'd like a chat about what UDCE can do please contact Rob to coordinate a meeting with Pete Riley, director at Upper Don Community Energy.

You can also find details about the project here: <https://www.udcommunityenergy.co.uk/cwp.html>

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Welcome Back Information from Admissions

RECEPTION 2026/27

Letters will be going out to relevant parents on or around the 5th September, advising them about the need to apply for a school place in the 2026/27 Reception year group. These are parents of children born between the 1st September 2021 and the 31st August 2022. Parents are advised to make their applications online at:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare>

Parents also have the option to apply using a paper application form. I have attached a copy of this application form in case it is helpful for you to print this out and give it to parents. There is also a Guidance Sheet attached to help parents with completing their application.

Important Dates (for your information):

Applications invited from: 5th September 2025

On-line site closes: 5th December 2025 (noon)

Closing date: 15th January 2026

Offer date: 16th April 2026

Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Ben Graham. He was incredibly brave when he had an accident last week. He has been brilliant in school this week. Lots of children have volunteered to stay inside with him to play and keep him company because he's such a friendly little chap. Ben has shared his experience with his classmates as he doesn't want anyone else to have an accident. Thanks Ben, such a helpful thing to do.

Nursery News

What a lot of fun we have had this week. We have looked at how we are similar as well as the differences between us all. We learnt about each other's families, pets and what we like to do at home. It's great to hear the children starting to chat to us all more as they settle and find their feet.

Star of the Week

Rowan Legdon has been with us in Nursery for quite a little while now but wow - what a fabulous young man he is becoming. Rowan is always trying to do his best and we just can't ask for more than that. Superstar!

Assembly Theme: Our Golden Rules

Parents/Carers,

The School Nursing team from the Sheffield Children's Hospital will attend school to carry out the height and weight screening, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), and the hearing screening, during this academic year.

In addition, the Vision team from the Sheffield Children's Hospital will attend school to carry out the vision check.

If you would like support or to discuss your child's health, i.e. eating, sleeping, toileting issues, etc., please copy the link below to complete the "Ready for School" questionnaire.

<https://www.sheffield.childscreening.co.uk/Forms/SHQ>

Please complete the questionnaire **before 16th October 2025**.

Your unique school code for Stocksbridge Nursery and Infant School is SF149119

If you wish to opt out of this screening then please send an email to scn-tr.ncmpoptout@nhs.net **before 16th October 2025**.

Please include in your email the following details:

- Name of child who you are opting out for
- Date of birth of the child
- School the child attends
- Which screening you are opting out of

For more information about the program please visit website:

<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/school-nursing/school-entry-health-screening/> or call

Admin: 0114 3053224 (option 4)

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This week's praise board



- Amelia Menhennet is a super ladybird spotter! This eagle eyed minibeast hunter was finding them all over the meadow during gardening club last week, to the delight of all her green fingered friends. They were 7 spot native ladybird, which were a delight to find as they are having a hard time competing with the multi-spotted harlequin invaders! We've included a ladybird spotter guide in the attachments in case you want to go on a bug hunt yourself.
- Ted Guy is so kind. He always offers to help people if they need it.
- Isaac Ogden has such lovely manners and has been very helpful in class this week.
- Adem Boudabouza is always doing the right thing at the right time.
- Emily Jowitt made Miss Harrison smile this week with her lovely singing in class.
- Isaac Cheetham showed fantastic concentration during a science lesson on Evie labelling different parts of a skeleton.
- Evie Taff has just been an amazing friend to Fern this past couple of weeks, it's very heart-warming to see her compassion towards others.
- Darcie Simmons has made Mrs Moore smile as every lunchtime this week Darcie has used her lovely manners each time she's needed help opening a sachet with her lunch.
- George Barrott-Young for always being great to have a chat with!
- Thankyou Leah Price for doing fantastic tidying up outside.
- Opie Galston, you did a great job of persevering when trying to open a rapper in your packed lunch box. Well Done.
- Olive Reed and Margot Parker-Hardwick have been great friends this week including other members of Class 6 into their board games.
- Destiny Ryan was such a kind friend in maths this week helping a friend find the correct number of bears!
- Zachary Golightly and George Gibson did great counting in maths this week when they had to find different amounts of bears. Mrs Moore tried to trick them but they were too good!!!
- Charlie Christian and Iris Burnham-Wake were great partners during indoor PE.
- Charlotte Halliday blew us away in phonics this week.
- Thank you to Lucas Smith for sharing his knowledge of the solar system.
- Freya Sawicki had brought some conkers for class 7 to look at, thank you.
- Oliver Wright has been so kind and helpful this week.
- Thank you to Willow Harvey, Ava Dawson and Dakota Rogers helping to keep the playground tidy.
- Charlie Hodgkinson, Freddie Christian and Ryla Hirst had some smashing ideas for their dot day pictures - very creative!
- Lujack Rees just has lovely manners every day.
- Tommy Kaye has just had such a super week and has worked super-duper hard to listen to instructions.
- Carter Bowskill was very enthusiastic in our science lesson this week. He is enjoying learning about the human body.
- Sophie Pickwell has been busy helping her sister, Amber Pickwell, learning some sounds and keywords. The video on Seesaw was lovely to watch.
- What a week for Finn Westby: he spotted a sink about to overflow in the bathroom so rushed in to turn the taps off (phew), he tidied all the bikes away because he just knew the job needed doing and he worked very hard with Harry Sawicki to shovel the never-ending piles of acorns.
- Paige Leuty just makes her teachers smile - lots.
- Finley Foster had some lovely manners in PE - what a gentleman



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.



Player of the day at football after school club last week. Great stuff young man.



10m swimming certificate for this fine fellow. He was very proud of his achievements.




A round of applause for this green fingered gardener, who encouraged his family to set up a compost bin after learning about composting at Gardening Club last week!

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STOCKSBRIDGE RUFC JUNIORS RUGBY UNION TRAINING

**Every
Wednesday
5.30-6.30pm**

 **Coal pit lane-
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GIRLS AND BOYS WELCOME

Starting 24th September 2025



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Events

INDOOR Table Top SALE 2025

Sunday 12th October
10am - 1pm (Stalls set up from 9:00am)

Free entry and car parking

For further information, including stall prices, or to book a table: please visit our website or contact the Centre

By phone: 0114 288 3792

Or email: admin@stocksbridgeclc.co.uk

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