



Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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What's happening in school next week?

- Please note that Jacket Potato is back on the dinner menu every day.
- Vision Screening for our Reception children on Monday.
- Miss Kane is teaching 5 on Monday afternoon.
- Sewing club and Hockey club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Townsend available to show parents around school on Tuesday 1:30 – 2:30pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 8 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Games & sports skills club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Y1 & Y2 Christmas multi-skills Festival at Stocksbridge High School on Tuesday 3:45 – 4:45pm.
- Mrs Taylor teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- **Noisy Nativity on Wednesday 10th December 2025 9:00 – 10:00am – this is for Parents of class 6 and half of class 7 – Parents who have tickets for today, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THEM WITH YOU.**
- Mrs Townsend is teaching Class 5 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Classes 3 & 5 are going to the Christian Centre for Christingle making on Wednesday, 1.30pm. **Can any parents support walking the children there and back and making the Christingles? Please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Thank you.**
- Our choir is singing down on Manchester Road on Wednesday at 4.00pm.
- Nursery Nativity on Wednesday 10th December at 4.00pm.
- NO FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY – you have not been charged for this session.
- Nursery Induction Evening on Wednesday for parents of children joining us in January 2026. It's at 5.30pm.
- **Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December. Please send your child to school in their Christmas jumpers/t-shirts/dresses etc. There is a payment item set up on ParentPay to donate.**
- **Noisy Nativity on Thursday 11th December 2025 9:00 – 10:00am – this is for parents of class 8 and the other half of class 7 - Parents who have tickets for today, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THEM WITH YOU.**

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 95.2%

Class 3: 92%

The Orchard: 95%

Class 5: 93%

Class 6: 96%

Class 7: 98%

Class 8: 97%

Well done Class 7

Punctuality

We started the year so well and punctuality was great. It has slipped over the last few weeks with more children arriving late each day.

Monday: 4

Tuesday: 6

Wednesday: 10

Thursday: 6

Friday: 3

Total: 29

- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Thursday afternoon.
- Dance club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching Nursery on Friday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 3 on Friday afternoon.
- If things in Santa's workshop are going to plan, Alfie the Elf may be able to visit next Friday. Hopefully he'll be able to tell the children all about what has been happening in the toy workshop this year and what antics Santa has been up to.
- Arts & crafts club & Gardening club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

The winners of the 100% attendance random wheel spinners this week were:

Connor Murphy, Treven Saif, & Riley Fleetwood.

The winners of the 'on time every day' random wheel spinner this week were:

Ava-Marie Proud, Alfie Chappell and Maddie Harwood.

Looking ahead to the 15th December 2025.


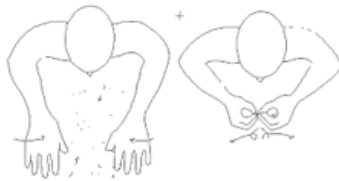

- The assembly theme will be 'Winter Wonderland'.
- Y2 Nativity – A Midwife Crisis on Monday 15th December 2025 9:00 – 10:00am.
- We are taking classes 6, 7 and 8 to Alpine Lodge to sing to the residents on Monday morning.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Monday afternoon.
- Sewing club and Hockey club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Golden Star Assembly on Tuesday for classes 6, 7, 8 and Nursery 8:45am.**
- Tuesday 16th December is Christmas Lunch day complete with table decorations and crackers.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 8 on Tuesday afternoon.
- Games & sports skills club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Wednesday 17th December is Christmas Party Day! Children should come to school in their party outfits. Hopefully the man in red will make a visit. Puzzling Paul is coming to entertain the children.
- Party lunch day on Wednesday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Wednesday afternoon 1:30 – 2:30pm.
- Football club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Golden Start assembly on Thursday 18th December for classes 3, 5 and the Orchard 8:45am.**
- We are taking class 3 & 5 to Alpine Lodge to sing to the residents on Thursday morning.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Thursday afternoon.
- Classes 7 & 8 are going to the Christian Centre for Christingle making at 1.30pm on Thursday. **Can any parents support walking the children there and back and making the Christingles? Please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Thank you.**
- Dance club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Non-uniform day on Friday 19th December 2025.
- **THE GREAT RAINBOW RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN IN FAB FRIDAY ASSEMBLY!**
- Classes 6 are going to the Christian Centre for Christingle making at 10.00am on Friday. **Can any parents support walking the children there and back and making the Christingles? Please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Thank you.**
- Miss Spencer teaching Nursery on Friday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 3 on Friday afternoon.
- Arts & crafts club AND gardening club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Break for Christmas holidays. Phew! School re-opens on Monday 5th January 2026.

School Menu Autumn/Winter 2025 (All school including Nursery)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Pork sausage & mash with gravy	Beef pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Roast Chicken with gravy, Yorkshire pudding & roast potatoes	Wholemeal margherita pizza & home-baked jacket wedges	Battered pollock & chips
Vegetarian main course	Veggie sausage & mash with gravy	Plant based pasta Bolognese & garlic bread	Quorn grill, gravy, Yorkshire pudding & roast potatoes	Macaroni cheese	Cheese flan & chips
Jacket potato and filling/pasta	Jacket potato with tuna mayo, cheese or beans	Jacket potato with tuna mayo, cheese or 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 or salmon 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, broccoli, baked beans	Broccoli, cauliflower & carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Garden peas or sliced carrots	Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Dessert	Shortbread pin wheels & fruit slices	Chocolate fudge cake	Apple sponge & custard	Flapjack	Chocolate mousse

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

Makaton – Signs of the Week

	
winter	present
See if being signed here.	
Winter - Makaton Sign of the Week	Makaton for 'Present' 

Assembly Theme: 'Winter Wonderland'

Phonics, Keyword and Reading at home.

The children will begin their daily phonics lessons in class next week. We use Monster Phonics. Information about the scheme can be found on our website. Each week we'll let you know what sounds (phonemes) the children will be learning and which keywords (sometimes called Common Exception Words or High Frequency Words) they need to have learnt to read and in Year One and Two to spell by the end of the week.

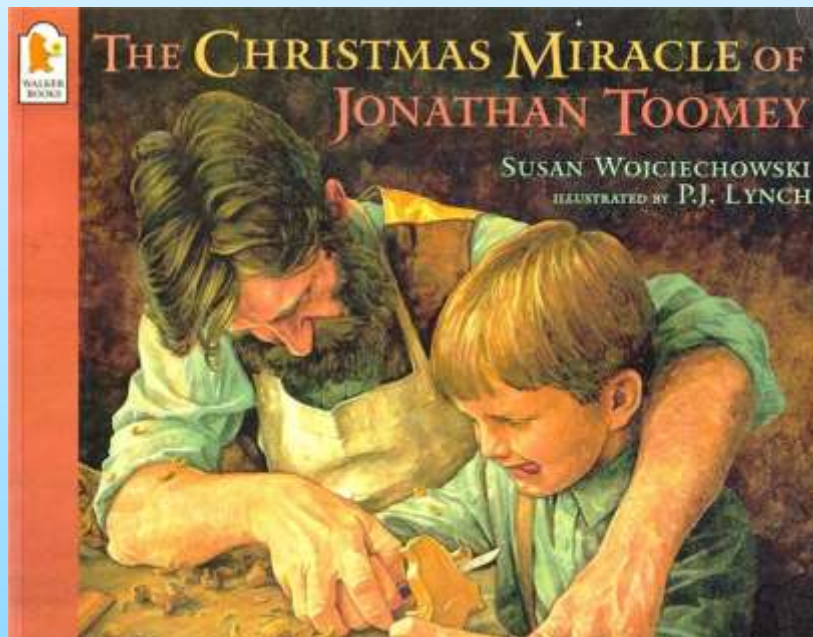
It's really important that the children practise at home so that they keep up.

Autumn 1 Week 12	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	ar	ou ow	Ti i
Keywords	It's assessment week – no new words.	play way say may away been need keep feet snow grow window know	eye who Mr Mrs

Monster
Phonics

Supporting reading at home.

[This is a beautiful Christmas story.](#) I couldn't find it read with an English accent. If anyone wants to borrow the book, please ask.



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Word of the Week



festive



Meaning

- It means something that we do when we celebrate or have fun.



Challenge

Which of these festive things do you like to do?

CELEBRATING WORDS

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2016 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.



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Miss Harrison

Our lovely Miss Harrison is leaving us at Christmas. She is off to a lovely little school in Chesterfield. Miss Harrison has brought something lovely to our school. She is a bundle of energy and fun. Cara joined us as a new teacher 3 years ago and oh, how she has developed. Her strength has always been about the wonderful relationships she forms with the children. She has 101 funny little sayings that the children love. We wish Miss Harrison well in the next part of her teaching career and we thank her for what she has brought to our school.

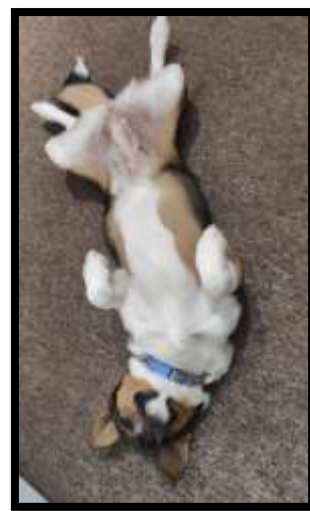
From January, Mr Barker will teach Class 5 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Mrs Alyson Cann will teach Class 5 on Thursdays and Fridays. Aly also works at Stannington Infant School, also part of Peak Edge Trust. She is lovely and we know she'll fit right into our school. She is spending the day with Class 5 and Mr B next Thursday to get to know the children a little before we finish for Christmas.

Toffee, the School Dog.

Miss Marshall has rescued lovely Toffi who is in training to become our school dog. Toffi will be based in the office and will be supervised by Tracy at all times (or Mrs T if she gets her own way!) We have a risk assessment in place for her. **If we have any children who are frightened of dogs or who have an allergy to them, please would you let a member of the office team know.**

We are going to introduce Toffi gradually to school and to the children. The children were wonderful with Derek when he visited this week, and they've always enjoyed it when I've brought William in. A child was having a tricky morning on Tuesday and Derek and his handler, Gill, popped in to see if Derek could help. Oh, he did! We know that pets can help in ways that humans can't sometimes and we are looking forward to having Toffi so that she can support some of our children if and when they are finding things tricky.

I think Toffi will add something extra and lovely to our already fab school. Apparently, she loves a belly rub!



Sheffield Parent Hub

Each half-term, the Sheffield Parent Hub inform us and highlight any upcoming seminars, discussion groups or workshops that they are offering to Sheffield parents and have asked us to share the links and signpost our parents to possibly book themselves onto these:

[Risk Outside The Home Seminar 1318 | Sheffield](#) 09.12.25, 9.30am, Astrea Academy

[Raising Resilient Children 1325 | Sheffield](#) 10.12.25, 10.00am, online

[SEND Workshop 1333 | Sheffield](#) 10.12.25, 10.00am, First Start Family Hub

[Positive Parenting for Children with Additional Needs \(0-12 SEND\) 1309 | Sheffield](#) 11.12.25, 10.00am, online.

They have also advised that we can share the Sheffield Directory Link with parents which gives information about our offer and again parents can book themselves on or express an interest in one of our full parenting programmes:

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/parent-hub-events/>

Christmas Cards

We don't hand out class lists anymore for GDPR reasons so that children can send cards to everyone in their class. If your child wants to send Christmas cards, we ask that they send a few to their close friends. Please use it as an opportunity for your child to write their own cards; it's a real reason to write and if they are sending them just to close friends, it's also more meaningful. We're also doing our bit to save the planet.....cutting our carbon footprint!

Christmas Fair at Alpine Lodge

On Sunday 7th December, Alpine Lodge are holding a Christmas fair 2:00 – 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Wrapping

We have bought all the children a gift to receive from Santa on Party Day. Would anyone mind wrapping up a Class set for us please. We'll provide the paper. If you can help, please pop to the school office. Thank you in advance.



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What's happening for Christmas in school this year?

9th December – 3.00-4.45pm – KS1 Christmas Multi-skills Festival at SHS.

10th December - 9.00am – Noisy Nativity Performance 1 for parents in Class 6, Class 7 (Surnames I-Z unless alternative date requested).

A reminder to parents to

a) bring your tickets

b) organize for younger siblings to be cared for.

c) not to use your mobile phones on the school premises. Please don't film or take pictures. Mrs T will take photos and share with you.

10th December – 1.30pm Christingle Making at SB Christian Centre – Classes 3 & 5.

10th December – 4.00pm Nursery Nativity

10th December – 4.00pm Members of the choir are singing in Stocksbridge.

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day. Donations via ParentPay to Save the Children.

11th December- 9.00am – Noisy Nativity Performance 2 for parents of Class 8, Class 7 (Surnames A-H unless alternative date requested).

12th December - If Santa can spare him from the workshop, Alfie the Elf may visit.

15th December – 9.00am – A Midwife Crisis – Classes 3 & 5.

15th December – 11.00am. Classes 6,7 & 8 are singing their Christmas Songs across at Alpine Lodge to the residents.

16th December – Christmas Dinner Day complete with crackers and Christmas Music.

17th December – Christmas Party Day. The children should come to school in their party clothes. No high heels, jewelry and remember, we'll still be playing outside. Puzzling Paul will be here to entertain us and the kitchen staff are making us a lovely party lunch.

18th December – 11.00am. Classes 3 & 5 are singing their Christmas Songs across at Alpine Lodge to the residents.

18th December - 1.30pm Christingle Making at SB Christian Centre – Classes 7 & 8.

19th December - The Great Rainbow Raffle Draw!

19th December - 10.00am Christingle Making at SB Christian Centre – Classes 6.

Assembly Theme: 'Winter Wonderland'



FOSNI RAINBOW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



PINK - CLASS 3

RED - THE ORCHARD

ORANGE - CLASS 5

YELLOW - CLASS 6

GREEN - CLASS 7

BLUE - CLASS 8

PURPLE - NURSERY



Our raffle collection is now closed. Tickets for the raffle go on sale on Monday. They are £1.00 per strip. The children can either bring in their money or you can buy the strips via Parent Pay. We'll draw the raffle on the last day of term. The bags are so full - thank you very much!

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Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week



Poppy Hodgkinson. It has been lovely to know Poppy a little more these last few weeks. I am so glad that she is sharing more about how she feels so that the grown-ups in school can help her. What I've learnt about Poppy is that she has a fabulous sense of humour and she's just good fun to be around.

Nursery News

Christmas has definitely started in Nursery. We have decorated the tree, enjoyed festive puzzles and games, mixed Christmas soup in the water tray and learnt all about Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. All this thrown in with some singing and acting on the stage...it's getting closer!

Star of the Week

Finley Foster is such a reliable member of Nursery - always in the right place at the right time and doing the right thing too. Finley is chatty, friendly and always ready to learn.

Who has mastered a reading colour band this term so far? (These books are designed to practice a range of reading skills and develop a love of books and reading.)	Who has learnt all their keywords this term so far? (Knowing keywords, high frequency words and/or common exception words means your child will be able to read more fluently and be less reliant on sounding out).
<p>Harry Ward, Connor Booth-Bell, Pippa Housley, Faolan O'Brien, Remi Guy, Ezra Fort, Logan Barden</p> 	<p>Teddy Eady, Jonah Thistlewood, Riley Freestone, Adem Boudabouza, Riley Fleetwood</p> 



This week's praise board



- Harry Ward remembered what a QuarterMaster is.
- Lyssie Redwood-Peace has blown us away in maths this week.
- Maddie Harwood is doing great singing in the Nativity.
- Harry Kaine has been helping keep our classroom tidy.
- Emily Jowitt has lovely manners and has been spotted singing so beautifully.
- George Harwood has been trying his best to keep our Christmas tree looking fabulous – and is stopping it falling over!
- Thank you to Harry Kaine and Shanelle Kiffin who did the biggest, quickest cloakroom tidy on Wednesday before Mrs T showed some parents around. She's employed them in this role now!
- Rosalie Roberts is just such a fab little girl. She is polite, kind, considerate and thoughtful.
- Tommy Digman has done some fantastic singing in our nativity practice.
- Tia Bee did some great cutting with the scissors in DT this week
- Ava-Marie proud has been such a kind friend.
- We had some subtracting wizards in Class 7 this week. Well done Freya Sawicki, Alyssa Williams and Lilly Hinchcliffe.
- Connor Murphy is blowing us away with his reading!
- Bennie Fiddler, you are never far away with a hug and a smile, thank you
- Thank you, Isabelle Bulbrook, for helping Miss Miles do the register in the afternoons.
- Lujack Rees has been very kind and helpful.
- Spencer Minto is working hard on his handwriting and making sure his letters sit on the lines correctly.
- Harry Sawicki did some fantastic talking this week
- Ruby Cain-Allan and Oliver Lodge have threaded so many beads to decorate their trees
- Thank you to Oscar, Charlie and Harriett who donated some of their pre-loved toys to Nursery. We have already enjoyed playing with them.
- Well done to the choir who sang beautifully at the Christmas Fair.
- A big well done to Mrs Otten too for organising.



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Come and join us for lots of fun this Christmas holiday... learning and playing some of the coolest, smartest, fast witted and amusing board games from across the world.

Lots of amazing new games that are hot off the press, ready for you this festive period! As well as the usual favourites that you all enjoy.

Free for
Children &
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Lunch is Included!

It's going to be Snow much fun!

Parson Cross Library
Monday, 22nd December
10am - 2pm

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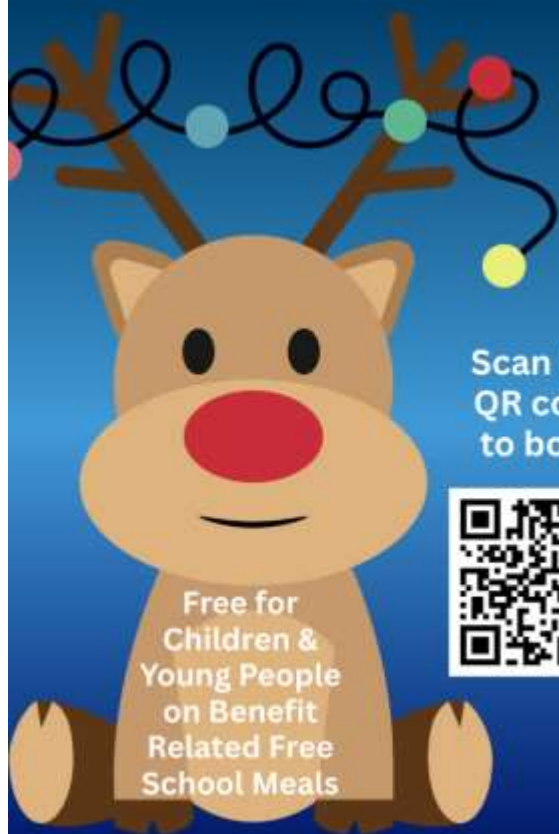
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Chapeltown Library
Monday, 22nd December
10am - 2pm



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**Firth Park Library
Tuesday, 23rd December
10am - 2pm**



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Sheffield Healthy Holidays

FREE activities coming up this Christmas!

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Bookings Go LIVE!

28th Nov @ 3pm

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Activity & Age	When	Organisation	How to Book
Skateboard Coaching & Active Games 7-17 yrs	Mon 22 nd Mon 29 th 11am-4pm	The House Skatepark, Unit D Bardwell Road, S3 8AS	Scan the QR code or call 0114 249 0055
Ultimate Activity Camp Hillsborough 6-13 yrs	Mon 22 nd Tues 23 rd Mon 29 th 9.30am-3.30pm	Hillsborough Leisure Centre, Beulah Road, S6 2AN	www.onthemove.org.uk or call 07903492712
Festive Family Disco 5-11 yrs	Fri 19 th 5pm-7pm	Niagara Centre, S6 1LU	Scan the QR code or call 0114 327 1670/ 07481004230
Ultimate Activity Camp Stocksbridge 6-13 yrs	Tues 23 rd 10am-3pm Tues 30 th 9.30am-12.30pm	Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre, Moorland Drive S36 1EG	Scan the QR code or www.onthemove.org.uk call 07903492712
Mixed Marshal Arts & Activity Club 7-16 yrs	Mon 22 nd Tues 23 rd Weds 24 th 10am-2pm	481 Manchester Road, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S36 1DH	Scan the QR code or call 07500846862

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