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What's happening in school next week?

- Miss Kane is teaching The Orchard on Monday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Monday 1:30 – 2:30pm.
- Sports club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mums, grandparents, aunts, carers, dads (we really don't mind who), are invited to a Mothers' Day Breakfast on either Tuesday morning (10th) or Friday (13th) from 7.45am onwards. Please 'book' a place via the Reachmore form sent to you by Miss Marshall. We're charging £3.00 payable via ParentPay. Orders needed by Friday 6th March. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE CUP.**
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 3 on Tuesday.
- Dance club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Children have their Rock Steady lessons on Wednesday morning.
- Miss Kane is teaching Class 8 on Wednesday morning.
- Miss Bennett is teaching Class 6 on Wednesday and Miss Kane on Thursday and Friday.
- Gymnastics club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Parents evening on Wednesday 3:15 – 4:45pm.**
- Class 3 have Forest School on Thursday and Class 5 on Friday.
- Growing wild club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **Class 3 parents evening on Thursday 3:15 – 6:45pm.**
- Mother's Day breakfast on Friday 13th March 7:45 – 8:30am. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE CUP.**
- Miss Kane is teaching class 6 on Friday.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 5 on Friday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Arts & crafts club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 97.2%

Class 3: 95%

The Orchard: 85%

Class 5: 100%

Class 6: 99%

Class 7: 96%

Class 8: 98%

Well done Class 5

Punctuality

Monday: 5

Tuesday: 7

Wednesday: 6

Thursday: 3

Friday: 3

Total: 24

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

Vinnie Grayson, Sophie Pickwell, Isaac Cheetham

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

Lyssie Redwood-Peace, Hector Morgan, Willow Harvey

The winner of 100% staff attendance this week was:

Mrs Turner

Looking ahead to the 16th March 2026.

- The assembly theme will be 'St Patrick's Day, Ramadan, Eid' (quite a mixture!)
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Monday morning 10:00 – 11:00am.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Monday afternoon.
- The Y1 & Y2 children from Choir are going Christ Church in Stocksbridge on Monday afternoon. They are rehearsing for a joint Easter event with children from other local schools.
- Sports club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 8 on Tuesday morning and class 3 in the afternoon.
- Dance club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Bennett is teaching Class 6 on Wednesday and Miss Kane on Thursday and Friday.
- Rock steady children have their lesson on Wednesday morning.
- Gymnastics club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Nursery induction evening for April intake on Wednesday 5:30pm.
- Classes 3 & 5 are visiting Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre on Thursday 19th March. We aim to leave school at 8.45am and return back to school in time for the usual pick up time of 3pm. Updates will be sent out by the school office if anything changes.
- Health screening – hearing retest for some of our Reception children.
- Growing Wild club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Friday 20th March is World Down Syndrome Day. Please send your child in their brightest, liveliest socks. By doing so, we are saying that people with Down Syndrome have something to say.
- Class 5 have Forest School on Friday.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 5 on Friday morning and class 7 in the afternoon.
- Our Y1/2 Choir Members are going to Christ Church on Friday afternoon to take part in an Easter Service with children from the local schools.
- Arts & crafts club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

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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

	
flower	To plant
See if being signed here.	
Flower	Bing Videos

Assembly Theme: Our Mums

Phonics, Keyword and Reading at home.

It's really important that the children practise at home so that they keep up. The **yellow highlighted words** are tricky because they sound at and need to be read 'on sight'. The other words can be sounded out but they appear so often in our language that it's better that the children learn to read them on sight. It helps with their fluency.

Term 2 Week 10	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	air	ve ai l ay	Review el il al
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



Supporting Reading at Home

[For the football fanatics...](#) and we have quite a few. Here about what helped Tom Palmer learn to read. Some of our children prefer non-fiction books to stories. Some children are inspired by reading comics or magazines. It really doesn't matter what they read as long as they do. The more they read and are read to, the easier reading becomes. It's one of those skills that just clicks into place. It can take a while but when it does, the children realise they can read and it's magical. Just read things with and for your child that they are interested in and if you need to borrow any books, just ask.



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Word of the Week



despised

People who are disrespectful.

People who mean and selfish.

Olives



Strong, smelly cheese.



Meaning



Challenge

- To strongly dislike or hate something or someone

Here are the things Mrs Townsend despises. What do you despise?

CELEBRATING WORDS

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like Polydino and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'So All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing, in addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.



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After school clubs – starting w/c 23rd February 2026 (Rec, Y1 & Y2)

Mondays – Sports club – 3.00-4.00pm.

Tuesdays – Dance club – 3.00-4.00pm.

Wednesdays – Gymnastics club – 3.00-4.00pm.

Thursdays – Growing Wild club – 3.00-4.00pm. **FULL**

Fridays – Arts & crafts club – 3.00-4.00pm. **FULL**

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.

Growing Wild @ SNIS Here's some of our brilliant Grow Wilders from last half term and the gardens that they grew. So many green fingers!



Assembly Theme: Our Mums



Nursery News

The sunshine has meant lots of time has been spent outside this week. We have enjoyed watching birds gathering sticks for their nests and spotted buds appearing on the trees. One brave robin even ventured through Nursery's door on Thursday! Our beans have grown roots and we are busy looking out for other signs of spring. If you spot any over the weekend, please do send us a Seesaw picture so the children can chat about it together.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to Nursery to read on Thursday afternoon. The children really enjoyed it.

Star of the Week

Albie Hobson has really settled in to Nursery now. He is such a pleasure to spend time with - chatty and practical. Albie is always willing to lend a hand and his sparkly smile cheers us up no end.



Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week

Margot Parker-Hardwick

Margot was a pleasure to spend time with at the EIS on Wednesday. She tried her best in every single event, all with a smile on her face. She listened carefully and did exactly as she was asked. Margot cheered her team mates on in every event. She was a wonderful sports person. Thank you Margot for helping to make the day so lovely.

World Down Syndrome Day – 20th March.

We'd like to celebrate and mark World Down Syndrome Day. On the 20th March, please send your child in their brightest, most colourful socks. In doing so we are saying that people with Down Syndrome have a voice, they should be heard.

Your child will have brought home a 'design your own sock template' today. We'd like to raise a little money for the cause so if your child would like to take part, please support them in helping them design some socks, pay 50p via ParentPay and we'll judge them on the 20th and award some prizes.

We are also going to show the children this [simple slideshow](#) which explains Downs Syndrome beautifully for our young children.

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This week's praise board



- Reggie Platts has been playing really nicely with some children from Class 8.
- Ted Guy, Ella-Jo Brown, Oscar Bradley and Ben Graham showed great respect for their partners in outdoor P. E.. It was lovely to see.
- Harriett Ottaway has picked up litter on her way to school every day this week.
- Adem Boudabouza has been our unofficial door closer. Thank you for being so reliable.
- Darcie Simmons has been spotted helping other children with their learning this week.
- Poppy Guy always offers to clean the whiteboard. I don't know what I'd do without you Poppy.
- Leah Price and Olive Reed have done amazing in phonics lessons this week.
- Every Class needs a Margot Parker-Hardwick in it. She always tries her best, is a great role model to our reception children and can always be found doing the right thing.
- Hugo Cain-Allan helped Tyler to zip up his coat at Gardening Club.
- Faolan O'Brien is brilliant at Makaton.
- Evelyn Pitt, Ava Dawson and Charlie Hodgkinson wrote fabulous facts about Spring in their writing this week.
- A big welcome to Rosie McClean who has settled into class 8 brilliantly. Well Done Rosie. We are very lucky to have you with us.
- Mrs Couldwell has been really impressed with Harry Jackson. He has helped Mrs C with the skipping rope and all sorts of things.
- Miss Miles would like to thank Hector Morgan and his Mummy for the yummy chocolates that helped Miss Miles get through parents' evening.
- Vinnie Grayson and Spencer Minto did some amazing writing about Spring. They worked hard on their handwriting.
- Harry Jackson, Isaac Oates, Millie Hardcastle, Tilly Anderson and Harry Kaine were brilliant last week at Alpine Lodge playing games with the residents. They made them smile.
- Paige Leuty told us all about the fossils she found at Whitby. She used her Seesaw photos to give us a very detailed description and then brought them in to show us all.
- Albie Crofts knows lots about spring and he has been keeping our beans regularly watered this week/
- Liliana Shepherd has been showing us her beautiful manners.
- Freya Chappell brought gorgeous daffodils for her teachers. We are so lucky.

Somehow, the following children were missed from the praise board on last week's newsletter and we can't have that when they did so well, so here they are:

- Oliver Lodge has impressed Mrs Evans and Miss Shepherd with his superb work as part of a small group.
- Asal Azim made us all laugh when she was cooking for us in the play dough
- Finn Westby has decided he is the 'Tidying Up King of Nursery'
- Ocean Ryan did some super sharing, of her own accord, in the water tray. She was very fair.
- Goodbye and good luck to Luther and Noah who leave us today. They're off to a new school on Monday. Their new school is very lucky to be getting these two fabulous boys.



Some news!!

We are delighted to share that the Mayor of South Yorkshire, Oliver Coppard, will be visiting us on Friday 13th March to celebrate our success in promoting active travel.

To mark the occasion, we will be holding a special "**Bling Your Bikes, Scooters and Trainers**" competition, and the Mayor will be judging the entries. We can't wait to see all the creative designs on display! 🚲 ✨

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 group of friends sang their hearts out this weekend to do their bit raising money for Barnsley Youth Choir on Friday night (7-9pm) and Sat morning (7-9am).

A big well done to these 2 lovely boys who are doing fantastic at swimming lessons. One got his 5 meters certificate and the other got his 15 meters certificate! Keep it up boys!



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Stay and Play

Our wrap-around care provision, *Stay and Play*, is available both before and after school, Monday - Friday for children attending Stocksbridge Junior School and Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School!

Breakfast Club

Prices per session, per child are as follows:

7:30AM - 8:40AM.....£5

Breakfast provided

Cedar Club (After-School Club)

3:10PM - 4:30PM.....£5

3:10PM - 5:45PM.....£11

Light meal provided for those staying after 4:30PM



Fun-filled activities

Board games

Movie time

Chill out zone

Stress-free play

Creative crafting

HOW TO BOOK

- ★ SJS children can book through the ParentMail app
- ★ SNIS children can book the Infant School using the ParentPay app



Events

EASTER FAYRE

**29th March
11am - 3pm**

**BUNNY HUNT
ENTERTAINMENT
MEET THE SCLC EASTER BUNNY
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
CRAFT STALLS
EASTER BONNET COMPETITION
RAFFLE
& MUCH, MUCH MORE**

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

Food and drinks
available all day from 

For more information
about all our events



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Easter Bonnet Competition

Design and make your own Easter Bonnet and take part in our Easter parade.

Entries £2.00

To Enter:

Bring your Easter Bonnet to our Easter Fayre on
Sunday 29th March 11am-3pm

With special head judge:
The Easter Bunny!

If you have any queries our would like any further information please contact the centre on 0114 288 3792.



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For children in receipt of benefits related free school meals

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH FOOD

LIMITED PLACES, BOOK EARLY!

How to access?



- Attend a Sheffield School (Reception-Y11)
- Be in receipt of income assessed free school meals
- Have a HAF Code

Not eligible but want to join the fun?

Please contact a club directly to discuss.

Please note, HAF providers may need to prioritise families in receipt of benefits related free school meals if activities are oversubscribed.



How to book?

To book activities online or by phone click the link below or visit www.sheffieldhealthyholidays.org



LOST YOUR HAF CODE?

Report a problem with your HAF Code | Sheffield City Council

OR



Call the HAF team on 0114 203 9303



This Easter use #HAF to share your fun!



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A MIND APART

Funded by North Local Committee & Zest, Sheffield City Council, as part of the Healthy Holiday Programme

HAF Code required to secure a space
EHCP & Waiting List options available

SPECIALIST PROVISION FOR SEND CHILDREN!

INCLUSIVE BELONGING

Focuses on the social goal of every child feeling like a valued member of the ground.

SENSORY-AWARE

Environments designed to reduce overwhelm.

NEURO-AFFIRMING

We celebrate every learner's unique style.

Easter HAF provision
Specialist SEND support where every learner shines.

Join us at our Hillsborough Studio for a creative and supportive experience designed specifically for children with SEND or neurodivergent needs.

AGES 5-12: 31ST MARCH & 7TH APRIL

AGES 13-18: 1ST APRIL & 8TH APRIL

10am - 2pm

Book/Queries
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ARTS

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CRAFTS

INTERACTIVE GAMES

PERFORMING ARTS



A valid HAF Code - Book Now: Visit amindapart.org.uk, click 'Classes', and enter your code to secure a space.

An EHCP (but no HAF Code)

Contact Us: Email lydia@amindapart.org.uk so we can discuss how to support your booking.

Neither of the above

Waiting List: Email us to be added to our waiting list. We will notify you if a space becomes available.

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB

A mind apart

Learning happens and grows through performing arts

Assembly Theme: Our Mums