



Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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What's happening in school next week?

- This week is cycle to school week! Please see the flyer below.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Monday morning.
- Piano lessons on Monday morning.
- Class 2 have Forest School on Monday afternoon.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Monday 2:00 – 3:00pm.
- Classes 1 & 2 have their City Tour trip on Tuesday 6th October. The children should come to school in their uniform. Class 1 children should bring their Forest School clothes and wellies in a bag to change into.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 7 on Tuesday morning.
- Class 1 have Forest School on Tuesday.
- KS1 New Age Kurling, 3.45 – 4.45pm on Tuesday at Stocksbridge High School. We'll take the children over. Pick up from the High School.
- Gymnastics club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- **The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 7th October taking individual photos. Please send your child in school uniform.**
- Mrs Taylor will be teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 8 on Wednesday morning.
- Rock steady lessons on Wednesday morning.
- **Welly Wednesday for classes 7 & 8 – please send your child's welly Wednesday clothes in a bag so that they can get changed once they have had their photographs taken. Thank you.**
- Running club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Thursday morning.
- Class 5 have Forest School on Thursday.
- Growing wild club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 1 on Friday.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Friday between 9:30 – 10:30am.

Attendance

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

Class 1: 98%

Class 2: 97%

The Orchard: 94%

Class 5: 99%

Class 7: 99%

Class 8: 100%

Well done Class 8. Woo hoo!

Punctuality

Well done to Nursery, Class 2 and Class 8. Everyone has been on time every day.

Assembly Theme: Keeping safe – what to do if someone makes you unhappy.

- Arts & crafts club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

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

Lucas Smith, Oliver Lodge, Rowan Legdon.

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

Matilda Siddons, Cora Smith and Alfie Chappell.

The winner of 100% staff attendance this week was:

Mrs McGrail.

Looking ahead to the w.b. 12th October 2026.

- The assembly theme will be 'Harvest'.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Monday morning.
- Piano lessons are on Monday morning.
- Class 2 have Forest School on Monday afternoon.
- Class 5 have their City tour visit on Tuesday 13th October. The children should come to school in their uniform.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 7 on Tuesday morning.
- Class 1 have Forest School on Tuesday afternoon.
- KS1 Ball Skills at Stocksbridge High School on Tuesday 3:45 – 4:45pm – more information to follow.
- Gymnastics club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Wednesday.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 8 on Wednesday.
- Rock steady lessons on Wednesday morning.
- Welly Wednesday for classes 7 & 8.
- Running club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- If you want to hear about how we teach reading in school, please stay for 30 mins after drop off on Thursday 15th October. We'll meet in Class 6.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Thursday morning.
- Class 5 have Forest School on Thursday afternoon.
- Growing wild club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 1 on Friday.
- Miss Kane is teaching Nursery on Friday morning.
- Arts & crafts club on Friday 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Tweak of the Week: Pay someone a compliment every day.

School Menu Spring/Summer 2026 (All school including Nursery)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Sausage and mash with gravy	Beef lasagna with garlic bread	Roast chicken with gravy, Yorkshire pudding & roast potatoes	Margherita pizza with tomato pasta	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Veggie sausage & mash with gravy	Plant based lasagna with garlic bread	Yorkshire pudding stuffed with roasted vegetable casserole & roast potatoes	Plant based meatballs in an arrabbiata sauce with rice & garlic bread	Cheese quiche & chips
Jacket potato and filling/pasta	Jacket potato with tuna mayo, cheese or baked beans	Jacket potato with tuna mayo, 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 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	Broccoli, sweetcorn & baked beans	Broccoli, cauliflower & carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Garden peas & sliced carrots	Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Dessert	Banana bread cookie	Raspberry jelly & fruit slices	Blueberry cake & custard	Fruit slices & 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.

Lunchboxes (All school inc Nursery) **Please do not send your child with chocolate bars or sweets in their lunchboxes.** Cake bars or biscuits are ideal. Also, a reminder not to send nuts into school as we have two children with allergies - one in Nursery and one in Year One.

School dinners

Please could we ask parents to encourage their children to try our school dinners? The menu for the week ahead is always on the newsletter so you can have a look at what is on offer.

Your child is welcome to bring a packed lunch as well so that they still have something to eat if they decide to try a dinner and do not like it.

Thank you!

Tutti Frutti

Each year this wonderful travelling theatre company come into school to perform a play for the children. This year they are performing [Red Robin's Winter Song](#) on the 21st October. It's not cheap and we would like to ask parents to contribute towards the cost. Mrs Kaine has set up ParentPay to accept any donations. Thank you in advance.

Supporting Reading at Home

When we share stories with the children, their focus and attention is wonderful. They become really engrossed.

Our Year One and Two children have been using *The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse* to learn about the difference between the country and the city. They enjoyed it. Here is an audio book for the children to listen to on a similar theme.



<https://www.storynory.com/jimmy-mouse-and-the-city-slickers/>

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.

The highlighted yellow words are the ones you should focus on.

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

Autumn Week 4	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	o c k ck	Suffixes a _e	le el il
Keywords	to into go no the	house our where were they says are ask put push pull full	any many pretty move prove improve

Monster
Phonics



Everything you need to support your child

We know helping with reading at home can sometimes feel tricky.

That's why we've created a series of short, bite-sized videos to explain phonics simply.

Scroll down for more free resources and easy ways to help your child grow in confidence and love reading.

Monster Phonics have produced a series of short films for parents to help you support your child at home. Simple search Monster Phonic Films for parents or follow this [link](#).

Makaton – Signs of the Week



home



school

See it being signed here.

[Makaton Sign - Home - Really useful Makaton signs - CBeebies](#)

[Makaton for 'School' 🏫](#)

Assembly Theme: Keeping safe – what to do if someone makes you unhappy.

Word of the Week



bustling



Meaning	 Challenge
- a place full of activity - moving about in an energetic or busy manner	Describe, to a grown-up, a place you have visited that is bustling.

CELEBRATING WORDS

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about LOOKSMAXXING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Looksmaxxing is an online trend focused on improving one's physical appearance, particularly among boys and young men. At the milder end, it can involve grooming, skincare, diet and exercise advice, sometimes called "softmaxxing". At its extremes, or "hardmaxxing", it can promote unproven or dangerous practices and contribute to body image concerns, low self-worth, and mental health difficulties.

TARGETING MALE INSECURITIES

Although usually aimed at men, looksmaxxing can also reach boys by promising to improve their appearance and dating success. Forums offer 'objective' and sometimes brutal, views on attractiveness, while influencers may make appearance seem all-important. Advice ranges from useful tips on hygiene, skincare, and fashion to more concerning guidance.

DUBIOUS ADVICE

Some advice moves into dubious territory. One example is "mewing", a tongue exercise claimed to create a more masculine jawline. The American Association of Orthodontists says evidence for its effectiveness is limited and warns that following such guidance could contribute to tooth alignment problems, bite issues, and speech difficulties.

EXTREME REMEDIES

Some DIY remedies are even more extreme and potentially dangerous. While fears of "bonesmaxxing" – which involves trying to alter the cheekbones using blunt objects for a more 'masculine' appearance – may sometimes be overstated in the media, other guidance can also cause harm. Untrained use of microneedling and derma rollers, taking substances or medication without appropriate medical guidance, and overusing skincare products can all have potentially harmful consequences.

BODY IMAGE ISSUES

This pursuit of physical perfection can become obsessive and contribute to serious body image issues. Exposure to looksmaxxing content can encourage teenagers to tie their appearance to their value and self-worth, as well as making boys and young men feel they need to change perfectly normal aspects of their appearance. This can be associated with disordered eating, overexercising, or other obsessive behaviours that interfere with everyday life.

MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

As well as the physical consequences, body image concerns can be associated with mental health difficulties, such as depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, body dysmorphic disorder, and psychological distress. They can cause problems both at school and at home, with children and young people potentially avoiding social situations because they fear their appearance will be negatively judged by others.

A PATHWAY TO EXTREMES

Looksmaxxing has its roots in online ' incel' communities but has since become more mainstream on platforms such as TikTok. Algorithm-driven feeds may show users more extreme material as they interact with similar content. Some looksmaxxing spaces have also been linked with misogynistic, incel, and white supremacist ideologies.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR CHANGES

Keep an eye out for concerning behavioural changes in children and young people. This could include an obsession with diet and exercise, spending more time on social media apps, becoming secretive with their phone, or a shift in how they interact with friends and family. If a young person suddenly becomes distressed by their appearance or adopts rigid or extreme routines, try to understand what may be behind the change.

LISTEN FOR THE LINGO

Like many internet communities, looksmaxxing groups and influencers use distinctive language. As well as "mewing", mentioned above, you might hear terms such as "Chad" (an attractive male), "lola" (a misogynistic term for a woman), and "maggie" (looking more attractive than someone else). Other examples involve adding "maxxing" to another word, such as "jerkmaxxing" (using humour to attract women) and "staremaxxing" (extreme dieting).

CHECK THE SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media algorithms are tailored to each user, meaning what appears on your feeds may be dramatically different from what children see on theirs. Try to get an idea of the content children and young people are consuming online, and use available parental controls where appropriate. TikTok, for example, provides tools that can help families manage or filter certain types of content.

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN

Open communication can help children and young people recognise misleading influencers and harmful online communities. Discuss unrealistic ideas about appearance and explain that some creators benefit from controversial or extreme content. Talk about the risks of unqualified health advice and how people's insecurities can be exploited online, while making it clear that it's okay to speak openly about any concerns.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Ori Carr. You could not wish to meet a lovelier boy. Ori is kind, thoughtful and hardworking. He is a sociable chap, liked by all – grown-ups and children alike. Ori does the right thing, all the time. He is just an absolute delight to have in school and we feel very lucky to have him.

Nursery News

Autumn has been our theme this week and we have enjoyed looking at goodies gathered on walks, mixing up acorn stew and cooking delicious apple crumble. It has been nice to see the children starting to make new friends as they get to know each other more.

Star of the Week

Luke Hanson is a very knowledgeable young man who knows lots about the world in which he lives and he loves to share his information with us. Luke is kind, helpful and enthusiastic - a joy to have around.

Get ready for Photography Day on

Wednesday 07/10/2026
at Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

Look out for the order form
coming home with your child



www.schoolphotographs.co.uk



Tweak of the Week: Pay someone a compliment every day.



This week's praise board



- Thank you to Iris Burnham-Wake and Rosie Davies who have been great friends to Caleb this week.
- Faolan O'Brien for asking Mrs Hearnshaw how she was at lunchtime. She was well. Thank you!
- Margot Parker-Hardwick and Ori Carr for always being amazing.
- Spencer Minto has been walking through the corridors very nicely this week.
- Alfie Chappell for asking some great questions during shared reading.
- Jessie Tomlinson just gets on with everything we ask her to do.
- Isabelle Bulbrook joined in class 2's P.E. and really enjoyed it.
- Treven Saif for creating a clay animal in Forest School independently.
- Bennie Fiddler for being a kind and helpful friend in Class 5.
- Etta Long for always putting her hand up during carpet time and joining in.
- Joey Moore for really good maths this week.
- Matilda Siddons did some wonderful work during maths this week - well done!
- Luca Bailey blew our socks off in phonics with his brilliant sentence he learnt from his book he borrowed from the school library.
- James Buckley was so polite when we had visitors walking around school. He stopped what he was doing to say good morning. It was lovely to hear.
- Isaac Underhill was so excited to learn the letter 'G!'.
- Well done Arlo Fawcett, Luca Bailey and Jessie Hodgkinson for sharing your wonderful reading at home on Seesaw!
- Thank you to Harry Sawicki for putting the chairs away after our PE lesson.
- Alexander Waite has been busy reading at home. Thank you for sharing the videos on Seesaw.
- Austin Frost has been trying hard in phonics this week. Well done, Austin!
- Ruby Cain-Allan was very animated in our music lesson this week. She enjoyed singing and dancing.
- Myles Morton was a great mathematician this week.
- Class 8 worked together to make a great scarecrow in Welly Wednesday.
- Noah Moore's reaction to getting Star of the Day made the grown-ups smile. He was very proud of himself and we were proud of him too.
- Freya Chappell did some beautiful reading this week. Well done, Freya!
- Thank you to Connor Booth-Bell and Eadie Tazzyman for being fabulous litter pickers this week. They were really impressed with how tidy the playground was.
- Finn Westby - during lunchtime play, he pointed out that one of the gates in the small yard next to class 8 is a fire exit so he had moved all the play equipment that was blocking the gate so that we could get out if there was a fire! Thanks Finn.
- Thank you to Growing wild club for clearing out the veg patch and planting spring bulbs in various places around school.
- Thank you to Vinnie Askham's Grandma who brought us so many apples. Nursery were able to make the most delicious apple crumble.
- Vinnie Askham, Arthur Hible and Ava Tomlinson helped clear up all the leaves outside.
- Tobias Minshull built a super train track for his friends
- Hallie Stokes has been using some wonderful manners and the best bit...when others hear her, they copy her. Brilliant!
- Thank you to the Nursery children for sharing their very yummy apple crumble with Mrs Kaine and Miss Marshall in the office!



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 wonderful young man has got his Learn 2 Swim 2 badge.

Footballer of the month! Well done young man!



Two awards for this young man at rugby last week.

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FOSNI Halloween Event



**Decorated/ carved pumpkin,
fruit or vegetable competition**

**All entries to be in on and by Monday 19th
October. To be displayed in the hall. £1 entry
made payable on parent pay or at the office.**

**We then invite you to an evening of looking at
the entries with spooky stalls, games and
treats on Tuesday 20th October 3pm
It will be spooktacular!**



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CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Monday 5th October
to Friday 9th October

Let's travel
to school
actively!



**Stickers
every day!**

You'll get a sticker
each day for
travelling actively
to school.



**Class
competition!**

We'll be keeping a
tally all week to see
which class travels
actively the most!



On foot or wheels!

Walk, scooter or bike
to school.
Every journey counts!



Thursday – Spooky Spokes!

★ Bling your bike or scooter!
★ The brighter the better! ★



Remember to wear helmets!

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Come and Visit Our School

Meet our Headteacher, Jane Townsend

Places for September 2027

Nursery places are also available for January 2027 and Easter 2027.



We would love to welcome prospective parents and carers to visit Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School, meet our Headteacher and experience our warm, nurturing school community.

Dates

-  **Monday 5th October**
2–3pm
-  **Friday 9th October**
9.30–10.30am
-  **Thursday 15th October**
10.45–11.45am
-  **Tuesday 20th October**
10–11am

To book a place

Contact our school office

 enquiries@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk

 **0114 288 3109**

Our Values

-  We care about all the people and children in our school and value their uniqueness.
-  We help everyone feel safe because safeguarding is at the heart of our school.
-  We are friendly and welcoming and greet others with a smile.
-  We show respect and have high expectations for how we speak to and treat one another.
-  We enjoy learning through an exciting and lively curriculum.
-  We are happy at school because children and adults are at the heart of all we do.
-  We are proud of our inclusive approach in everything we do.

We look forward to welcoming you to **Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School.**



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Applications are now open for school places in 2027.

If your child is in Year 2, we'd love to welcome you for a visit!

Explore our school, **discover** the opportunities we offer and **meet** our wonderful staff and pupils.

Arrange a visit with us

enquiries@stocksbridgejunior.chorustrust.org



**Stocksbridge
Junior School**

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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 - 5:30PM.....£10

3:10PM - 5:00PM (FRIDAY's)...£10

Light meal provided for those staying after 4:30PM

Fun-filled activities Board games
Movie time
Chill out zone Creative crafting
Stress-free play



HOW TO BOOK

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



Changes to the wrap around club at Stocksbridge Junior School

Please see the information poster further down the newsletter regarding some changes that the Junior school have made to the times that Cedar Club - the after-school wrap around care runs to.

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Events

INDOOR Tabletop SALE 2026

Sunday 13th September
Sunday 11th 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

**Food and drinks
available all day from**



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Does your child have special educational needs & disabilities (SEND)?



Want to understand more about the support available for you and your family across Sheffield?

- Come along to our Sheffield SEND information event to speak to your key services in Sheffield.
- Services in attendance include: Sheffield Mencap & Gateway, Sheffield SEND Information, Advice & Support, Family Action & Sheffield Children's Speech & Language Therapy Service.
- No need to book. Just turn up.
- We can't wait to see you there!



**Thursday 8th
October**



1 pm to 4.15 pm



**St Catherine's Catholic
Primary School
Firshill Crescent
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www.sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

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