Weekly Newsletter 8 (22nd October 2026)

Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School

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Attendance

Our target is 96%. This week's attendance is 95%

Class 1: 100%

Class 2: 98%

The Orchard: 96%

Class 5: 91%

Class 7: 93%

Class 8: 94%

Well done Class 1. Woo hoo!

What's happening in school after half term break?

- **Monday is 'odd socks day' for antibullying week.**
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Turner is attending training.
- Piano lessons on Monday morning.
- Class 8 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Monday morning.
- Class 2 have Forest School on Monday afternoon.
- Chelsea from the parent hub is in school on Monday afternoon (1.30pm) to support parents whose children struggle with sleep.
- Sports club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Reception Vision Screening on Tuesday morning for our Reception children.
- On Tuesday in assembly, we'll be celebrating those children with 96%+ attendance.
- Class 1 have Forest School on Tuesday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- KS1 Boccia Festival at Stocksbridge High School on Tuesday 3rd 3:45 – 4:45pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 8 on Wednesday morning.
- Rock steady lessons on Wednesday morning.
- Welly Wednesday for classes 7 & 8.
- Athletics club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 7 on Thursday morning.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Thursday 10:30 – 11:30 for potential new Nursery starters.
- Class 5 have Forest School on Thursday afternoon.
- Diamond art club on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Parents evening on Thursday 3:15 – 4:45pm.
- Miss Spencer is teaching class 1 on Friday.
- Mrs Taylor is teaching Nursery on Friday.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 5 on Friday morning.
- Class 7 are visiting Stocksbridge Library on Friday morning.

Assembly Theme: Antibullying – Break the Silence'

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

Looking ahead to the w.b. 9th November 2026.

- The assembly theme will be 'Remembering'.
- Miss Spencer is teaching Class 8 on Monday morning. Miss Kane is supporting in Class 7.
- Piano lessons on Monday morning.
- Class 2 have Forest School on Monday afternoon.
- Sports club on Monday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching the Orchard on Tuesday. Mrs Turner is attending training.
- Remembrance assembly on Tuesday morning – just because Mrs T can't do it on Wednesday morning.
- Mrs Townsend is available to show parents around school on Tuesday morning 9:30 – 10:30am for potential new reception starters.
- Class 1 have Forest School on Tuesday afternoon.
- Gymnastics club on Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Parents evening on Tuesday 10th November 3:15 – 6:45pm.
- Mrs Taylor is 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.
- Athletics club on Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm.
- Miss Kane is teaching class 7 on Thursday morning.
- Class 5 have Forest School on Thursday afternoon.
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Trans Pennine Trail half term activity pack

The activity pack can be downloaded from our Children's Page, at:
https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/childrens-page/

Bags 2 School

Bags 2 School will be coming home on Thursday 22nd October 2026. These can be filled with items for reuse such as: Good quality clothing Paired shoes Hats, belts & handbags Please note that they no longer accept uniform items, soft toys, bedding, curtains or towels. Donations will be collected when we return to school after the half term break. **They will be collected by 9am on TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2026**. Bags can be dropped off in the staff car park on the Tuesday morning. Please do not bring your donations to school before then, as we have nowhere to store them. Thank you!

Tweak of the Week: Be kind and helpful.

Pumpkin News!!

A message from the Office Ladies

We were asked to judge the pumpkin festival by Mrs McGhee. Please don't turn us into toads if we didn't pick yours! There were so many to choose from and they are all so wonderful that it really is terribly tricky to pick just 2 or 3. We were delighted to see so many of you getting involved and we wanted to give you all a prize for creativity and effort. Our heads were swimming by the time we had to decide. Here are the ones that tickled us in the moment, but you are all winners in our eyes.

First place – Destiny Ryan

Second place – Lenny Holmes

Third place – Lucas Westby

Special mentions to:

Matilda Wharton-Lovett

Freddie Christian

Freddie Wear

Hugo Cain-Allan

Casper Roberts

Spencer Minto

Jacob Barden

Logan Pritchett

Charlie Milnes

Ezra Rudge

Ezrah Stead

Xander Bryan-Quinn

Finley Foster

Arlo Fawcett

Ember Rudge

Jessie Hodkinson

Finn Westby

Liliana Shepherd

Julian Clarke

Well done everyone! Happy Halloween!!

School Menu Autumn/Winter 2026/27 (All school including Nursery)

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course	Pork sausages & mash	Mince & onion pie served with homemade potato wedges	Roast gammon with gravy, stuffing & mashed potato	Cheese & tomato pizza with mixed rice	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian main course	Vegetable sausages & mash	Macaroni cheese	Quorn grill with gravy, stuffing & mashed potato	Vegetable pasta carbonara	Crispy vegetable fingers & chips
Jacket potato and filling/pasta	**Jacket potato with cheesy beans, tuna mayo, cheese or baked beans**	**Jacket potato with cheesy beans, tuna mayo, cheese or baked beans**	**Jacket potato with cheesy beans, cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo**	**Jacket potato with cheesy beans, cheese, baked beans or tuna mayo**	**Jacket potato with cheesy beans, 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	**Sweetcorn, baked beans & broccoli**	**Carrots & garden peas**	**Seasonal greens & country mixed vegetables**	**Carrots or sweetcorn**	**Garden Peas, Baked Beans**
Dessert	**Chocolatey cookie**	**Apple sponge & custard**	**Raspberry jelly**	**Crunchy biscuit with fruit slices**	**Iced sponge cake**

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

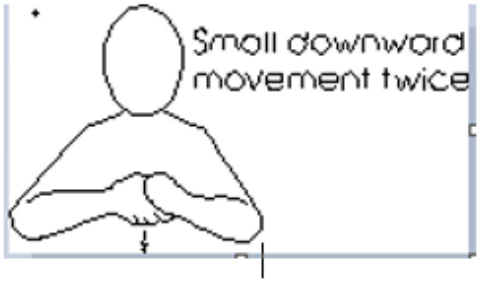
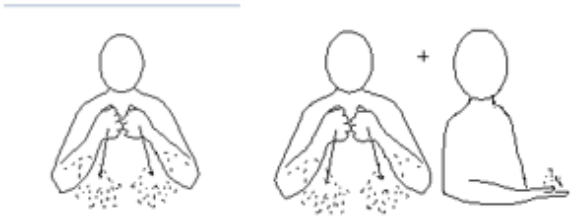
Lunchboxes (All school inc Nursery) Please **do not** send your child with chocolate bars or sweets in their lunchboxes. Cake bars or biscuits are ideal. Also, a reminder not to send nuts into school as we have two children with allergies - one in Nursery and one in Year One.

New Autumn/Winter menu

Attached with the newsletter is our new Autumn/Winter dinner menu. The menu will be displayed in the weekly newsletter as normal.

Tweak of the Week: Be kind and helpful.

Makaton – Signs of the Week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Friend - Makaton Sign of the Week	Singing Hands: #MakatonMonday 2017 #42 - TO FINISH - in Makaton

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 7	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Sounds/Phonemes	f ff l ll ss	ee	Vowel suffix y to i rule
Keywords	he she me we be of	see very day have when about out people	grass class pass past fast last

Word of the Week

comical

This word came up this week and the children didn't know the mean.

Meaning	Challenge
- funny or silly, it makes you laugh.	Tell Mrs T your favourite comical joke to see if it makes her laugh.

CELEBRATING WORDS

Tweak of the Week: Be kind and helpful.

Assembly Theme: Antibullying – Break the Silence'

Mrs Townsend's Pupils of the Week

Faolan O'Brien. You could not wish to meet a nicer boy. He is kind, considerate and hard-working. He's one of the quieter members of our school but that doesn't mean he goes unnoticed. He's a rule keeper and a hard worker. Faolan has great empathy. He supports his friends and the adults around school by asking how they are, offering them a hug or just generally being a friendly, smiley member of our school. Thanks Faolan.

Nursery News

Nursery has been full of pumpkins, spiders, spells and skeletons this week. We all enjoyed Funnybones and couldn't wait to find out what was in The Foggy Foggy Forest. We've done lots with our fiddly fingers – printing, scooping, pinching, painting, screwing, hammering..if we keep practising then our hands and fingers will get stronger as we get older.

Star of the Week

Hallie Stokes is a friendly young lady with such a positive attitude. She brightens up every day and loves to spread her joy amongst us all. When Hallie arrives at Nursery she brings the sunshine with her.

After school clubs for next half term W/C 02/11/2026

Mondays: - Sports club. 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Tuesdays: - Gymnastics club. 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Wednesdays: - Athletics club. 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Thursdays: - Diamond art club. 3:00 – 4:00pm.

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

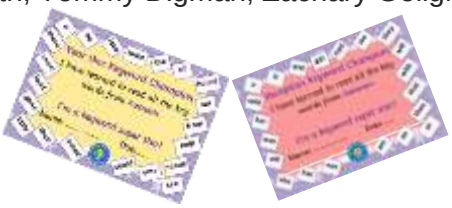
All our clubs are booked via ParentPay on a first come first served basis. If there is a club that your child would like to take part in but there is no availability, please contact the school office and they can be added to the reserves list. The clubs are available to book on ParentPay.

Tweak of the Week: Be kind and helpful.

This week's praise board

- Connor Booth-Bell saved Miss Kane from a huge spider and offered her a piggy back!! It was huge! He very kindly came and told me that the super brave Miss Marshall had moved it outside.
- Thank you to Willow Harvey, Evelyn Pitt, Rosie McClean, Dakota Rodgers and Connor Booth-Bell for helping Miss Marshall with the Stikins leaflets. No spiders needed on this occasion!
- Khaliya Diamond-Nelson was very brave this week when an accident with a basketball made her wobbly tooth extra wobbly! She brushed herself off and carried on.
- Coby Grocock for an excellent 'I wonder if' sentence in shared reading.
- Connor Murphy 'wowed' the grown-ups with his amazing drawing of an unusual building in art.
- Ronnie Waters for fantastic computing skills.
- Tyler Burgan for being so enthusiastic on our local walk.
- Alina Carr and Dalton Crofts used some wonderful language during shared reading this week.
- Jacob Bates sorted out all the chain links into the correct colours - and there were lots to sort!
- Miss Shepherd had a lovely chat about aeroplanes and concord with Ruairi Buttrick. What a knowledgeable young man who likes to share what he knows.
- Albie Hobson is the sycamore seed champion spinner! He loves a helicopter.
- Tavish, Isaac and Reggie in Class 7 did some fantastic word reading this week – great work boys.
- Theo Lamb is working hard to learn keywords. Well done Theo.
- It has been lovely to see Isabel Pocklington putting her hand up more to answer questions.
- Alex Waite has tried new foods at lunchtime.
- Class 8 were very well behaved on our local walk this week. We had lots of fun looking for signs of autumn and playing in the park.
- A big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped us on visits and walks these last couple of weeks.
- Hector Morgan and Dakota Rogers represented our school perfectly at the Active Travel Awards at Sheffield Town Hall. We were very proud of them.
- Tommy Holmes has been making new friends and it's great to see them laughing so much.
- Arthur Hible brought treats for all his friends and teachers. Thank you.

Assembly Theme: Antibullying – Break the Silence'

Who has mastered a reading colour band this term so far? (These books are to 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).
Ryla Hirst, Matilda Wharton-Lovett, Connor Booth-Bell, Opie Galston, Evelyn Pitt, Willow Harvery, Harry Lodge, Charlie Milnes, Dakota Rodgers, Rowan Wilson, Pippa Housley, Lilly Hinchliffe, George Gibson, Ralph Siddons, Keanu Ford, Charlie Christian, Amber Pickwell, Lucas Smith, Cohen Brookfield, Faolan O'Brien, Carter Bowskill, Margot Parker-Hardwick, Olive Reed, Rosie Davies, Ori Carr, Charlie Hodgkinson, Charlotte Halliday, Jessie Tomlinson, Ava McIntyre, 	Olive Reed, Carter Bowskill, Isaac Oates, Ava Dawson, Margot Parker-Hardwick, Rosie Davies, Cohen Brookfield, Faolan O'Brien, Ava McIntyre, Ori Carr, Willow Harvey, Lucas Smith, Tommy Digman, Zachary Golightly 

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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

Creative crafting

Chill out zone

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

Stocksbridge Junior School

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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Time to Sleep Neurodivergent

Date: Monday 2nd November 2026
Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Venue: Stocksbridge Infant School, Pot House Lane, Sheffield, S36 1EJ

This session has a neurodivergent focus and is for parents and carers of children who have a diagnosis of or are on the waiting list for Autism, ADHD or other neurodivergences.

In the session, we will talk about:

- Why sleep is important
- How much sleep children need
- What can happen if children don't sleep well
- What the sleep cycle is
- How to help children sleep better
- How sensory needs can affect sleep
- How to make a good bedtime routine, including using pictures

For more information please contact Sheffield Parent Hub

0114 2057243

sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk

Direct message (Sheffield Family Hubs)

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SWFC SUMMER HAF CAMP

SWFC COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

For ages 8-16

When?
11am - 3pm
Monday 26th October

Where?
SWFC Youth Hub,
Owls Megastore Car Park,
Penistone Road North,
S6 1SW

Scan here to book!

sheffield.ipalbookings.com
or alternatively call us at **0114 324 0523**
Please have your Unique Child HAF Code when booking.

For more information on our HAF Camps, email: **Paul.Hebda@swfccp.co.uk**

*Our HAF Camps are only available for children who receive targeted free school meals

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