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**YOU ARE
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TALENTED
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LET NOTHING
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YOUR WAY
EVER**

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As a school, we talk frequently about how differences, and how the varied talents of our SJS pupils, make our school such a rich place to learn. We often celebrate sports success, so it has been a pleasant change this week to look at talents of a completely different kind!

On Tuesday, our choir travelled with Mrs. Shaw to Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. We are sure that the sounds rising above Sheffield were made even sweeter by the addition of the beautiful singing from our SJS singers.

On Thursday afternoon, the entire school hall was gripped, watching the spelling expertise of our Spelling Bee finalists. If there was ever an opportunity to demonstrate our SJS values, this was the time! We saw children who were respectful competitors and most definitely had to show endurance when facing unseen spellings in a pressured situation. Our finalists also had to be courageous: it shows great strength of character to even take part in such a competition. One thing is sure, we certainly have some talented spellers amongst our SJS pupils.

Here's looking forward to next week, when we are sure even more new talents will be discovered ...

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MR: Lily Fletcher
- Y3SK: Chloe Green
- Y3CB: Joshua Willetts

- Y4KT: Alex Frost
- Y4OS: Bella Harkness

- Y5CH: Maggie Jones
- Y5GG: Jack Mitchell
- Y5LH: Charlie Sabin

- Y6ER: Gabriel Nikiel
- Y6RD: Carson Bowskill
- Y6SS: Harry Clancy

Miss Sheehan: Thomas Milner
Mrs Saville: Phoebe Silvester
Mr Tee: Nathaniel Tym

Cedarwood Yard: Lily Broomhead
Ball Games Yard: William Edwards
Dining Hall: Charlie Beebee-George
Attendance & Punctuality: Katherine Tu

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y4 - PRETORIA

Henry Hollis
Emily Veale
Jake Wragg
Laila Clarke

Sophia Watkinson
Sophie Barber
Alex Frost

Y5 - KUALA LUMPUR

Violet-Skye Holmes
Olivia Walker
Nylah Biggin-Brown

Y6 - BRASILIA

Cordelia Hibbert
Lucy Martin

Y6 - BUENOS AIRES

Cordelia Hibbert

Y6 - LIMA

William Price
Logan Clarke
Lucy Martin
Alice Wright

WHATSAPP CONCERN

We have been made aware of a WhatsApp group in circulation which has hundreds of members ranging from primary age children to adults. It is understood that disturbing images and videos have been shared within this group.

Sheffield's Safeguarding Advisory Team have advised that schools do not actively ask pupils if they are aware of a group, as this may encourage them to seek out the group to join.

Instead, we are advising that parents check their child's phone to ensure their child is not a participant of any inappropriate WhatsApp groups.

N.B. We have included National Online Safety's parent guide to Whatsapp in today's newsletter. This guide indicates that the minimum user age is 16. However, in recent days it has been reported that the age restriction has been dropped to 13 years old. This is still older than all Stocksbridge Junior School pupils.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day we will be celebrating reading for pleasure in school! Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite character on this day. The children will be given the opportunity to celebrate reading as a class taking part in reading activities, challenges and games. All children will also be given a book token which can be used towards the cost of a book from the Book Fair which will be in school on World Book Day.

Ridiculous Reading Competition:

In advance of World Book Day, we challenge children to have a photograph taken of themselves reading their favourite book in the most extravagant way or location! Photos should be sent to m.rodas@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk by the 6th March 2024. We will share a photo montage of all entries in our World Book Day assembly and also a few of our favourites will be shared on school Facebook page. We look forward to seeing all of your crazy reading photos! Good luck!

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Monday 4th March until Thursday 7th March. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the book fair on Monday 4th March. Parents are welcome to join their child during their child's allocated book fair slot. The book fair will also be open for parents to visit during parents' evening and from 8:30am on World Book Day.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9:00 - 9:30 Y3MR	10:50 - 11:20 Y4KT	1:00 - 1:20 Y5CH	2:00 - 2:20 Y6SS
9:30 - 10:00 Y3CB	11:20 - 11:50 Y4OS	1:20 - 1:40 Y5LH	2:20 - 2:40 Y6RD
10:00 - 10:30 Y3SK		1:40 - 2:00 Y5GG	2:40 - 3:00 Y6ER

BOOK OF THE WEEK



As we gear up to celebrate Women's History Month and International Women's Day in school, we're thrilled to have featured "Emmeline Pankhurst" from the Little People, Big Dreams series in our Celebration Assembly as our 'Book of the Week'. This beautifully illustrated biography introduces our pupils to the remarkable life of Emmeline Pankhurst, a trailblazing suffragette who dedicated her life to fighting for women's rights. Through her story, we're inspired to honour the courageous women who paved the way for equality. This book helps us to celebrate their legacy and encourages us to continue to strive for progress!

SPELLING BEE

Yesterday, our 'Stocksbridge Junior School Spelling Bee' concluded with a phenomenal finale! Huge congratulations must go to all our finalists who battled it out to the last letter and showed true 'Stocksbridge' endurance, aspiration and courage.

Having already progressed through the two previous rounds, our ten finalists went head-to-head in a knockout spell-off! Children were tested on words that they had not previously learned and astonished teachers and children alike with their ability to spell some extraordinarily tricky words. Examples of these words include: jaunty, symbol, etiquette, coincide, seethe, gracious, deceit and catastrophe.

Many congratulations to Alice Wright, Year 6, who has been awarded the crown of 'Spelling Bee Champion 2024' and also to Niall Pritchett and William Powell who were such strong competitors!



YOUNG VOICES

A huge well done to the 49 pupils from Stocksbridge Junior School who attended Young Voices at Sheffield Arena on Tuesday evening and sang their hearts out! All the pupils were fantastic representatives of our school. Mrs Shaw is so very proud of the choir for their amazing effort, excellent behaviour and wonderful singing. Well done to all children and a big thank you to the staff who helped out too.



PARENTS' SESSIONS

Parents/guardians are warmly invited to join their child at this term's parent session:

- Year 3 – Monday 26th February, 9:15am - 10:00am
- Year 4 – Tuesday 27th February, 9:15am - 10:00am
- Year 5 – Wednesday 28th February, 9:15am - 10:00am
- Year 6 – Thursday 29th February, 9:15am - 10:00am

Refreshments will be available for parents in the hall from 8:40am. We are also hoping to provide a short presentation about our Personal Development curriculum whilst the children are being registered.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

This term's Parents' Meetings will take place on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th March. Our booking facility is now live on ParentMail to enable parents to make an appointment with their child's teacher(s).

MEASLES INFORMATION

Public Health team have put together a letter for parents/carers which covers some of the key information on measles, including symptoms to look out for and what to do if their child has come into contact with a measles case. This letter has been circulated to parents via ParentMail or can be downloaded [here](#).

HEALTH NEWSLETTER

The 0-19 Service at the Sheffield Children's Hospital have asked schools to circulate their latest 'Helpful Hints' newsletter. Please [click here](#) to access their newsletter.

Helpful hints



From the 0-19 Service at Sheffield Children's

PE TIMETABLE

Each week, please ensure your child wears appropriate PE kit to school on their class' PE day.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Y6ER	Y3SK + SK's Maths Y6RD	Y3MR + MR's Maths Y5GG	Y3CB + CB's Maths Y5CH	Y4KT Y6SS Y5LH Y4OS Swimming

EVENTS COMING UP...

Feb 26 Y3 Parents' Session	27 Y4 Parents' Session	28 Y5 Parents' Session	29 Y6 Parents' Session	March 1 Y4OS Swimming
March 4	5 Parents' Evening	6 Parents' Evening	7 World Book Day	8 Y4OS Swimming

For events further ahead, please check our [school calendar](#) on our website.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Chicken chow mein	Meatballs in a tomato sauce served with pasta	Roast turkey served with new potatoes, stuffing and gravy	Cottage pie	Fish fingers served with chunky chips and tomato ketchup
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Cheese and vegetable quesadilla Served with wedges	Marinated Quorn in a pitta served with half of a jacket potato	Roast Quorn fillet served with new potatoes, stuffing and gravy	Creamy pasta bake	Cheese and bean bake served with chunky chips and tomato ketchup
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Carrots and peas Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Cauliflower Cheese & broccoli Salad Bar	Cabbage & carrots Salad Bar	Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Marble cake and custard	Jam and coconut sponge served with custard 	Lemon drizzle cake	Shortbread	Fruit & Jelly 
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND STREET FOOD	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato Chicken goujons with loaded potato skins	Jacket potato

COFFEE MORNINGS

The Sheffield Family Hub service would like to invite parents to coffee mornings which they are hosting in our local area. These coffee mornings will be an opportunity for parents to meet up, have a chat over a coffee and maybe even join in with a craft activity or two.

Coffee mornings scheduled for the coming months:

- Wednesday 27th March at Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School, 9-11am
- Wednesday 24th April at Stocksbridge High School
- Wednesday 26th June at St Ann's Catholic Primary School

All sessions are open to all parents regardless of the local school their child(ren) attends.



Friends of SJS

Parent/Teacher Association

Join us in making a difference!

- Become an active member of the school community and make a positive contribution to the school experience of our pupils
- Share ideas and assist with the organising and running of events to raise funds for the school, to enable us to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities to our children
- Open to not only Parents and Carers, but all family members, past and present
- We welcome both anyone who can help out regularly, and those who can partake now and again

**Come along to one of our
Coffee & Drop in Sessions
to find out more!**

Morning

Thursday 14th March
8:30am-9:30am



Afternoon

Tuesday 5th March
3pm-4pm

Come for a chat, coffee and to find out some more information - no pressure or obligations



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 enquiries@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

in UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

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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The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine.

In response to this we would like to share with you the advice from UKHSA currently:

Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1s, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised and pregnant women. There is no specific treatment available, so it is important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness.

If you and your child have been vaccinated, it's very unlikely you will catch Measles.

Symptoms of Measles

- Usually starts with cold-like symptoms
- High fever
- Sore, red watery eyes
- Cough and/or runny nose
- Small red spots with bluish-white centres inside the mouth
- A red/brown blotchy rash which appears several days later, rough to the touch.

You should keep your child away from school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appeared and until they are completely recovered.

Keep your child away from babies, anyone who is pregnant and those with a weakened immune system.

'THINK' Measles

If you think your child has measles or has been in contact in the last 3 weeks with someone with a confirmed case of measles, then please stay at home and call your GP surgery.

- **DO NOT** bring your child to school or nursery.
- **DO NOT** visit the GP surgery/ out of hours, or Hospital.
- **CALL** ahead to the GP surgery so measures can be put in place for your arrival.

Children in school who are suspected of having measles will be isolated and parents will be asked to promptly collect them.

Vaccination

If you are unsure about whether your child is due a vaccine or has missed a vaccination, you can check your vaccination status by calling your GP surgery or

checking your 'Red Book'. If your child has missed one of their MMR's call your GP surgery and book an appointment.

The MMR schedule is usually 1 vaccine at 12 months old and a 2nd vaccine at pre-school, around 3 years and 4 months. For adults it's never too late to get vaccinated. Adults require 2 vaccines at 4 weeks apart.

You can request a version of the MMR vaccine that **does not contain pork products** from your GP surgery, making it suitable for all faiths. Please note that the GP practice may need to order this product in specially, so it will be helpful to tell the GP surgery before the appointment.

MMR vaccine is not advised during pregnancy, those women of childbearing age should avoid getting pregnant for at least 4 weeks following vaccination.

Pregnant women are advised to contact their midwife/GP surgery if they believe they have come into contact with Measles. Pregnant women who suspect they might have Measles should **not** go to an antenatal clinic or any other maternity setting until they have been assessed.

This information provided by UKHSA should provide clarity and reassurance. We ask that you remain vigilant to Measles following the half term holiday.

Please follow the links below for further information and guidance:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- [Think Measles! \[English\] \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- [Measles: don't let your child catch it flyer \[Available in 22 languages\] \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- [Pregnant? Immunisation helps to protect you and your baby from infectious diseases \(gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)



Sheffield Children's 
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FREE Webinar For Parents / Carers

'10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance - How to Eat Well AND Save Money'

Wednesday 13th March
9.30am – 10.30am
Via Zoom

Would you like some tips on how to eat healthier on a budget?

Want to know how to get the most out of your supermarket shop?

Want some ideas & inspiration on how to feed your family whilst not breaking the bank?

Then why not join us for our webinar:

'10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance – How to Eat Well AND Save Money'!

Part of our '10 Top Tips' Webinar Series, this session includes how to be savvy at the supermarket, tips on shopping and cooking on a budget, and how to reduce food waste.

Presented via Zoom and delivered by nutrition professionals, the session will be informative but fun, with time throughout to answer any of your questions.

[**BOOK HERE!**](#)

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