



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 16th October 2026

482nd Edition

SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT TO WOODBANK MEMORIAL PARK

Our School Council members had an exciting and productive outing to Woodbank Park on Wednesday where they tested out brand-new play equipment and worked closely with local councillors to help shape the future of the park.

The children learned that Sir Thomas Rowbotham gifted the parkland to the people of Stockport in 1921. The donation was made in honour of the local men who fought and died during WW1, which is why it is officially known as Woodbank Memorial Park.

Protecting Local Wildlife and Biodiversity: During the visit, our local councillors met with the children to talk about the importance of **biodiversity**. To help our local ecosystem flourish, the children designed colourful posters to encourage visitors to respect the park's long grass areas—a vital habitat for insects, birds, and small animals. The children's designs were incredible.

Equipment Testing and Big Ideas: The council got straight to work testing out the newly installed play area and sharing their feedback. They didn't stop there—they also brainstormed future improvements for the park. Suggestions ranged from practical ideas like installing a drinking water fountain to a few ambitious additions like a swimming pool, a McDonald's, and a KFC! The councillors were blown away by the group's creativity, mature attitudes, and polite behaviour throughout the visit.

Placing the Benches and thinking Like Town Planners: The children split into small groups to decide where new park benches and picnic tables should be placed. They carefully considered details like:

- **Sunlight:** Finding the best spots to catch the evening sunset.
- **Family Comfort:** Selecting areas where parents and families can sit comfortably while keeping an eye on the children.

Keep your eyes peeled next time you visit the park and watch this space to see if you can spot where our School Council's benches appear!

We are incredibly proud of our School Council for representing our school so brilliantly and for taking such an active role in improving their local community.



AWARD WINNERS

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to;

Oliver 3B - for bringing the most interesting facts and contributions to the room. He is a superb communicator and a pleasure to teach. Well done Oliver!

Alfie 4S - for always showing the BLJS learning powers and always getting involved in class discussions. Well done Alfie!

Annie-Lei 5L - for being an absolute superstar! Her incredible personality and attitude to learning lights up the classroom. Well done Annie-Lei!

Vivaan 6S - for his incredible communication across all subjects. His explanations have really supported his peers. Well done Vivaan!

The Headteacher Merit Awards were awarded to;
Bodhi W 3S and George 5S



A huge well done to all of our award winners!

DOJO WINNERS

Weekly winners:

Class winner

Class 3S

Individual winner

Skyla 3B

Team winner

Team Biles

A big well done to our Dojo winners.



LEARNING POWERS FUN FACT OF THE WEEK

Did you know that
a giraffe's tongue is
over 45cm long?



And they use it to clean
their ears!!!

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



This week's winners

Joint 1st	Class 3S & Class 6B - 99.3%
2nd	Class 5S 98.9%
3rd	Class 3B 96.9%

Whole school attendance

94.8%

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following
children who will be celebrating their
birthday over the coming week:

Skyla 3B
Albie 3L
Alice 3L
Louie 5B
Ella 6B
Ayla 6L
Paris 6S



We hope you all have a great time
celebrating!

CELEBRATING OUR NEW SCHOOL LIBRARIANS AND NATURE NINJAS

There was a buzz of excitement in assembly today as we officially announced our new **School Librarians** and **Nature Ninjas**! It was a very proud moment, as each pupil stepped up to receive their badges, ready to take on their new roles and make a wonderful difference in our school.

Meet Our Nature Ninjas

Year 3 - Oliver 3B, Archer 3L and Arthur 3S

Year 4 - Elijah 4B, Ales 4L and Lizzy 4S

Year 5 - Atlanta 5B, Harry 5L and Oscar 5S

Year 6 - Emily 6B, Arlo 6L and Harvey 6S

Our Nature Ninjas are responsible for looking after our school environment and helping their classes become greener every day. Their main responsibilities will include:

- **Promoting Recycling & Energy Saving:** Reminding everyone to turn off lights, save paper, and use our recycling bins properly.
- **Caring for School Grounds:** Helping to look after our plants, gardens, and outdoor wildlife habitats including our pond.
- **Giving Pupils a Voice:** Collecting 'green ideas' from their classes and bringing them to Nature Ninja meetings.



Meet Our School Librarians

Year 3 - Naomi 3B, Arabella 3L and Amelia 3S

Year 4 - Katelyn 4B, Freya 4L and Avery 4S

Year 5 - Martha 5B, Maya 5L and Amber 5S

Year 6 - Layla 6B, Poppy 6L and Lucy 6S

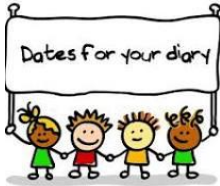
Our Librarians are true book champions, dedicated to keeping our library an inviting, inspiring place for everyone to read and learn. Their main responsibilities will include:

- **Keeping the Library Tidy:** Ensuring shelves are tidy and easy to navigate in our library, reading centre and class book areas.
- **Recommending Great Reads:** Creating fun book displays and giving reading suggestions to their classes.
- **Supporting our Reading Lead:** working with Miss Rock to promote a love of reading!

A huge congratulations to all our newly appointed Librarians and Nature Ninjas! Wear your badges with pride- we can't wait to see all the fantastic work you do this year!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
Wednesday 4th November Poole's Cavern	Class 5B Autumn swimming sessions at Grand Central Pools
Year 4	Year 6
	Monday 19th October Year 6 trip to Stockport School to watch The Addams Family
Whole School	
Reading Morning - due to parents evening there will be no reading morning this week Tuesday 20th October - Parents Evening Wednesday 21st October - <i>Children's vaccines. Please ensure you have completed the form by 20th October. This has been sent to families directly from the NHS</i> Thursday 22nd October - Parents Evening Thursday 22nd October - school closes and re-opens on Monday 2nd November Friday 23rd October - Inset Day Tuesday 17th November - individual school photos Tuesday 8th December - whole school trip to The Plaza Friday 18th December - school closes at 3:15pm and re-opens on Monday 4th January 2027 	

FOODBANK VOUCHERS

A reminder that school can provide foodbank vouchers upon request. Please contact the office on 0161 480 2330 or email admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk if you feel you would benefit from a Foodbank Voucher. Stockport Foodbank can also be contacted directly by emailing foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk

Foodbanks can supply food, baby and hygiene items as well as bread, fresh fruit and vegetables.

Support is not just for families who receive free school meals but for any family that is in genuine need of help and support.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell.

Please use the link below to see the government guidelines for schools about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases, as these say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, please phone the school on 0161 480 2330 and leave a message on the school absence line with your child's name, class and reason for absence.

[GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES](#)

As technology is always changing, often at a fast pace, you may have questions or concerns about the latest games or apps that your child uses at home. If you do, please click below to access a wide range of articles and guides from the Stockport Online Safety Hub. If you are still unsure, please contact your child's teacher using the year group email addresses below.

<https://stockport.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

If you would like information on how to better protect your child online or would like to report an incident to CEOP, please click the link below.

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>

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