Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 6th November 2026

483rd Edition

NEW SITE SUPERVISOR

You may spot a new face around the school grounds! We are delighted to welcome our new Site Supervisor, Mr Knight, to the team. Mr Knight will be working hard to keep our school safe, tidy, and running smoothly each day. If you see him around, please give him a warm welcome and say hello!



STOCKPORT SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY - RACE 2

The sun was shining at Woodbank Park last Saturday for the second race of the Stockport Schools' Cross Country League, organised by Stockport Harriers. What a lovely way to round off the half-term holiday!

Mrs Wharmby was joined by an enthusiastic group of 13 Banks Lane runners and their families for a fantastic morning of cross country.

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning for another race, with everyone ready to give it their best. Some children had a busy day of football or Halloween activities ahead of them, and some were hoping to improve on their previous times, or in Theo's case get a little bit closer to catching that elusive rabbit! Whatever their goal, every runner showed fantastic determination and resilience.

A huge well done to all the children who represented Banks Lane:

- **Year 3:** Olivia and Theo
- **Year 4:** Aubrey, Casey, Sara, Poppy, Charlotte, Alex and Jack
- **Year 5:** Elsie, Ryann and Leo
- **Year 6:** Jessica

It was lovely to see the children encouraging one another and crossing the finish line with a real sense of achievement. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part.

A big thank you to all the families who came along to support and cheer on our runners. It is always lovely to see such a fantastic team spirit.

The full results are available on the Stockport Harriers website here https://stockportharriers.co.uk/shac_schools_xc26_race2 for anyone wishing to check their times and positions.

Our next race is on **Saturday 21st November**, and we look forward to seeing everyone again - perhaps with even more runners joining the Banks Lane team!

Well done, everyone!

POOLE'S CAVERN

Year 3 had their first outing this week to Poole's Cavern. It was brilliant to see all of the children seeing the physical geography of the cavern first-hand after exploring and studying it in class. The children's science understanding really shone through their discussions and questions. The children enjoyed their archaeological dig—looking for objects in sand and using their information cards to identify each item. The walk through Grin Low Woods to Solomon's Temple was a lovely adventure, and it was interesting to see how people have impacted the physical geography of the landscape. What a great trip for Year 3!







CHILDREN IN NEED - OPT OUT INFORMATION

Our Children in Need Fair is just around the corner! It has always been such a fun day for the children, and we can't wait to celebrate together. While we want everyone to enjoy the day, we understand that some parents may prefer their child not to take part in certain activities.

Stalls requiring opt-out: If you do not wish for your child to participate in any of the following, please notify their class teacher before Wednesday 11th November:

- Sweet prizes / Winning sweets
- Bake sales
- Temporary tattoos or face paint
- Nail painting or makeup
- Hair spray or hair chalk

Don't worry-there will be plenty of other exciting stalls for your child to enjoy, including:

-Fun games & football challenges
-Guess the name of the teddy
-How many sweets in a jar

Important Allergen & Nut Safety Note: Please note that while we aim to avoid ingredients containing nuts, and staff will check all bake sale items carefully, we cannot guarantee a completely nut-free environment or product. If your child has a severe allergy, please contact their class teacher to discuss their participation or provide opt-out instructions.

Thank you for your continued support!

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

With morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups being so busy, we are reaching out with a quick reminder to help keep all our children safe.

Please be mindful of where you park when dropping off or collecting your children. We've had reports of blocked driveways and unsafe parking near school. Safe sightlines and clear roads are essential for our children to cross safely.

Thank you for your ongoing support, kindness to our neighbours, and helping to keep our streets safe for everyone.

PLACE2BE ARTICLES AND VIDEOS

Please find below some videos and articles which may be helpful to our families:

Place2Be: Parenting Smart: My child has trouble going to sleep
Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Healthy habits for parenting
Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Helping your child prepare for Secondary or High School
Place2Be: Parenting Smart: De-escalation techniques with children
Place2Be: Parenting Smart: How to ignore irritating behaviours effectively
Place2Be: Parenting Smart: My child doesn't want to go to school
Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Supporting healthy gaming habits for children

AWARD WINNERS

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to;

Evie 3L – for being a fantastic role model and a kind friend. Evie, you are a star!

Patsy 4S – for being an amazing role model, she always has a smile on her face and uses her Resilient Ruby powers incredibly. Well done Patsy!

Layla 5S – for spending lots of time at home improving her learning. Well done Layla!

Honey 6L – for showing excellent reflection skills across all lessons – she is constantly trying to improve herself. Well done Honey!

The Headteacher Merit Awards were awarded to;
Elijah 4B and Skyla 4L



A huge well done to all of our award winners!

DOJO WINNERS

Weekly winners:

This week's winners:

Class winner – Class 4L
Individual winner – Freya 4L
Team winner – Team Biles

A big well done to our Dojo winners.



BONFIRE NIGHT 2026 FUN FACT

Parliament is still searched today: Before the State Opening of Parliament each year, the Yeomen of the Guard still search the cellars- a tradition dating back more than 400 years after the plot.



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE

This week's winners	
1st	Class 4B – 99.2%
2nd	Class 5S – 99.1%
3rd	Class 4L – 98.3%

Whole school attendance
95.3%

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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

Parker 3L
Imogen 4B
Marlowe 4B
Isla 4L
Muhammad 4L
Hugo 4L
Tommy 4S
Amber 5S
Liam 6S



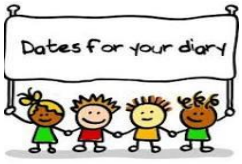
We hope you all have a great time celebrating!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
	Class 5B Autumn swimming sessions at Grand Central Pools **Friday 13th November** Children in Need fair
Year 4	**Year 6**
Tuesday 5th January 2027 North West Ambulance Service visit **29th-30th April 2027** Ilam Hall residential	**16th-19th May 2027** PGL Boreatton Park residential

Whole School

Friday 13th November – Children in Need fair
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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