



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 21st November 2025

484th Edition

PARENT FORUM

Our next parent forum is on **Tuesday 2nd December at 9.15am**, straight after reading morning. The focus of this meeting is Young Carers. If you would like to learn about what we do to support our Young Carers at Banks Lane Juniors, come along and have a chat. This will be held in our Conference Room.



OAA FESTIVAL

Last week, ten fantastic students from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a challenging and fun outdoor activity hosted at Mellor Primary School. Our pupils were truly brilliant ambassadors and outstanding role models for our school, demonstrating exceptional behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the activity. The activities were designed to build a wide range of essential life skills, and we are so proud of how they developed their physical skills, embraced teamwork, used their communication and problem-solving abilities, and showed incredible resilience and leadership. They did us proud!



AWARD WINNERS

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to;

Isla 3L - for being an amazing role model and a kind friend. She is a superstar! Well done Isla!

Heidi 4S - for always being on task and using her BLJS learning powers. Heidi is a pleasure to teach and always super helpful! Well done Heidi!

Honey 5L - for being an absolute delight to teach. She constantly demonstrates our learning powers and is an amazing role model. Well done Honey!

Mollie 6B - for always being incredibly resilient in all her learning and making fantastic progress - well done Mollie!

The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to;

Tommy 3L and Anderson 6S



A huge well done to all of our award winners!

DOJO WINNERS

This week's winners:

Class winner - Class 6S

Individual winner - Adam 6S

Team - Team Yousafzai

A big well done to our Dojo winners.



ATTACHMENTS

- Financial Support Information for families of children with SEND

LEARNING POWERS MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Cross-Country

A reminder of Cross-Country at Woodbank Park tomorrow, Saturday 22nd November.

Miss Rock will be there to support our BLJS children!



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



This week's Winners

1st	Class 5S 98.7%
Joint 2nd	Class 4S & 6B 98%
3rd	Class 3L 97.9%

Whole school attendance

95.3%

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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

Katelyn 3B
Valentina 4B
Emilia 4B
Roux 5B
August 5B
Jessica 5S
Poppy 6S
Mila 6S



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th December Learn to Ride Wednesday 10th December - Year 3/4 Christmas Disco. 3:15-4:30pm Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Production. Year 3/4 AM.	Thursday 11th December - Year 5/6 Christmas Disco. 3:15-4:30pm Monday 15th December - Christmas Production. Year 5/6 AM. 13-15th July or 15-17th July Year 5 residential to Conwy - (the year group is split into two separate trips)
Year 4	Year 6
Tuesday 2nd December Visit to Aquinas College for their Disney Musical Showcase Wednesday 10th December - Year 3/4 Christmas Disco. 3:15-4:30pm Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Production. Year 3/4 AM. Outdoor Learning - the schedule has been sent home via email 30th April 2026 Year 4 residential to Ilam Hall for 1 night	Monday 24th November Visit to Stockport School for their dance show Thursday 11th December - Year 5/6 Christmas Disco. 3:15-4:30pm Monday 15th December - Christmas Production. Year 5/6 AM. Sunday 17th May Year 6 residential to PGL Boreatton Park for 3 nights
Whole School	
Tuesdays - Reading morning. 8:45-9:15am Tuesday 2nd December - Parent Forum at 9:15am Wednesday 3rd December - Wizard of Oz Pantomime at 10:00am Wednesday 10th December - Young Carers Christmas Party Monday 15th December - Sharp Arts Production 3:30-4:30pm Thursday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day Friday 19th December - school closes at 3:15pm	

MIDDAY VACANCY

We're excited to announce that we have **one Midday Assistant position** available at our school! This opportunity has arisen due to staff progression.

This is a **term-time only contract**, with the following hours:

- **Monday:** 12:00 PM - 1:15PM
- **Tuesday to Friday:** 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

If you are interested in joining our team, please [CLICK HERE](#) to apply. This vacancy closes on Monday 24th November.

Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the school office on 0161 480 2330.

LATENESS

We are writing to all families about the vital importance of ensuring your child arrives at school on time every morning.

We understand that mornings can be hectic, we have recently reviewed the time lost due to late arrivals and the results are significant:

Timeframe	Total Minutes of School Time Lost
Last Week	628 minutes (over 10 hours)
This Week	548 minutes (over 9 hours)

Why Every Minute Counts

Less structured social time: Children who arrive late miss the opportunity to spend less structured social time with their friends, and the opportunity to build relationships with their peers.

Pupil Wellbeing: Rushing to school and entering a busy classroom late can be a stressful, unsettling experience. This can contribute to increased anxiety or a negative attitude toward school for the late pupil.

Missed Information: Pupils often miss important morning announcements, instructions, and the crucial 'settling' period that prepares them for the day's learning.

Lost Learning: Every minute lost is a minute of learning and engagement that may not be recovered.

Your Support Makes a Difference

We ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives punctually to start their day calmly and positively.

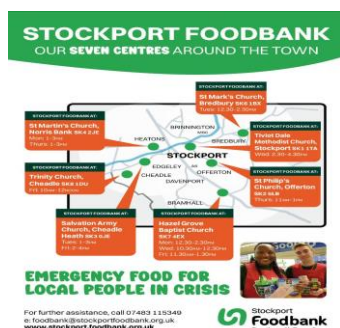
If you need any help or support, please do not hesitate to **contact the school office**. We are here to support our families.

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 on free school meals but for any family that is in genuine need of help and support.



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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