



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 7th March 2025

460th Edition

WORLD BOOK DAY

What a truly fabulous World Book Day we had! The atmosphere was buzzing with literary excitement, and it was wonderful to see so many creative costumes and enthusiastic participation.

We were absolutely thrilled with the level of engagement and support you all showed. It was a day filled with stories, laughter, and a real celebration of the joy of reading.

We are currently tallying up all the donations and fundraising efforts, and will announce the total amount raised next week.

Thank you again for making World Book Day such a memorable and successful event. We couldn't have done it without you!



SCHOOL COUNCIL BAKE SALE

Written by Oscar and Layla 6B

When is it?

Thursday 27th March at 3:15pm

Why are we having one?

Our school is holding a bake sale to raise money for a buddy bench. Every penny you spend will be appreciated. A buddy bench is more than a seat, it's a symbol of love, kindness and friendship.

What do you need to bring?

Nothing much, just your spare change and your love of supporting our school! So, grab a friend and let's make this cake sale a huge success! **We are asking for donations of baked goods, such as:**

- Cupcakes/cakes
- Cookies
- Brownies
- Any other delicious treats! Please bring your donations to the school office on the morning of Thursday 27th March.

AWARD WINNERS

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to:

Charlie 3L - for bringing enthusiasm and an infectious love for learning into class - thank you!

Elsie 4B - for her excellent behaviour in class and around school, as well as putting wonderful effort into all her work - well done!

Elizabeth 5S - for her positive attitude, being a kind friend and being a resilient learner - well done!

Aryan 6L - for showing exceptional resilience presenting to the whole school during assembly - well done!

The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to:

Poppy 4B and Louie 4S

A huge well done to all of our award winners!



DOJO WINNERS

Individual winner - Maisy 3B

Class winner - Class 3B

Team winner - Team Rashford

Well done to all of our Dojo winners.



LEARNING POWERS JOKE OF THE WEEK

When is the best time to buy a trampoline?

Spring time!



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



This week's Winners

Joint 1st	5S & 6B 99.3%
2nd	4L - 99%
3rd	3B - 98.7%

Whole school attendance

96.6%



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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

Theoden 3L
Lydia 3S
Lincoln 4S
Ava 5B
Bethany 5L
Elizabeth 5S
Noah 6L
Amelie 6S

We hope you have a great time celebrating!



KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

The pupils learn about keeping themselves safe online within our PSHE lessons, throughout other subjects and in assemblies because we know that children use many different social media apps and sites. The most popular are Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok. There are lots of benefits to social networking but like most things there can be negatives too. For children and young people there are risks that you should be aware of, to help keep your child safe online and on social media.

The apps mentioned are 13+ so if your child is using any of these apps or are online, please be mindful of monitoring their usage. Below are some helpful tips to help parents determine what is right for your child in terms of tech ownership and usage throughout childhood:

Advice for parents of primary school aged children

- **Enable access to devices with limited features** - Device usage at this age is best kept to devices with limited capability. This could include tablets without data and non-smart phones that only allow calls and texts.
- **Keep tech use visible in the home** - Try to keep tech use in shared family spaces or used with bedroom doors open. This will allow you to support your child and be more aware of what they are doing online.
- **Follow age ratings** - Apps, sites and games come with age ratings which are important to follow. You can find out the age rating on the website for the platform or by visiting [Common Sense Media's reviews](#).
- **Use safety settings** - Explore the in-app and device safety settings with your child and check them regularly to make sure they are still in place.
- **Revisit parental controls** - as children grow up and need the internet more for schoolwork you may want to adjust your [parental controls](#). Keep checking these regularly to make sure they are in place.
- **Have regular safety conversations** - at this age online safety conversations should be happening regularly. Visit our [advice on talking to your child about online safety](#).
- **Build healthy habits** - acknowledge the positives it brings as part of your safety conversations and agree rules and boundaries together as a family.

Please use the link below to access further information on keeping your child safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

We are available on the school playground or by phone every day if there is anything of this nature that you would like to discuss; we will try our best to support.

ATTACHMENTS

- Writing at BLJS Parent Leaflet
- Banks Lane Junior School 2025-2026 Term Dates

Both of these documents are also available on our website.

TT ROCKSTARS CHALLENGE

We have relaunched TTrockstars this week in school with the children. Times Table Rockstars is a fun and engaging website or app that the children can use to practise their times tables and become quicker each time. Learning times tables is part of the national curriculum and will really support your child with accessing trickier maths further on in their education.

Mrs Senogles has set up a competition for each year group. The children need to log on to TTrockstars and play the battle to increase their class score. In four weeks' time, the winning class for each year group will receive a little Rockstar treat.

<https://ttrockstars.com/>



BROOKSIDE GARDEN CENTRE

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEMPORARY HELPLINE

BROOKSIDE
MINIATURE RAILWAY

Charity Fun Day!

Sunday 9 March 2025

10.30am to 4.00pm

- Fun Fair Rides
- Fairground Organ
- Vintage Tractors
- Raffle

All train fare donations will be collected by Francis House Children's Hospice

As all money raised on the day is for Charity, we'd prefer not to accept our pre-paid 10+2 tickets for rides at this event

Brookside Garden Centre London Road North / A555 (the new Airport Relief Road) Poynton

FRANCIS HOUSE
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE
Registered Charity No. 220022

Stockport Admissions have set up a temporary helpline. You can also contact them via email: admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

0161 521 8871

Monday 10th March - Friday 14th March
08:30am - 4:30pm

ASSEMBLY

Last week in assembly, Mrs Owens spoke to the children about the holy month of Ramadan, which began last weekend, and St David's Day - the patron saint of Wales.

In this week's assembly, Mr Grinsted talked to the children about British Values and racism, as well as launching a Show Racism the Red Card art competition that we are working on in PSHE lessons across the school with Mrs Petrie.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
<p>The land beneath our feet - please ensure that you have completed the following Google Form giving permission for your child to attend. https://forms.gle/CFqwwFN2A52zbADe8</p> <p>3B Monday 24th March 3S Wednesday 26th March 3L Thursday 27th March</p>	<p>14th-16th July or 16th-18th July 2025 Conwy Residential</p>
Year 4	Year 6
<p>Wednesday 2nd April 2025 Parents Ilam Hall information meeting. 5-6pm</p> <p>Thursday 1st May - Friday 2nd May 2025 Ilam Hall Residential</p>	<p>Wednesday 30th April PGL Boreatton Park information evening 5-6pm</p> <p>Sunday 18th May-Wed 21st May 2025 PGL Boreatton Park Residential</p>
Whole School	
<p>Saturday 15th March 2025 Last Cross-Country race at Woodbank Park (this was originally 1st March and has been changed to 15th March)</p> <p>Saturday 22nd March 2025 Cross-Country Presentation Day at Woodbank Park</p> <p>Thursday 27th March 2025 School Council Bake sale - raising money for a school buddy bench</p>	

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School website
<https://www.bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk/>

FOODBANK VOUCHERS

A reminder that school can provide foodbank vouchers upon request. If you feel you would benefit from a Foodbank Voucher please contact the office on 0161 480 2330 or email admin@bankslane-jun.stockport.sch.uk or alternatively contact Stockport Foodbank directly at 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.

