



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 27th February 2026

458th Edition

WORLD BOOK DAY, AUTHOR VISIT AND BIG POSTER CHALLENGE

World Book Day is fast approaching and we want to use this as an opportunity to come together as a school, inspire a love of reading and books, and to launch the Stockport Book Awards.

Excitingly, this year we have also arranged a visit from Oliver Sykes, a local award-winning author and poet. Oliver will be with us for the full day, performing during an assembly, leading creative writing workshops, and signing books.

If you would like to purchase one of Oliver's books for him to sign on the day, there is a book menu attached. Prices are from £5 to £8. Please pay for your chosen book using the School Money App. The deadline for purchases is **Wednesday 4th March at 1pm** - please do not feel obliged to purchase a book, the children will still get to see the author in assembly and take part in a writing workshop.

Friday 6th March will be a non-uniform day, with lots of options for children to dress up and share their love of books. Here are our suggestions:

- Come dressed as your favourite character - Come in your pyjamas or a onesie with your favourite book (bedtime reading is the best!) - If you prefer non-fiction, a costume linked to that topic, or some facts written on a t-shirt - Simply bring in your favourite book from home and share why you love it so much

There are plenty of ideas online or on the World Book Day website. We don't want to put any additional financial pressure on families, so be creative, involve the children, and see what you have around the house linked to their favourite books. We're also planning lots of exciting activities in school around World Book Day too and, of course, all children will be given their £1 token for the fabulous £1 books, which are available in WH Smith, Waterstones, and lots of the local supermarkets.

National Year of Reading. In addition to our annual World Book Day event, 2026 is officially the National Year of Reading, and the theme is to 'Go All In.' We want to share the love of reading, whether this is fiction, nonfiction, poetry or audiobooks.

The Big Poster Challenge. To kick things off, our Librarians have come up with a brilliant Poster Competition. We're looking for eye-catching designs that show off how we share a love of reading at BLJS. If you need some inspiration, some ideas the children could include are: • The newly purchased Reading Centre books • Our jam-packed school library • Our cosy class reading corners • World Book Day excitement • Our Recommended Reads challenge • Exciting author visits. Details are below:

Deadline: Please hand posters to class teachers by **Tuesday 3rd March**

The Judges: Our School Council will be picking a favourite from each year group.

The Prize: Each winner bags a £5 book voucher!

Thank you very much for your support, especially with listening to your children read at home and encouraging a love of books.

MULTICULTURAL MARKET

This week we had a 'Multicultural Market' in school, where our children visited different 'stalls' to learn about various cultures around the world. These included Pakistani, Japanese, Egyptian, HongKong, Syrian, Iranian and Indian cultures. The feedback from the children was incredibly positive. They really enjoyed becoming more knowledgeable about different cultures; some examples included learning to use chopsticks, creating origami, writing their names in Arabic and learning how other cultures pray. By understanding different cultural backgrounds, we can support our children to build respect and help create a collaborative world.

A Friendly Reminder: Keeping Our School Community Safe

We want to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers who help make the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up run smoothly. To keep our children safe and our neighbours happy, we've put together a few gentle reminders regarding parking and road safety.

Safety First

Our main goal is to make sure every child can see and be seen when crossing the road.

- **Keep the Zig-Zags Clear:** Please never park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines. Keeping these areas clear ensures that children have a safe, unobstructed view of traffic.
- **Watch Your Speed:** Please drive slowly and keep an extra eye out for little ones who might be in a hurry to get to class!
- **Follow the Signs:** We kindly ask that you follow all official road signage to keep traffic flowing nicely.

Finding a Space

To help avoid congestion right at the school gates, please use the following parking options:

- **Hulme Street Car Park:** There are designated parking spaces available here.
- **Banks Lane Car Park:** There are designated parking spaces available here.
- **Stockport Lads Club:** Lads Club on Hempshaw Lane are more than happy for families to use their car park.
- **Staff Parking:** We ask that you leave the land to the left of the gates available for our staff members, so they can get into the classroom ready for the day.
- **Be a Good Neighbour:** We love being part of this community! Please be mindful of our local residents by ensuring driveways and access points remain clear.

Top Tip: Try "Park and Stride"

If the area closest to school feels a bit busy, why not try a **Park and Stride**? By parking just a few minutes away and walking the final stretch, you can:

1. Avoid the busiest traffic spots.
2. Get a few extra steps in with your little ones.
3. Help make the school gates much quieter and safer for everyone!

Thank you for your support! By working together and parking thoughtfully, we can ensure our school remains a safe and welcoming place for all our children.

AWARD WINNERS

Our celebration assembly will be held on Monday. Our Headteacher and Dojo winners will be shared in next week's Roar.



NHS SUPPORT



Need someone to talk to?

School nursing support for children and young people

If you're worried about anything to do with your health or wellbeing, our school nursing team is here to help!

Scan the QR code for support.

We can help with:

- Feeling worried, sad or stressed
- Friendships and relationships
- Sleep, eating and healthy habits
- Changes to your body and growing up
- School worries
- Long term health conditions
- Anything else you want to ask about...



You don't need to deal with things on your own

LEARNING POWERS MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Cross-Country

Our last Cross-Country race is tomorrow at Woodbank Park.



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



This week's Winners

1st	Class 3S 99.6%
2nd	Class 4B 99.2%
Joint 3rd	Class 5B & 6S 98.3%

Whole school attendance
96.6%

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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

Madison 3B
Cillian 3B
Mia 3B
Lydia 4B
Theoden 4L
Lincoln 5S
Harvey 6B
Ava 6B
Bobby 6L
Jessica 6L
Bethany 6L
Elizabeth 6S



We hope you all have a great time celebrating!

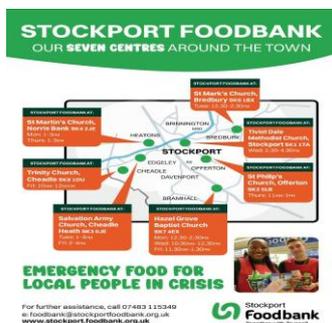
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
	Friday mornings Class 5L swimming lessons 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
Outdoor Learning - the schedule has been sent home via email 30th April 2026 Year 4 residential to Ilam Hall for 1 night.	Monday 2nd March Year 7 National Offer Day Wednesday 4th March Youth Justice Service workshop Sunday 17th May Year 6 residential to PGL Boreatton Park for 3 nights. Final payments are due Wednesday 11 th March
Whole School	
Tuesday 3rd March The Big Poster Challenge - please hand posters to class teachers by Tuesday 3rd March	
Wednesday 4th March Maths morning will re-commence	
Parent Forum - inclusion of Neurodiversity within school 12 th March 7:30-8:30pm online. Details of how to join this online event will be sent soon 16 th March 9:15-10:15am within school	
Friday 6th March World Book Day	

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.**



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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