



## The Weekly Roar!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

457<sup>th</sup> Edition

### YOUNG CARERS

We've had some wonderful moments in the Young Carers groups over the past few weeks! A huge thank you to one of our lovely Year 5 parents who joined us to share the art of **macramé**. Whilst those first few knots were a bit tricky to master, the children showed incredible resilience and patience. Everyone walked away with a beautiful handmade keyring and a brand-new skill.

The creativity doesn't stop here—we have even more treats in store for next half term!



### TEAM YOUSAFZAI

To celebrate being DOJO award winners, Team Yousafzai enjoyed a very special Dojo treat today. As a reward for all their wonderful hard work, the children chose to spend an afternoon together with a movie.

The children helped transform the hall into a cosy pop-up cinema, creating a snug space to relax and enjoy *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip*. With plenty of treats to go around and lots of smiles, it was the perfect way to celebrate their achievements before the holidays.

We are very proud of the way Team Yousafzai have worked together as a team. It was a well-deserved treat for a truly brilliant group of children! Thank you to our Team Captains for organising a wonderful afternoon.



## Calling All Bookworms: It's the National Year of Reading!

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, non-fiction, 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

## The Details

- **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 receives a **£5 book voucher!**

## Save the Date: World Book Day

We'll be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday, March 6th**. We have a very special guest author visiting us that day, Oliver Sykes, and we'll be announcing our poster winners during the day. More details of World Book Day and our author visit will be sent out soon.

## PARENT FORUM

Please find below details of our next parent forum. This will be held over 3 sessions.

26<sup>th</sup> February 9:15-10:15am within school  
 16<sup>th</sup> March 9:15-10:15am within school  
 12<sup>th</sup> March 7:30-8:30pm - online. Details of how to join the online session will be shared soon.



Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

### PINS Meet up

A great opportunity to find out information, to meet other parent/carers from Banks Lane Junior School and share your views

- Free refreshments
- Small gift for attendance
- Free raffle ticket £15 voucher prize

**Date:** 26th February 9.15-10.15am

**Date:** 16th March 9.15-10.15am

Online evening

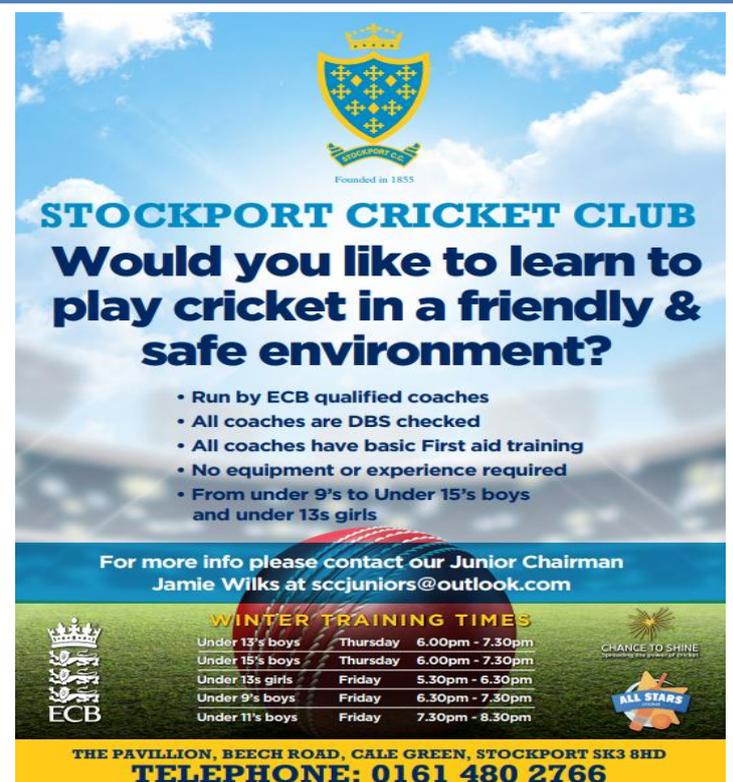
**Date:** 12th March 7.30-8.30pm

Don't forget to fill in the PINS survey too!

Share your thoughts

PACTS & PINS

## STOCKPORT CRICKET CLUB



Stockport Cricket Club  
 Founded in 1855

### STOCKPORT CRICKET CLUB

## Would you like to learn to play cricket in a friendly & safe environment?

- Run by ECB qualified coaches
- All coaches are DBS checked
- All coaches have basic First aid training
- No equipment or experience required
- From under 9's to Under 15's boys and under 13s girls

For more info please contact our Junior Chairman  
 Jamie Wilks at [sccjuniors@outlook.com](mailto:sccjuniors@outlook.com)

#### WINTER TRAINING TIMES

Under 13's boys	Thursday	6.00pm - 7.30pm
Under 15's boys	Thursday	6.00pm - 7.30pm
Under 13s girls	Friday	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Under 9's boys	Friday	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Under 11's boys	Friday	7.30pm - 8.30pm

CHANCE TO SHINE  
 THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

ALL STARS

THE PAVILLION, BEECH ROAD, CALE GREEN, STOCKPORT SK3 8HD  
**TELEPHONE: 0161 480 2766**

# PARKING

## 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

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to;

Orla 3L - for being a shining star and a real role model in and outside of the classroom. Well done Orla!

Ava 5L - for being a fantastic role model. She is always keen and supportive and a delight to teach. Well done Ava!

Elsie 6S - for being a brilliant BLJS role model and for making fantastic progress this year. Well done Elsie!

Khaleesi 4L - for her incredible resilience and progress in reading. She is a true BLJS inspiration. Well done Khaleesi!

The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to;  
Aihan 3S and Jenson 4L



A huge well done to all of our award winners!

## DOJO WINNERS

**This week's winners:**

Class winner - Class 4L

Individual winner - Joseph in 6S

Team winner - Team Rashford

**Half-term winners:**

Class winner - Class 4B

Individual winner - Lily in 6S

Team winner - Team Biles

A big well done to our Dojo winners.



## LEARNING POWERS MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

A reminder that  
school closes today  
and re-opens on  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
February

School  
Closed



## FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



This week's Winners

1st	Class 4L 96.7%
Joint 2nd	Class 5B & 6L 96%
3rd	Class 3B 95.3%

Whole school attendance  
93.1%

## IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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

Cillian 3B  
Ra'Niyah 3S  
Albert 3S  
Jason 4L  
Jesse 5B  
Catalina 5L  
Archie 5L  
Reggie 5S  
Daniel 6L  
Charlie 6S  
Joseph 6S



We hope you all have a great time  
celebrating!

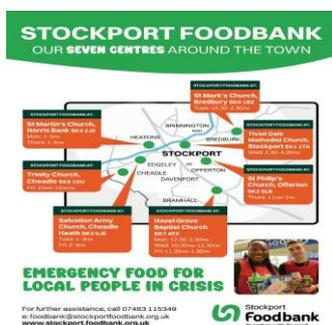
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
<p><b>Tuesday 24th February</b> Multicultural Market</p>	<p><b>24th &amp; 25th February</b> Multicultural Market <b>Friday mornings</b> Class 5L swimming lessons <b>13-15<sup>th</sup> July or 15-17<sup>th</sup> July</b> Year 5 residential to Conwy - the year group is split into two separate trips</p>
Year 4	Year 6
<p><b>Tuesday 24th February</b> Multicultural Market <b>Outdoor Learning</b> - the schedule has been sent home via email <b>30<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b> Year 4 residential to Ilam Hall for 1 night. Final payments are due Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 24th February</b> RE Workshops - Islam <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> Multicultural Market <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> Year 6 residential to PGL Boreatton Park for 3 nights. Final payments are due Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</p>
Whole School	
<p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> School re-opens</p> <p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b> Maths morning will re-commence</p> <p><b>Parent Forum - inclusion of Neurodiversity within school</b> 26<sup>th</sup> February 9:15-10:15am within school 16<sup>th</sup> March 9:15-10:15am within school 12<sup>th</sup> March 7:30-8:30pm - online</p> <p><b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> World Book Day - further details will be sent out soon</p>	

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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