



# Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



## The Weekly Roar!

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

459<sup>th</sup> Edition

### NATURE NINJAS

Our incredible Nature Ninjas met last week to discuss how they can lead on conserving energy across the school, particularly within their own classrooms. We discussed 'Powering Down' and the importance of ensuring we turn off lights and interactive whiteboards whenever we leave the classroom. Our Nature Ninjas will be responsible for this.

**We shared some incredible energy saving facts like:**

*'A single computer and monitor left on for 24 hours a day will cost around £60 a year. Switching them off out of hours and enabling standby features would reduce this to less than £10 a year and prolong the lifespan of the equipment.'*

*'Making good use of daylight in a classroom can reduce lighting costs by 19%.'*

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Today, our school was transformed into a hub of smiles, stories and sports! It has been a truly wonderful day for both staff and children alike. Our halls were filled with the magic of World Book Day, made even more special by an inspiring visit from our guest author Oliver Sykes.

Beyond the books, the energy remained high as children dived into swimming sessions and knocked it out of the park during cricket. To top it all off, we officially revealed the winners of our Reading Poster Competition! Seeing the creativity and enthusiasm from both children and staff has been the highlight of our week.

We've captured so many of these special moments on **ClassDojo**, so please do log in to see all the fantastic things your children have been up to.



**Congratulations to our winners of the reading poster competition: Theo, Katelyn, Poppy and Betsy.**

## CROSS COUNTRY

Thirteen of our brilliant runners, supported by their families and Mrs Wharmby, took part in the final cross country event of the season at Woodbank Park. Conditions were extremely muddy underfoot, but thankfully it stayed dry right up until just after the last race!

Representing our school were:

Year 3: Casey, Dorothy, James and Jack

Year 4: Leo and Amelia

Year 5: Bella, Sebastian, Isaac and George

Year 6: Lily, Matilda and Aurelia

A special mention to Isaac, Lily and Amelia, who all achieved fantastic top 25 finishes in their races — an amazing accomplishment in such tough conditions.

This marked the last BLJS cross country race for our Year 6 runners. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and resilience over the last 4 years and we hope this is just the beginning — perhaps high school cross country next?

Well done to all of our runners for their determination, sportsmanship and muddy legs!

We will soon be collecting medals for pupils who have completed five or six races this season. These will be presented in assembly in the coming weeks.

Full results, including times and finishing positions, can be found on the Stockport Harriers website here [https://stockportharriers.co.uk/shac\\_schools\\_xc25\\_race6](https://stockportharriers.co.uk/shac_schools_xc25_race6).



## AWARD WINNERS

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to:

**Daisy 3B** - for being an incredible BLJS pupil. She follows every instruction, completes every task and every homework. Well done Daisy!

**Oliver 4B** for being an amazing BLJS pupil and always showing respect to all members of staff. Thank you, Oliver!

**Eve 5B** - for always showing the right attitudes in class and doing extra home learning to help build her confidence in maths. Well done Eve!

**Georgie 6B** - for always being kind and helpful to friends and adults in school. Well done Georgie!

The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to;

**Theoden 4L and Maisy 4L**



A huge well done to all of our award winners!

## DOJO WINNERS

### Class winner

Class 3L

### Individual winner

Oliver 3L

### Team winner

Team Rashford

A big well done to our Dojo winners.



## LEARNING POWERS JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call a dinosaur who loves to read?

A Thesaurus



## FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



### This week's Winners

Joint 1st	Class 3B & 4S 99.2%
Joint 2nd	Class 3L, 4L & 6L 98.3%
3rd	Class 3S 97.8%

Whole school attendance  
97.2%

## IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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

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



We hope you all have a great time celebrating!

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
<p>The Land Beneath Our Feet Trip  <b>Class 3B</b> - Thursday 26th March 2026  <b>Class 3L</b> - Friday 27th March 2026  <b>Class 3S</b> - Wednesday 25th March 2026</p>	<p><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>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.</p>	<p><b>Air Raid Shelters Trip</b>                      Monday 13th April - 6B &amp; 6L                      Tuesday 14th April - 6S</p> <p><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>Parent Forum - inclusion of Neurodiversity within school</b>                      12<sup>th</sup> March 7:30-8:30pm online parent forum. Click here to find out more and to book your place - <a href="#">Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools Tickets, Thursday, Mar 12 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm   Eventbrite</a>                      16<sup>th</sup> March 9:15-10:15am within school</p>	



Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

## PINS

### Online Meet up

**BANKS LANE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Date: 12th March 7.30-8.30pm

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



Don't forget to fill in the [PINS survey](#) too!

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9am  
To  
2pm  
EVERYDAY

**WHEN:**  
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026

**WHERE:**  
STOCKPORT SCHOOL, MILE END LANE, STOCKPORT SK2 6BW



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 LUNCHTIME / PLAYTIME**

**£15 PER DAY**      **£50 FOR FOUR DAYS**

Boys and girls of all abilities, ages 5-12 are welcome •  
 All you need is a packed lunch and a healthy appetite for fun and sport •  
 Qualified primary / secondary school teachers running the sports camp •  
 Experienced multi-sports, FA qualified football coaches •  
 Prizes given out for outstanding effort and performance each day •

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT:**  
 Elliott Riley on **07305 215363** or [alwaysactivemultisportscamp@hotmail.com](mailto:alwaysactivemultisportscamp@hotmail.com)

## 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.**

## ABSENCE

### 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.

### [NHS GUIDANCE](#)

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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