



Banks Lane Junior School

Communication, Collaboration, Curiosity, Resilience, Reflection



The Christmas Roar

Friday 5th December 2025

450th Edition

Ho Ho Ho! Hello Banks Lane! We have put together a Christmas Roar newsletter to tell you about all the fun things that we have coming up in December!



CHRISTMAS DISCO

Wednesday 10th December

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Disco 3:15-4:30pm

Thursday 11th December

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco 3:15-4:30pm

We will once again be holding our Christmas Disco this year. Entrance will be £2 and we suggest that children bring a maximum of £3 to spend in our Christmas tuck shop. Please put money in two separate envelopes, both with your child's name on, their class teacher will collect these in the morning and give spends back at the end of the day. Children can bring a change of clothes and will change into these at 3:00pm, ready for the disco to start at 3:15pm. Collection will be at 4:30 from our main office.



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Monday 15th December

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert 9:30-10:30am

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert 2:00-3:00pm

Tuesday 16th December

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert 9:30-10:30am

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert 2:00-3:00pm

Entrance to the concert is free but you must [CLICK HERE](#) to book your tickets. We will have a list of all bookings as you arrive, **you will not receive a ticket in advance.**

We request that a maximum of two family members attend each showing, this will ensure that all 359 families have a chance of attending a session and will have a good view of their children.

Audience participation is encouraged



CHRISTMAS TREE

The festive season is in full swing at BLJS! Our magnificent Christmas tree stands proudly at over **16 feet tall!** The children have thoroughly enjoyed the process of decorating this giant and have taken immense pride in their beautiful work. Their dedication has created a wonderfully festive atmosphere for all to enjoy!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & NON-UNIFORM DAY

We are once again looking forward to our school Christmas lunch this year, which will be held on **Thursday 18th December**.

This will also be our school non-uniform day.

Festive music will be played throughout lunchtime; we have also purchased Christmas crackers for all of the children to enjoy.

If your child would like a Christmas meal, please order via the School Grid app before 11th December.

TABLE DECORATION COMPETITION

We will be holding our annual competition for the children to make a Christmas table decoration, these will be used during our Christmas Dinner Day. Please use your imagination and make use of what you have around the house to create something festive! There will be prizes for each year group. Please can these be handed to the school office by Wednesday 17th December. We are looking forward to seeing some Ho Ho Homemade festive creations.

PG FILMS

Over the next few weeks, some of the classes will be showing Christmas films. These may include 'PG' rated movies such as Home Alone or Elf. There may even be a few sweet treats too.

If you would prefer your child not to watch any PG rated films, please get in touch with school. We can then ensure that 'U' rated films are played in their class.



CHRISTMAS CARDS



If your child would like to send Christmas cards to friends within school, they are more than welcome to do so. We have a post-box located on the corridor by the library so that children can post their cards, they will then be delivered to classes by our Year 6 Team Captains. Please ensure that the child's name and class are clearly marked on the envelope.

As we finish for Christmas on Friday 19th December, please can all cards be posted by Wednesday 17th December at the latest.

SHARP ARTS CHRISTMAS SHOW

Rehearsal: Children participating will **stay in school** following the end of the school day at 3:15pm.

Show Time: The performance will begin at approximately **4:00pm** and is scheduled to run until **4:20pm**. Doors will open to families at around 3:50pm.

AWARD WINNERS

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to;

Charlotte 3B - for being a year 3 role model. She works incredibly hard, is super resilient and always has a smile on her face. Well done Charlotte!

Lydia 4B - for being an outstanding BLJS pupil at all times. Well done Lydia!

Scarlett 5B - for her commitment to learning. Her extra learning at home is really supporting her school work. Well done Scarlett!

AJ 6S - for his amazing progress in his assessments and being a great BLJS role model in and out of school. Well done AJ!

The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to;

Kiki 3B and Amelia 4L



A huge well done to all of our award winners!

DOJO WINNERS

This week's winners:

Class - Class 3L

Individual - Hudson and Katelyn in 3B

Team - Team Rashford



LEARNING POWERS MESSAGE OF THE WEEK



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE AWARD



This week's Winners	
1st	Class 3L 99.1%
2nd	Class 3S 98.2%
3rd	Class 4S 96.3%

Whole school attendance
93.5%%

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday this coming week to,

Minnie-Mae 3L
Patrick 3L
Patsy 3S
Isla 3S
Ellie 4L
George 4L
Jack 4L
Jessica 4S
Betsy 6B
Aurelia 6L
Samuel 6L
Matilda 6S



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Monday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils proudly represented the school in the Utilita Kids Cup football tournament at Power League.

Mr Smith and Mr P were incredibly proud of the fantastic effort and teamwork that was on display from every single player throughout the competition, especially given the strength of the tough opponents they faced.

A massive shout out goes to Lacey in goal! She earned high praise from multiple different adults at the event for her top-quality saves and brilliant performance.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th December Learn to Ride Wednesday 10th December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Disco. 3:15-4:30pm Monday 15th December Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert 2:00-3:00pm Tuesday 16th December Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert 9:30-10:30am Wednesday 17th December Stone Age Day	Thursday 11th December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco. 3:15-4:30pm Monday 15th December Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert 9:30-10:30am Tuesday 16th December Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert 2:00-3:00pm 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
Wednesday 10th December Year 3 and 4 Christmas Disco. 3:15-4:30pm Monday 15th December Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert 2:00-3:00pm Tuesday 16th December Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert 9:30-10:30am Outdoor Learning - the schedule has been sent home via email 30th April 2026 Year 4 residential to Ilam Hall for 1 night	Thursday 11th December Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco. 3:15-4:30pm Monday 15th December Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert 9:30-10:30am Tuesday 16th December Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert 2:00-3:00pm Sunday 17th May Year 6 residential to PGL Boreatton Park for 3 nights

Whole School

Tuesdays - Reading morning. 8:45-9:15am. The last reading morning will be Tuesday 9th December.

Wednesday 10th December - Young Carers' Christmas Party

Monday 15th December - Sharp Arts Production 4:00-4:20pm. The children will stay in school at 3:15pm for rehearsal.

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day and non-uniform day

Friday 19th December - school closes at 3:15pm

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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