



The Weekly Roar!

5th September 2025

477th Edition

WELCOME BACK FROM MR MILNER

Welcome back! I hope that you have had a relaxing summer. It has been lovely to see all our children back in school looking so smart and ready to learn. I have been lucky to have many conversations with children who have been pleased to be back. It has been especially lovely to meet our new Year 3 children. Their positivity at being in the junior school has really brightened my week! I really want to thank parents for supporting your children's return to school, it is clear that families have gone to a huge amount of effort (and money) to make sure your children are super smart. If you are missing any items of school uniform, please drop into the office - we have lots of recycled uniform that you are welcome to have. We have full uniforms, trainers, shoes and even coats - so if you need anything - please just ask.

There has been lots of work completed in school over the holiday. We have completed phase one of a £100,000 drainage scheme to replace our 75-year-old drains - this has been successful. Although children and staff may not 'see' the difference, hopefully toilet closures, blockages and unpleasant smells will stop! We also have a newly refurbished hall floor - which looks amazing! We are holding off on assemblies this week until the strong varnish smells reduce - hopefully next week we will be back to normal.

We have some new staff to welcome to our school team - Mr Marshall, Miss Quinn and Miss Gregory have joined our teaching assistant team. We have also welcomed back Mrs Evans and Miss Ogden as class teachers. We started the week with two really positive INSET days and school looks really great! We will be opening up school to our parent community with reading morning shortly (date to be confirmed) when all our new starters; both staff and children are fully settled.

We have some exciting new initiatives that we will be sharing over the next few weeks. One of these is a parent app linked to our school behaviour system Dojo; which will hopefully make communication between home and school even stronger. We have also purchased a large number of Chromebook laptops that are currently being set up and will be available to support teaching and learning very soon.

Finally, I just want to remind parents that if you have any concerns, questions or worries, members of staff are out on the playground both before and after school, and are happy to help. You will find me near the main gates every morning that I am in school, between 8:40-9am. Please come and say hello, or if you have any worries or concerns, please come and ask. I am really looking forward to working with all of your children and families this year.



CROSS COUNTRY AT WOODBANK PARK

Primary School Cross Country League - Saturdays, Woodbank Park

We are very pleased to announce that the Stockport Schools Cross Country League (organised by Stockport Harriers) will be starting this year on Saturday 20th September. This is the start of a series of races throughout the academic year. Please see the dates below:

Race Dates

Saturday 20th September 2025

Saturday 18th October 2025

Saturday 22nd November 2025

Saturday 17th January 2026

Saturday 31st January 2026

Saturday 28th February 2026

On each Saturday, the races will start at these times: 10:30 Y3 & 4 girls (1.5km); 10:50 Y3 & 4 boys (1.5km); 11:10 Y5 & 6 girls (2.5km); and 11:40 Y5 & 6 boys (2.5km).

Although there will be a staff member from school present at all the above events (usually Miss Rock or Mrs Wharmby), an adult does need to accompany any child competing and stay throughout.

Please check in with the member of staff from school at the athletics stadium in Woodbank Park at least ten minutes before your race. Parking can get busy, so please arrive in plenty of time or walk where possible. You will also need to check in again at the end of the race to hand in your finishing position lolly stick, so we can submit the race results.

The children need come in their running clothes and trainers. It does get very muddy, so canvas pumps are not appropriate. We suggest they wrap up warm prior to and after the race. They may also wish to bring a snack and water.

Although it is by no means compulsory to attend all six events, we encourage children to come to as many as possible. Commitment to the race series is rewarded at the presentation event after the final race with prizes for the best runners and medals for children who took part in five or six races. If you can't make the first race, you can still take part in later races - just let Miss Rock or Mrs Wharmby know you are still keen to have a go.

Running is a great passion of ours and obviously a great way to promote an active lifestyle for the children. This race series is a fantastic way to get involved in running, have fun and enjoy some exercise - very muddy exercise! There is a lovely, supportive atmosphere at all events and the children who have competed regularly thoroughly enjoy the experience.

If your child is interested in taking part, please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the Google Form, or alternatively email Miss Rock on year4@banks-lane-jun.stockport.sch.uk or Mrs Wharmby on year5@banks-lane-jun.stockport.sch.uk. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, especially if your child has never taken part in the races before or is in Year 3.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 20th September.

STOCKPORT COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

After the success of our Year 6 Stockport County sessions last year, Year 6 will be taking part in a 2-hour Stockport County well-being and PE session every Tuesday, starting from **Tuesday 9th September**. They will need a full school PE kit in school on these days.



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday this week:

Agatha 4L
Jenson 4L
Coby 4L
George 4L
Ruben 4S
George 5B
Honey 5L
Amelia 5S
Joseph 6S

We hope you all have a great time celebrating!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
	Friday 12th September Class 5B will begin their swimming lessons
Year 4	Year 6
	Tuesday 9th September Year 6 will begin their Stockport County Mental Health & Wellbeing 6-week course

Whole School

Reading Morning - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Spelling list and Curriculum Overview - we are due to launch a brand-new spelling system within school, the spelling list and curriculum overview will both be sent home via email to all year groups next week.

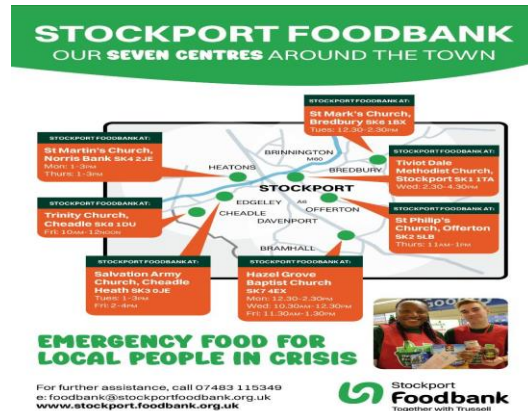
FOODBANK VOUCHERS

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 above.

<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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