



The Weekly Roar!

Friday 9th January 2025

452nd Edition

MORNING DROP OFF UPDATE

We're making a small change to how we open school in the mornings. Starting **Monday, 12th January**, we will be using **two entrance doors** instead of four. Please continue to use the same side of school to enter. There will be one door open on the front playground and one door open at the end of the back corridor.

The timings remain the same:

- **8:45 AM:** Doors open
- **9:00 AM:** Doors close for registration

By using fewer doors, we can get more of our staff into the classrooms earlier. This means more staff available to help the children settle in, hear pupils read, and get a head start on the day's learning. Our SLT, SEND team and learning mentors will remain available on the playground each morning.

Pick-up remains the same: there are no changes to the doors the children use at the end of the school day.

Thanks for your support!

LOCKDOWN DRILL

Next week, our school will conduct a routine lockdown drill. A lockdown drill is a national requirement for our safety in school. Just like a fire drill helps us to practice getting out of school safely, a lockdown drill helps us to practice staying safely inside. This could be due to an external risk.

Mr Milner spoke to the pupils in assembly this morning to ensure they understand what a lockdown drill is and to support them remaining calm during a drill. To keep things child-friendly, we've explained it to the pupils as learning how to stay quiet and safe inside the classroom.

Please reassure your child that these drills are a normal part of school life and are simply a way for us to practice being safe in school.

SHARE THE WARMTH

Do you have winter coats at home that your child has outgrown? We have a **Pre-Loved Coat Rail** located in our entrance hall which is looking a bit bare! We invite you to donate any pre-loved coats. In return, please feel free to take any coat from the rail that your child may need. We will also accept pre-loved hats, scarves and gloves.

It's a fantastic way to recycle, save money, and support one another.

YOUNG CARERS

We are looking for your help to enhance our Young Carers program. This group meets once every half-term to provide a fun, supportive space for our students, and we have two ways you can get involved:

1. Board Games & Craft Supplies

We are looking for donations of unwanted **board games or craft supplies** that are in good condition.

- **How these will help:** These items allow children to take part in a wide variety of activities.
- **How this will impact our children:** If we receive enough donations, we plan to expand these resources to the whole school for use in social skills groups and our lunchtime clubs.

2. Share a Skill or Hobby

Do you have a hobby, skill, or area of interest you'd be willing to share? We are looking for parents or carers to lead a small session with our Young Carers. Whether it's **arts and crafts, music, cooking, sports, science** or anything else you're passionate about, we would love to hear from you!

How to get involved: Please drop any games off at the school office. If you have a skill to share please call us on 0161 480 2330 and Mrs Cockburn will be in touch.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community an engaging and inspiring place for our children!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are aware that a number of families who may be eligible for Free School Meals have not yet submitted a claim. Even if you prefer to provide a packed lunch, a successful application provides significant benefits for your child and essential funding for our school.

Why Apply?

- **Direct Support:** Your child receives a fresh, nutritious, and high-quality meal every day. Our **cashless system** ensures that students receiving free meals are completely anonymous to their peers.
- **Pupil Premium Funding:** For every student registered, the school receives additional funding to support their learning.
- **School Holiday Support:** Registered families often gain access to the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

Checking is quick, easy, and confidential. Our new eligibility software provides an instant result. You only need to apply once; if your circumstances change at some point, the system will automatically update your status.

Here is the link to apply: <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

The school office is happy to help any family complete the online form in confidence.

PE REMINDER

Please find the designated PE days for each year group below. In addition to these set days, classes may schedule an extra session at any point during the week.

Because schedules within school can occasionally shift, it is very important that children have **both their indoor and outdoor PE kits** in school every day.

Year 3: Tuesday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Monday

Year 6: Thursday

AWARD WINNERS

The Headteacher Gold Awards were given to:

Evie 3L - for being a shining star in year 3. She works so hard and is always smiling. Well done Evie!

Theo 4B - for always using his learning powers and for his amazing creativity. Well done Theo!

Georgia 5B - for being an outstanding BLJS role model. She always tries her best and is an absolute superstar. Well done Georgia!

Rory 6L - for consistently displaying exceptional dedication to his learning. Thank you for being an outstanding BLJS role model!

The Headteacher merit awards were awarded to:

Harlow 5B and George 5L



A huge well done to all of our award winners!

LEARNING POWERS MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

A reminder that maths morning begins on Wednesday 14th January.

8:45-9:15am.



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE



This week's Winners	
1st	Class 4B 100%
2nd	Class 5B 99.2%
3rd	Class 4S 98.2%

Whole school attendance
96.6%

DOJO WINNERS

Class winners - Class 6L

Individual winner - Ivy 4B

Team winner - Team Rashford

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IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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

Bobby 3B
Oliver 3L
Daisy 4B
Scarlett 5B
Ellis 5L
Harry 5S
Grace 6B



We hope you all have a great time celebrating!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3	Year 5
Wednesday 4th February Egyptian Day	Friday 9th January Class 5L swimming lessons begin 13-15th July or 15-17th July Year 5 residential to Conwy - (the year group is split into two separate trips) 26th-30th January Year 5 Bikeability
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	21st January 2026 SATs information evening at 4:30pm in our school hall Sunday 17th May Year 6 residential to PGL Boreatton Park for 3 nights
Whole School	
Wednesday 14th January Maths Morning begins: 8:45-9:15am Friday 16th January School Council Parent Meeting at 3:30pm Tuesday 27th January School Council trip to London	

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.**

STOCKPORT FOODBANK
 OUR **SEVEN CENTRES** AROUND THE TOWN

STOCKPORT FOODBANK AT:
St Martin's Church, Norris Bank SK4 2JE
 Mon: 1-2pm
 Thurs: 1-3pm

STOCKPORT FOODBANK AT:
Trinity Church, Cheadle SK8 1DU
 Fri: 10AM-12noon

STOCKPORT FOODBANK AT:
Salvation Army Church, Cheadle Heath SK3 0JE
 Tues: 10AM-12noon
 Fri: 2-4pm

STOCKPORT FOODBANK AT:
Hazel Grove Baptist Church SK7 4EX
 Mon: 10AM-12noon
 Wed: 10:30AM-12:30pm
 Fri: 11:30AM-1:30pm

STOCKPORT FOODBANK AT:
St Mark's Church, Bredbury SK6 1BX
 Tues: 12:30-2:30pm

STOCKPORT FOODBANK AT:
Tiviot Dale Methodist Church, Stockport SK1 1TA
 Wed: 2:30-4:30pm

STOCKPORT FOODBANK AT:
St Philip's Church, Offerton SK2 5LB
 Thurs: 11AM-1pm

EMERGENCY FOOD FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

For further assistance, call 07483 115349
 e: foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk
www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk

Stockport Foodbank
Together with Trussell

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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