

Stocks Lane Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026

This Week's Wonderful Achievements

House Dojos – Gold is the winning team this week with the most Dojo points. Well done!

Emerald	2507
Ruby	2496
Silver	2483
Gold	2573
Amethyst	2518
Diamond	2462
Sapphire	2501

Lily's Friendship Award

Willow	Lucas is always a good friend to everyone and loves to congratulate his friends when they do well.
Laurel	Grace is always a kind and caring friend to everyone in Laurel Class and always puts others before herself. Well done Grace!
Sycamore	Roux , for being a lovely friend to everyone in class and helping them when they are stuck.
Rowan	Lucas is a kind friend to everyone in class.
Cherry B	Charles , who has stood out for kindness and willingness to help others. From supporting classmates in Art and DT to helping your partner with some tricky spellings, you have been a fantastic friend. We are very proud of you!
Oak	All of Oak Class for cheering and encouraging each other throughout the Comic Relief football tournament.
Acer	Harris has been a great friend during our SATs revision games. He has supported his peers through tricky questions and is always very patient.

Stars of the Week

Willow (Reception) - Connie is star of the week this week for always trying her best. Connie works so hard everyday and always puts 100% into everything she does and because of this, she has made so much progress in all areas of learning, she is an absolute pleasure to teach! Connie is an excellent role model for all her friends in Willow. Keep up the amazing work!

Laurel (Year 1) - All of Laurel Class are stars of the week this week for their fantastic independent writing in English. We are so proud of you all!

Sycamore (Year 2)- Vinnie is our star of the week for his fantastic attitude towards his assessments. He has worked well in every single test and scored well, thinking carefully about his answers. What a superstar!

Rowan (Year 3)- Isabella has worked hard to edit her writing and make improvements. Her writing is fun and uses some amazing grammatical features! Well done Isabella.

Cherry Blossom (Year 4) - Poppy has blown me away with her improved accuracy in her times tables and her hard work in multiplication practice. Keep it up Poppy!

Oak (Year 5) - Afsa - for putting in maximum effort during assessment week. She concentrated and persevered throughout the week making sure to thoroughly check her work and smashed the Maths paper.

Acer (Year 6) - Ayaan has made outstanding progress on his assessments this week- I am so proud of him. Amazing Ayaan!

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This Week's Achievements continued...

Playtime Pal

KS1 **Esme**, for playing nicely with all her friends in the playground.

KS2 **Phoebe and Faith** (Year 3) is always picking up the lost coats and checking every classroom to see who they belong to. Thank you girls!

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Stocks Lane's Always Children

These children are always on task; always doing their best and trying hard; and are always being polite and kind to others. They are rewarded with a delicious hot chocolate and biscuit.

Willow	Ayla
Laurel	Jack
Sycamore	Jade
Rowan	Rosie
Cherry Blossom	Sophia
Oak	Poppy
Acer	George B



Dates for your diary:

Friday 27th March - School closes for the Easter holidays.

Monday 13th April - School re-opens at 8.50am

Monday 13th April - 2.30pm PSHE Parental Consultation

Tuesday 21st April - SEND Surgery (please book via the school office)

Friday 24th April - Willow Class Stay and Play

Wednesday 29th April - Aspirations Day

Friday 1st May - Rowan Class Assembly

Monday 4th May - School closed May Day Holiday

Friday 8th May - Willow Class Assembly

Thursday 14th May - Sports Day 1.30pm

Friday 22nd May - Laurel Class Assembly

Friday 22nd May - 3.20pm School closes for half-term

Monday 8th June - School re-opens at 8.50am

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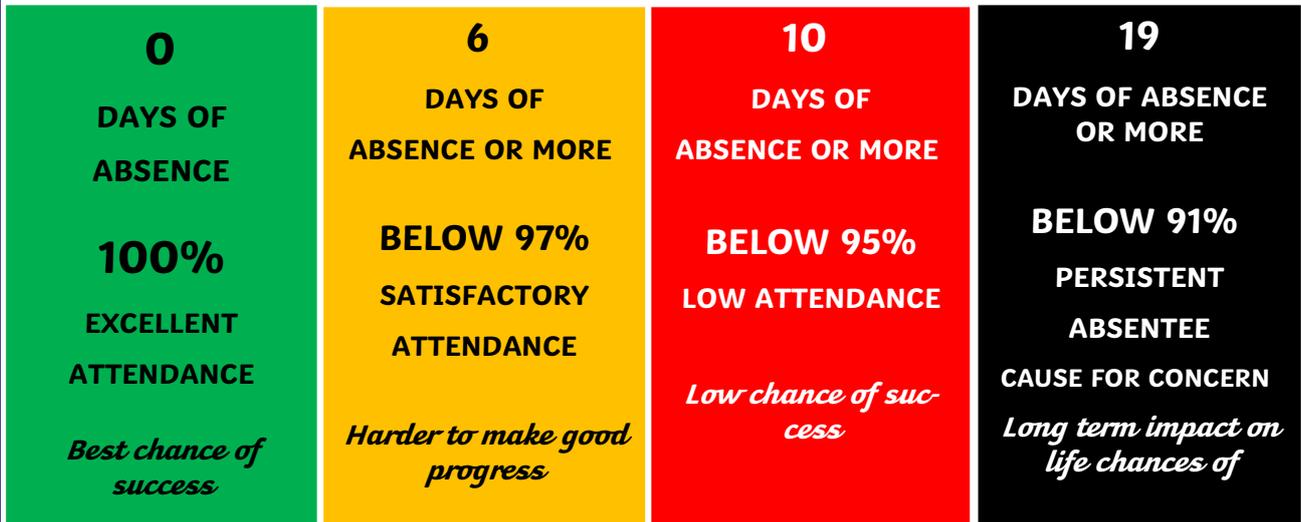
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Attendance

THERE ARE 175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR

175 days to spend on holidays, family events, shopping, birthday treats, household jobs and any bookable appointments.

Our whole school attendance target is 97%



Please make sure you try to take any family holidays outside of term time. Children who have good attendance achieve well at school. A school's performance measure is also informed by its attendance. Let's keep Stocks Lane GOOD!

	Attendance	Lates
Willow	98.3%	2
Laurel	97.1%	2
Sycamore	96.1%	6
Rowan	97.7%	0
Cherry B	89.7%	3
Oak	97.3%	2
Acer	95.7%	2
Whole School	96%	17



School Absence

Please remember to phone school before 9am on the first day of absence and every subsequent day of absence.

Missing one school day is the equivalent to missing two sessions!

Well done Willow and Rowan for winning our attendance award this week! Please remember to be on time - 8.50am - every minute counts!

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Parents Info'...

What a fun-packed half term this has been! I can't believe that we are already two thirds through the school year. As they say time flies when you are having fun! Acer have had their WWII policing and court experience; Sycamore had their Great Fire of London workshop and led a fantastic assembly all about their topic. There was a packed stay and play session in Willow where magic was made!

Oak class led their assembly on the history of the Mayan population, their customs and culture. Five girls from Oak Class also took part in 'Girl Power' which was about getting more girls into sports and leadership roles.

The School Council met with Judith Cummings as they learnt about democracy and what it is to be a member of parliament and Deputy Speaker of the Commons and the Singh brothers were congratulated on their impressive chess championships. The School Council have also created an action plan based on being environmentally friendly and looking at sustainability for our planet and delivered a presentation to Great Heights schools at the eco- event.

There have been some other Great Heights competitions this term, with the Spelling Bee in Rowan Class and a Timetables challenge for Cherry B.

The school have created a piece of 3D and 2D art work which is being exhibited at the Dye House Gallery in Bradford- open to the public- with many other schools in Bradford taking part. The theme was 'The Future'.

Science week explored 'What is your Curiosity' and the class boards will be displayed on our return to school in April as the weather was too wet and windy for the boards to remain upright in the playground!

The whole school took part in Fairytale Day a day of storytelling and creativity- as well as the big switch off to save power!

A great many mathematical challenges and activities were solved throughout the day for Number Day. Whilst Comic Relief brought much joy around school and the much-needed funds for a worthwhile cause.

The last couple of days have been very nicely rounded off with our fantastic Rock Bands performing to their parents; the eggsellent egg competition with so many children taking part and creating extraordinarily imaginative exhibits and a most fantastic and eye-watering Key stage 1 Easter assembly!

So all there is to say now is a huge thank you to you all for supporting the school and your children with making wonderful memories, experiences and their education in school. A huge thank you to my wonderful staff who work tirelessly to ensure the children make the BEST progress and learning experiences and of course a big thank you to the children for always making us proud of you all in your achievements and kind hearts and making us smile every day!

Have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th April at 8.50am.

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EYFS/KS1 Easter Assembly

Thank you to all of our families who came to watch the EYFS and KS1 Easter Assembly this morning, it was lovely to see so many of you there!

I'm sure you would all agree that our children were fantastic. They spoke clearly, sang beautifully and displayed some super dance moves. We are incredibly proud of you all!

Progress Reports

On Wednesday, you will have received your child's termly report card. Please check you all folders as occasionally Arbor emails arrive in the junk folder. If you have not received it or you would like to discuss the report further, please contact the class teacher. Thank you!

Eco Event!

On Monday, four of our children from the School Council attended Home Farm Primary School to present one of their Eco projects to the other schools in the Great Heights Cluster. The children were amazing and an absolute credit to Stocks Lane - well done!

Rocksteady Band!

On Wednesday afternoon, the members of our Rocksteady bands delivered a special concert to their parents and to the other children in school. We were blown away with their incredible talent and their ability to work so well within a team. I'm sure that we will be watching some of them at Glastonbury in years to come!

Clothing Bags

Today your child will have come home with a donation bag. We are working with the Sammy project to collect donations of unwanted items.

Donate clothes 4 Sammy is launched by Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK. Sammy represents Leukaemia and Myeloma Research UK, a charity dedicated to finding cures for three major types of blood cancer.

Sammy's mission is to Protect the environment, Fundraise for charity and Raise funds for local schools.

All donation bags are weighed, the charity then donates some of the cost to Leukaemia and Myeloma Research and some toward school funds.

Why not have a spring clean over the break and see if you can fill a bag? As we are pushed for storage space in school we ask kindly please that bags are not returned to school until Friday 17th April for the collection date.

We will send out more information once we are back after the Easter holidays!

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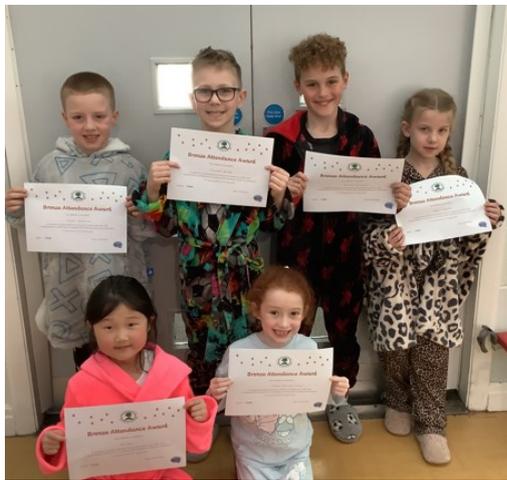
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Easter Egg Competition

A huge thank you to all of you for entering the Easter egg competition. We had so many fabulous entries that it made it so difficult to decide so all of the children received a prize. Here are some of our entries...



Bronze Attendance Award...



Silver Attendance Award...



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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HAROLD PARK EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny is Coming!
Get Ready to Hunt!



**Monday 6th
April**

**11am-1pm
Harold Park
Park Road BD12**

Easter Bonnet Parade | Egg Hunt | Games and Prizes!

Easter Bonnet Parade will be judged at noon



SEND Marketplace drop-in events

Specialist services available to ask questions, give information, advice and support. The last Monday of every month.



- 26 January (2pm - 4.30pm) at Reevy Hill Family Hub
- 23 February (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Rainbow Family Hub
- 30 March (1pm - 3pm) at Barkerend Family Hub
- 27 April (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Farcliffe Family Hub
- 18 May (2pm - 4.30pm) at TFD Family Hub
- 29 June (9.30am - 11.30am) at Shipley Library
- 27 July (1pm - 3pm) at Barkerend Family Hub
- 24 August (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Farcliffe Family Hub
- 25 September (2pm - 4.30pm) at Reevy Hill Family Hub
- 26 October (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Rainbow Family Hub
- 30 November (1pm - 3pm) at Barkerend Family Hub
- 21 December (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Farcliffe Family Hub

Support available on:

Autism/ADHD

Speech and language

Relationship issues

Sleeping difficulties

Finance/benefits

Education

Bradford District and Craven
Health and Care Partnership

