

# Stocks Lane Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2025

## This Week's Wonderful Achievements

**House Dojos- Sapphire** is the winning team this week with the most Dojo points. Well done!

Emerald	2208
Ruby	2235
Silver	2197
Gold	2245
Amethyst	2214
Diamond	2228
Sapphire	2287

### Lily's Friendship Award

Willow	<b>Annie</b> has been a lovely friend and keeps congratulating her friends when they do well by saying well done!
Laurel	<b>George</b> has been a fantastic friend to the younger children in school this week and has taken the time to involve them in his games and share the toys. Well done George!
Sycamore	<b>Ollie</b> is always a great friend to everyone but this week he has been giving his prizes he has won at the party to children who didn't have anything - how lovely Ollie!
Rowan	<b>Oliver</b> for always being a kind and funny friend.
Cherry B	<b>All of Cherry Blossom</b> for always making Mr D laugh and for being a very helpful class.
Oak	<b>Sam</b> - he works really well with others in class helping them when they are stuck.
Acer	<b>All of Acer class</b> have been so kind and caring towards Mrs Keeble putting together cards and poems for her.

## Stars of the Week

**Willow (Reception) - Rori Jade** is star of the week this week for her positive attitude! Rori Jade has been spotted by all the teachers in Willow working hard all week and trying her best. Rori Jade always plays nicely with her friends and is very kind. She is a ray of sunshine!

**Laurel (Year 1) - Eva K** has been a superstar this week and has worked hard in all areas of her learning. Keep up the hard work Eva!

**Sycamore (Year 2) - Lennon** is our star of the week for trying really hard with his presentation and handwriting. He wrote a super letter to Santa to ask for the first gift of Christmas and thought carefully about his ideas. Fantastic work Lennon!

**Rowan (Year 3) - Archer** for accepting that accidents happen, forgiving and moving on in a positive way. Well done Archer!

**Cherry Blossom (Year 4) - All of Cherry Blossom** are Stars for always being up for a challenge and willing to give things a go.

**Oak (Year 5) - Millie, Chloe and Jennifer.** These girls were extremely brave going up in front of the whole school to play in the band they have created through Rock Steady. They have all practised really hard and were amazing.

**Acer (Year 6) - Adamjeet** has written a fantastic set of instructions on how to steal Christmas! Well done!

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## This Week's Achievements continued...

### Playtime Pal

KS1 **Marin**, for being a super friend and playing nicely with others.

KS2 **Mohammed Ali** always plays nicely in the MUGA and on the playground making sure everyone makes the right choices .



"It's not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."

- Charles Spurgeon

### 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	<b>Ronan</b>
Laurel	<b>Aizah</b>
Sycamore	<b>Laiyah</b>
Rowan	<b>Jio</b>
Cherry Blossom	<b>All of Cherry B</b>
Oak	<b>Isaac</b>
Acer	<b>Bella</b>

### Dates for your diary:

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**Monday 5th January 2026** - School re-opens at 8.50am

**Tuesday 13th January** - SEND Surgery (if you would like an appointment, please book via the school office)

**Friday 23rd January** - 9.00am Willow Stay and Play

**w/c 2nd February** - Children's Mental Health Week

**Friday 6th February** - NSPCC Number Day

**Monday 9th February** - 3.20pm Y6 SATS meeting

**Friday 13th February** - 9.00am Sycamore Class Assembly

**Friday 13th February** - Smartie Challenge sent home!

**Friday 13th February** - 3.20pm School closes for half term.

**Monday 23rd February** - School re-opens at 8.50am.

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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%

<p><b>0</b></p> <p><b>DAYS OF ABSENCE</b></p> <p><b>100%</b></p> <p><b>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p><i>Best chance of success</i></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>DAYS OF ABSENCE OR MORE</b></p> <p><b>BELOW 97% SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p><i>Harder to make good progress</i></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>DAYS OF ABSENCE OR MORE</b></p> <p><b>BELOW 95% LOW ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p><i>Low chance of success</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>DAYS OF ABSENCE OR MORE</b></p> <p><b>BELOW 91% PERSISTENT ABSENTEE</b></p> <p><b>CAUSE FOR CONCERN</b></p> <p><i>Long term impact on life chances of</i></p>
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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	93.3%	2
Laurel	90%	4
Sycamore	95.6%	4
Rowan	96.7%	2
Cherry B	94.7%	5
Oak	91.7%	1
Acer	95%	2
Whole School	93.9%	20

## School Matters!



### 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 Sycamore and Rowan Class for winning our attendance award this week! Please remember to be on time – 8.50am– every minute counts!

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# Parents' Info...



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what an incredible term this has been! The children have been absolute superstars and worked so hard, played beautifully together and are showing some excellent manners around school- you would be so proud of them!

We welcomed in our new Reception Class, who are proving to be absolutely fantastic pupils: working hard, playing hard, learning many new social skills and are excellent tidy-uppers to boot!

We have had some super assemblies led by KS2 for the Harvest Festival; Acer Class delivering their amazing topic work, as well as Stay and Plays in Willow and of course the most excellent nativities and concerts that we have seen. Thank you again for supporting the children with their lines and costumes; a huge thank you to the staff for their creativity and patience and a whopping thank you to the pupils who were absolutely brilliant. We are so proud of you all.

We have had a range of visitors into school this term including the Fire brigade, the Indian dance workshops, York University for the menu swap work, SCARF workshops, the Book Fair, and the Travelling Pantomime to deliver this year's panto of Dick Whittington.

With your help we have helped to raised money for some very worthy causes such as Macmillan Cancer, Children in Need, the Poppy Appeal and of course Stocks Lane's School fund through dress down days!

Our small but extremely energetic PTA must be given the praise they deserve through working tirelessly to raise much needed funds for the school by organizing and running the Bonfire School Disco, the School Christmas Fair and Secret Santa – all the while raising money towards buying some new BeeBots and Ipads for the children to use.

We end the term saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Keeble, who after 15 years at Stocks Lane, will enjoy her well-deserved retirement. On a positive point, she is still going to find time to come back and tutor for us! Also, another sad farewell to Mr Drinkall, who will be excellent, as always, in his new role in the Gymnastics world. He too has promised to pop back and see us to deliver some of his wonderful Moving Words workshops for us!

We look forward to welcoming Ms Routh as part of our team who will be teaching Cherry Blossom Class and Ms Greenwood who is Acer's new LSA and cover supervisor. Ms Routh will be teaching from the beginning of the week which means that Miss Critchley will now be teaching Year 4 on a Friday.

I would like to finish by wishing you a very happy holiday break and hope that you are able to spend some quality time together with loved ones and welcome in the New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 5th January at 8.40am.

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## Parents' Info...

### Stocks Lane visit Park House

On Monday, some children from Years 5 and 6 went to Park House Care Home to sing some Christmas songs to the residents.

Our children sang beautifully and even managed to get some of the residents singing along too. It was so lovely to spread the Christmas cheer!

Well done - we are incredibly proud of you all!



### Secret Shop

Once again, our fabulous PTA ladies provided a fantastic Secret Santa shop on Tuesday. The children had great fun choosing their gifts for loved ones at home. We hope that you enjoy them as much as the children enjoyed picking them! Thank you again to our PTA for dedicating their time to our school.



### Farewell Mrs Keeble and Mr Drinkall

This week, we have said goodbye to two of our amazing members of staff. After 15 years at Stocks Lane, Mrs Keeble has retired and I am sure that you will all join us in wishing her a very happy retirement. Mr Drinkall also leaves us as he has secured a job with Leeds Gymnastics Club. We know that he will be absolutely fantastic and we wish him all the very best.

In January we welcome Miss Routh to Year 4. She will teach from the beginning of the week with Miss Critchley now teaching on a Friday. Miss Greenwood also joins us as a Learning Support Assistant in Year 6. Welcome to the Stocks Lane team!



# Christmas Dinner...

On Thursday the children enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, prepared by our lovely ladies in the kitchen. The hall was decorated; the children were waited on by the teachers; and a great time was had by all. They even had a little sing and dance along to the Christmas music!

A huge thank you to Mrs Daynes, Miss Williams and Mrs Henry for a fantastic lunch!





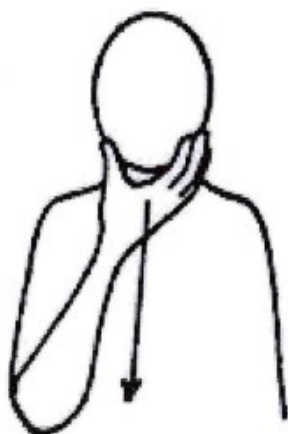
# 100% Attendance...



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# Sign of the week

## Father Christmas



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Is your child struggling to go to school due to feelings of worry or stress?

Are you unsure about what to do?



Why not join a parent support session for Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA), delivered by our friendly, supportive Educational Psychologist Team.

You'll find a safe space to:

- Share and listen to other parents and get ideas to help
- Learn more about what you can do to support your child, and what you can expect from school

**Location:** Farcliffe Family Hub, 56 Toller Lane, Bradford, BD8 8QH

**Dates:** Wednesday 4th March to Wednesday 25th March at 1.00pm to 2.30pm.

**You will need to be able to attend all 4 sessions**

**Book:** by e-mailing [EBSA@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:EBSA@bradford.gov.uk)



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**Location:** Barkerend Family Hub, 365 Barkerend Road, Bradford, BD3 8QX

**Dates:** Wednesday 14th January to Wednesday 4th February at 1.00pm to 2.30pm. **You will need to be able to attend all 4 sessions**

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