



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/16
Friday 9th January 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to you all. The children were so excited to see each other again on Tuesday morning, they have bounced back into school with renewed energy, glad to see their friends again and already working hard on this term's topics.



As we start our new Spring term, we welcome our new families joining Stokenham Primary School. We hope that you settle in smoothly and we look forward very much to getting to know you all.

Attached to this newsletter you will find curriculum letters for each year group outlining the planning for teaching and learning for this term. These letters can also be found in the school website.

A few REMINDERS regarding school:

- The school day begins in the classroom **at 9am** with registration. Please be at school with your child/children **by 8.50am**. This gives them time to take off their coats and settle themselves in to the classroom ready for registration and their learning. If they are not present for registration they will be marked as late.
- Please send your child to school EVERY day with a clean, freshly filled water bottle.
- Please make sure your child has PE kit in school EVERY day.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat in school EVERY day, and that it is NAMED.
- **At the end of the school day please do not walk around the back of the Year 3 and 4 classrooms as children are often changing for clubs.**

School Dinners

- Please select your child's school lunch by 8am every day. After this time the system locks down. Having ordered your meals, will allow the kitchen team to know how many lunches they are catering for each day. We suggest you do a week's worth on a Sunday night.
- If you then decide that your child would like a packed lunch or a different school dinner meal – **you must let the office know before 9.15am and the system can be amended.**
- If your child will not be in school due to being ill, having medical appointments or for any reason, will not be present at registration – you must let the office know. We can then cancel the lunch booking. **Please contact/email the office by 9.30 am.**
- If we do not hear from you regarding where your child is and the reason for their absence - **you will be charged for their school lunch.**
- If you have not booked a lunch and arrive late – your child will be given a jacket potato. There will not be the facility to have another option.



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Lunchtime and After School Clubs starting next Week

A letter was sent home yesterday regarding the lunchtime and after school clubs. To book your child on any of the clubs provided, please use the Bromcom system where the school clubs have been allocated. The facility to book a school led club will be available from 4.30 pm today - Friday 9th January 2026. **If a club is provided by an external provider, you will need to book directly with them.** Please note that we **must** have consent from parents before your child can start a club.

MONDAYS

Years 2 to 6 – After School Choir Club with Abi Tucker – please contact Abi direct by email for more details. abi.tucker1@outlook.com

TUESDAYS

Reception and KS1 Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga Club – starting Tuesday 13th January 2026

Mrs Cowling will run a lunch time Mindfulness and Yoga club for our pupils in Reception and KS1 to a maximum of 12 pupils. **Please sign up via Bromcom.**

WEDNESDAYS

KS2 Lunchtime Times Tables and Maths Club – starting Wednesday 14th January 2026

Miss Longland will run a lunch time Times Table and Maths club for our pupils in KS2. **Please sign up via Bromcom.**

Years 2 to 6 After school Ecotherapy Club with Laura Darvell – please contact Laura direct by email laura@thecootherapist.co.uk. There are 10 spaces available.

THURSDAYS

Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club – starting Thursday 15th January 2026

Mrs Prescott will run a lunch time Recorder club for our pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 to a maximum of 12 pupils. **Please sign up via Bromcom.**

Years 3 to 6 After School Art and Crafts Club – starting Thursday 15th January 2026

Miss Woollard and Mrs Searle will be running an after-school Art and Crafts club for Years 3 to 6 for a maximum of 15 pupils. **Please sign up via Bromcom.**

After School Football with Stokenham Explorers – starting Thursday 8th January 2026

Please contact Caroline - 07967 318 114 - at Stokenham Explorers for more details.

<https://eegu.org/book/stokenham-explorers-wraparound-care-with-stokenham-explorers-20225>

Residential, trips and school lunches – please check!

As we kick off a new school term, please could we ask all parents to check that they have **paid for outstanding items such as trips and lunches for last term.** Please could you also check all residential paperwork to make sure that you have paid deposits and returned all necessary paperwork. Year 5 are the first to go on a residential trip in just a few weeks!

Applications for Primary School places close on 15 January 2026

If your child is due to start primary school in a Devon school in September 2026, the application process will close on 15 January 2026. Please apply online via the following link:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/> or you can fill in a hard copy of the application form, which can be requested by calling the Devon Education Help-line on 0345 155 1019.

Cake Bake Sale for our Football Team - Friday 16 January

Our Year 5 and 6 football teams were very successful last term and have made it to the Devon County Football Championships. We would like to buy some extra kit to dazzle or distract our opponents! Next Friday there will be a Cake Bake Sale to help raise funds. It will be at the end of the school day at the gates.



This week in School

The Reception class have enjoyed learning about polar animals this week as part of their new topic, and created these fabulous polar sketches by looking closely at the shape, form, pattern and texture of the different polar animals. They are such amazing young artists!

A fantastic start to the term in Year 1! We've been busy exploring our creativity through finger painting and hand printing, and we've even become programmers by creating instructions to guide a Bee-Bot on its journey.



We are incredibly fortunate to have been supported by the Birkdale Charity to place sound clouds on the ceiling of our Year 1 classroom, creating a quieter and calmer space for learning.



Reading Ambassadors Recommendations

Lucy and Harry from Year 5 introduced us to their current class book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. It is about a boy called Stanley who is blamed for a crime that he didn't do and he is sent to Camp Green Lake – sort of a 'boot camp'. It is set in a desert and all the boys have to dig holes every day in the hot heat – sort of character building! There are lots of funny bits in it and some of the boys have nick names like 'Armpit and Squid'. Lucy and Harry recommend it for year 4 upwards.



Merry-Go-Round-News

"Happy new year, we have had a great first week back and very proudly welcomed 4 new little adventurers to our MGR family this week. We asked our little adventurers to name 5 favourite things about their Christmas. We had some lovely answers, but the one answer that every child gave us was their "Mummies and Daddies" It may have been raining but we could hardly contain our excitement as we returned to Forest School and ran as fast as we could to get there, we had an amazing morning full of singing, games, bug hunting, stories and races. Topped off with a delicious snack of toast and hot chocolate"



News from Stokenham Explorers

The Stokenham Explorers Wrap Around Care are up and running and yesterday was After school football. The wind and rain forced the children indoors this week where they had fun circuit training and bench balling! Our **star players** this week for their effort and teamwork were Jenson from year 4 and Mila from Reception. Well done both!

If you would like any further details regarding Wrap Around Care and After School Football – please contact Caroline direct. _07967 318 114 – the link for football is below:

<https://eequ.org/book/stokenham-explorers-wraparound-care-with-stokenham-explorers-20225>

Snow Plans

With a rather cold and icy Christmas and then the rain and gales overnight – please see below our plans on what to do should we have severe weather that may disrupt the school.

If we do have any severe weather in the future the following plans will be put into action:



Should We Need to Close the School Before the Start of the Day:

In the event of severe weather, particularly snow, the procedures are as follows:

- If parents feel that it is difficult to transport their children to and from school because of severe weather they should feel free to keep their children at home.
- If parents feel that it may be difficult for school transport to operate they should also feel free to keep their children at home.
- If the School is closed parents will be emailed before 8.30am.
- There will be a message on the School website; <http://stokenhamprimaryschool.co.uk/> and we will also notify Devon County Council <http://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure/> so they can put a message on their website. It will also be broadcast via Heart radio.
- Please do not try and call School.

Should We Need to Close the School During the Day:

- In the event of a sudden heavy snowfall during school time we will send emails and text messages to families advising them that we are closing the school.
- If you receive a message saying we are closing the school please reply to this message stating whether your child will be collected and by whom or whether your child should travel on the bus.
- If Tally Ho are not running school transport we will let you know in our message.
- We will look after your child until we have received a response from you.
- **Please contact school through email only**
- **We will need to keep school phone lines open.**

Please note that there could be a considerable delay before buses leave school because:

- a) Drivers cannot be on permanent standby
- b) We cannot allow children to leave school until we are sure they will be met at the end of their journey.

School staff will not leave the premises themselves until all children have been collected.

Forest School and Christmas Tree Recycling

This term it is the turn of Reception and Year 3 children for their forest school on Fridays!

Every year the children use your trees to make dens in our Forest School area. If you could leave the trees on the grass area, next to the school gate, we can drag them in from there.



If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best Wishes

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 12 th January	Abi Tucker Singing Lessons
Tuesday 13 th January	Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga club starts
Wednesday 14 th January	Lunchtime Times Tables Club starts After School Laura Darvell Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 15 th January	Lunchtime Recorder Club starts After School Arts and Crafts Club starts After School football with Stokenham Explorers Alan Inglis-Faulkner Drum lessons
Friday 16 th January	Monica Chapman Music lessons Cake Bake Sale – See Above

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Thursday 29 January	tbc		Devon County Football Final – details to follow
Wed 4 to Fri 6 Feb	All Day	5	Residential
Friday 6 Feb	All Day	All	NSPCC Numbers Day – details to follow
Wednesday 11 February	PM PM	KS2 All	Federation Gym & Dance Festival -TBC PTFA School Disco - TBC
Monday 16 to Fri 20 Feb		All	HALF TERM
Thursday 5 March	All Day	All	World Book Day – details to follow
Monday 9 March	PM	2	Dental Workshop - details to follow
Wednesday 11 March	All Day	All	Devon County Cricket Day – details to follow
Friday 20 March	All Day	All	Comic Relief Red Nose Day – details to follow
Monday 30 March	AM PM	R and 6 All	Tempest Photography Parent Consultations – details to follow
Tuesday 31 March	PM	All	Parent Consultations – details to follow
Wednesday 1 April	PM		Netball Festival – to be confirmed
Thursday 2 April		All	Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 20 April	AM	All	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 May		All	Bank Holiday – No School
Tuesday 5 May	All Day	3	Residential Day – details to follow
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	6	SATS Week
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	5	Bikeability Week
Wednesday 20 May	PM	6	KCC Presentation to Year 6 pupils & parents
Mon 25 to Fri 29 May		All	HALF TERM
Wed 17 to Thurs 18 June	All Day	4	Residential – details to follow
Mon 22 to Wed 24 June	All day	6	Residential – details to follow
Wednesday 1 July	PM		Cross Country – to be confirmed
Friday 3 July	All Day	6	KCC Induction Day
Wednesday 8 July	PM		Swimming Gala – to be confirmed
Wednesday 15 July	PM		Rounders Tournament – to be confirmed
Friday 17 July		All	Last Day of Summer Term

MASH

If you deem a child to be at risk of significant harm contact MASH Front Door on [0345 155 1071](tel:03451551071).

Lines are open Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4pm.

If you need help outside of these hours or at weekends or bank holidays, please call the Emergency Duty Service on [0345 6000 388](tel:03456000388).

If a child is at immediate risk contact the police on [999](tel:999).

Parentline

Parentline has given support, information and guidance to over 150,000 parents and carers over the past 40 years. Parentline is there and continues to provide support, information and guidance to parents.

Call on (01) 873 3500 Or go to www.parentline.ie

Samaritans

Whatever you are going through Samaritans will be there to support you at any time of the day on their free helpline 116 123.

Mental Health Support

If you need urgent help for your mental health, [get help from NHS 111 online](#) or call [111](tel:111).

Your mental health is as important as your physical health. You will not be wasting anyone's time.