



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/17  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an interesting week of weather – definitely all seasons in a week and it is so lovely to see and feel the sun today after the last few days of cold and rain, it makes such a difference to school life!



Spring is just around the corner and you may notice a few daffodils are starting to pop up in the grass verges at the front of the school. Please keep to the footpaths so that they can continue to grow, and discourage your children from running across the grass. That way we will have a gorgeous yellow carpet of daffodils to enjoy in a few weeks' time!

### Cake Sale for our Football Teams

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 football teams who had a bake sale this afternoon at the school gates. They are off to the Devon County Championships in a couple of weeks and this afternoon, they raised £50 which will go towards purchasing some dazzling PE kit for them to wear at the matches.

### Forest School Change of Day

Forest School for our Reception and Year 3 classes will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January and **NOT** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Please don't forget to have the children's forest school clothes ready for Tuesday. We will revert back to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> the week after.

The Reception children have continued to enjoy learning about the polar regions, labelling *Poles Apart* story pictures in English lessons and learning facts about the Arctic and Antarctica. They have particularly enjoyed engaging in imaginative polar-themed role play in their exciting role play area.



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### Therapy Dogs

We welcomed Zoe with her lovely dog Dora to school today. Dora will be helping the children at school and walking the grounds with them. This afternoon Dora was with some of the children walking the grounds and completing a nature scavenger hunt. We are so very lucky to have this opportunity we would like to say a huge thank you to Zoe and Dora.

### Reading Ambassadors Recommendations

Wilf and Lottie from Year 6 were asked to describe their book in four words: *'Amazing, Brave, Different and Recommend'*

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold tells the story of a girl called April who lives on an island in the Arctic Circle with her father. She has lots of adventure and makes friends with a Polar bear. They go on daring adventures and make wonderful memories together. It's the kind of book that you would love to be part of and could be a true story but they are not sure. They recommend it for year 4 upwards



### Lunchtime and After School Clubs

<b>Monday</b>	After School choir with Abi Tucker
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga Club with Mrs Cowling
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunchtime Times Tables and Maths Club with Miss Longland After school Ecotherapy Club with Laura Darvell
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunchtime Recorder Club with Mrs Prescott After School Art and Crafts Club with Miss Woollard and Mrs Searle After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	Breakfast and Afterschool Wrap-Around Care with Stokenham Explorers

### Swimathon Money

Congratulations to all our swimmers from last October. The school raised over £600 towards the Rotary Club Charity. Stokenham school were presented with half the money back which equates to **£313.70**. Thank you to all our swimmers and parents, family and friends who sponsored. The children had such a great time. We will go again this October 2026 hopefully!

### PTFA Plans

Date for your diary:

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Meeting at School
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February “The PTFA School Disco”.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> straight after drop off in the meeting room at school to discuss plans and future events. Please contact Sadie for more details and see poster attached.



### National Child Measurement Programme

The school nursing team will be at Stokenham on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. They will be visiting our pupils in reception and year 6. A letter was sent out last October explaining the programme and there was the facility to opt out, should you not wish for your child to be weighed or measured. a leaflet explaining the programme is attached to the newsletter

### Merry-Go-Round-News

"This week we have made excellent use of the huge box of apples Cathy from Tesco donated to us. We have put our baking skills to the test, producing some delicious smelling pies and strudels. We did apple painting, bobbed for apples and tried to bite them from a long piece of string, we loved this! No apples were wasted, at Forest School we used them to make bird feeders and hung them around our garden. We welcomed a new little adventurer to MGR this week, and he has settled in like a superstar"



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 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Abi Tucker Singing Lessons
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Forest School for Reception and Year 3 – see above</b> PTFA Meeting at School – please contact Sadie for details Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga club
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Laura Darvell Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Arts and Crafts Club After School football with Stokenham Explorers Alan Inglis-Faulkner Drum lessons
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Monica Chapman Music lessons <b>NO FOREST SCHOOL</b>

### Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Thursday 29 January	tbc		Devon County Football Final – letter sent out
Wednesday 4 Feb	AM	R & 6	National Child Measurement Programme – see above
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](http://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](http://www.nhs.uk) or call [111](tel:111).  
Your mental health is as important as your physical health. You will not be wasting anyone's time.