



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/18
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Dear Parents and Carers,

An inspirational moment from Eleanor in Year 3 as inspired by the words of CS Lewis:
"You are never too old to start a new goal or dream a new dream"

The Spring term is well under way, lunchtime and after-school clubs are enjoyed and we begin to prepare for our residential season. Year 5 will be on their outdoor adventure in less than 2 weeks-time! Additionally, letters have been sent to our years 3, 4 and 6 regarding their residential trips. Any queries, or question please do not hesitate to contact the office or your child's class teacher. Lastly, we would like to welcome Ms Maher, who joins us at Stokenham for her final teacher training practise.

Devon County Football Finals Thursday 29th January

We are so excited and proud that both our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls football teams have reached the Devon County Championship finals. The teams are practising with great passion and determination. Letters have been sent home and we ask that all consent forms are handed back in to Mrs Lewis as soon as possible. There are still quite a few to be handed in. The event takes place next Thursday at the Devon Football Association Headquarters in Newton Abbot. The children attending will need:



- PE Kit
- **PACKED LUNCH**
- Plenty of drink and snacks
- Warm clothes (tracksuit/hoodies etc) to wear between matches
- Waterproofs (trousers & jacket/coat)
- **Shin Pads**
- Navy sports shorts
- Football trainers – to wear on astro turf/all weather pitch

We will leave Stokenham at 11.15am, arrive at Newton Abbot, register our teams, eat our lunches before our matches, which start at 1.00pm. Children will need collecting at 3.20pm. Good luck Team Stokenham!

Mental Health Ambassador Workshops

Over the last couple of weeks, our ten Mental Health Ambassadors from Year 5 and 6, have worked with the DCC School mental health team to learn about being mentally healthy and active listening. We look forward to seeing what they get up to in their role across our whole school.



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Residential Information 2026

Year	Date	Letter sent out	Deadline for Payments
3	Tues 5 th May 2026	22 nd January 2026	27 th March 2026
4	Wed 17 th and Thurs 18 th June 2026	22 nd January 2026	29 th May 2026
5	Wed 4 th to Fri 6 th February 2026	8 th Oct & 2 nd Dec 2025	30 th January 2026
6	Mon 22 nd to Wed 24 th June 2026	22 nd January 2026	29 th May 2026

Our plans for all our year group residential days are up and running. Letters have been sent out and also given to your child. The payment schedule has been programmed in to MCAS and children are quietly bubbling as they are aware something is going on! Our Year 5 are off on their residential in just over a week, Wednesday 4th February until Friday 6th February. A kit list has been sent out today and as always, any queries, or question regarding any of the residentials, please see your class teacher or Mrs Lewis who will be able to help.



In Year 6

We have been learning about Light in science - exploring shadows, how light travels and how we see. We have learnt different division strategies for long division and how to change variables in our computing - along the way we have balanced all that hard work with lots of fun and brain breaks!



Our Reception children have enjoyed describing and creating pictures using 2D shapes in the continuous provision this week, with imaginative and colourful designs including houses, rockets, animals and robots.



A week in Year 2!

Alongside our Maths and English lessons, where we have been finding out about multiplying by two and ten and planning our information text based on the book 'Dear Earth', we have also been very busy in all our other subjects as well!

This week we have been finding out all about absorbency in our science topic – Materials. We used a pipette to find out which materials were absorbent and which ones weren't. The children discovered that kitchen towel was the most absorbent material and aluminium foil wasn't absorbent at all! We all agreed we wouldn't want to use aluminium foil to get dry after a bath!



In our PE lesson we are focusing on dance. We have been thinking about Explorers and how we would move to show how the explorers would get ready for their adventure and how they would get there. The children are looking forward to putting their movements to music in our next lesson.

The children are enjoying finding out about Hot and Cold deserts and were surprised to learn that the Antarctic is also a desert. They have found out which type of landscapes are deserts and which are not.



We are also enjoying finding out about Islam and Muslims. The children have learned about the 99 names for Allah and what these names mean.



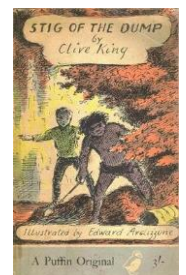
We had great fun using the Bee-Bots to find out what happens when we change the order of the instructions! The children had to create different algorithms then test them out using the Bee-Bots!

And finally in Art, we have been looking at the work of Charlie French and the different tools he uses to create his abstract art. We have used the primary colours to mix new colours to use and have then applied them to card before we experimented with different tools to make different shapes on our card. Next week we will be choosing our best shapes to use to create our final piece.



Reading Ambassadors

Who remembers reading Stig of the Dump, by Clive King? It is the class read for our Year 3 pupils and Zeth and Zofia expressed their thoughts this morning in assembly on the classic children's book. 'Barney is a young boy who having ventured in to a chalk pit discovers Stig, a sort of caveman kind of person, who looks very scruffy! Barney and Stig have great adventures together and become friends. Would you like to be Stig or Barney? The general consensus is, they would like to be Barney.'



National Child Measurement Programme

The school nursing team will be at Stokenham on Wednesday 4th 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 been looking at Transport. We discussed how we came to pre-school, most of us came by car, but one of our little adventurers came by car, train, helicopter then walked!

We had a busy, muddy morning at Forest School, singing, playing games, and making apple hedgehogs. We welcomed a new family to Merry Go Round this week and our little adventurer is making lots of new friends"



News from Stokenham Explorers

After school Football Club yesterday went really well and it was especially nice to see the older children mentoring the younger ones. Special thanks go to George and Lexi (from KCC) and Gil who helped out with the KS1 group. The field was still too wet to use so we had our fun on the playgrounds where we did some warm up games, passing practice, competitive drills and then finishing off with a football match. Our star players for this week for their all-round great attitude throughout the session are Harry M and Harry L from KS2 and Jago, Imogen and Sloane for KS1. Well done everyone.

If you would like any further details regarding After School Football Club and/or the Wrap Around Care we offer – please contact Caroline Baldwin direct 07967 318 114 or e-mail us on stokenhamexplorers@outlook.com

For bookings please use this link <https://eequ.org/book/stokenham-explorers-wraparound-care-with-stokenham-explorers-20225>

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

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 26 th January	Abi Tucker Singing Lessons
Tuesday 27 th January	Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga club
Wednesday 28 th January	Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Laura Darvell Ecotherapy Club
Thursday 29 th January	Devon County Football Finals – See Above Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Arts and Crafts Club After School Football with Stokenham Explorers Alan Inglis-Faulkner Drum lessons
Friday 30 th January	Monica Chapman Music lessons Forest School Reception and Year 3

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
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