



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/22
Friday 27th February 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a really good half term break and are ready for the second half of the Spring Term. We have a lot of exciting things lined up for the children in the next few weeks so keep an eye on emails, updates and your weekly newsletter! We would also like to welcome Elena and Rose who joined our school this week. A warm welcome to the girls and their family.



If you are able to be at drop off and pick up - you will see that we have a carpet of daffodils in front of the school buildings, just waiting to bloom in the coming weeks. Also, around the front of the terrace they are blossoming. A huge thank you to Alexa for planting all of the bulbs with our children. It really is quite wonderful. We hope that warmer days and some sunshine are just around the corner. Whilst it might be tempting to send your children to school without a coat, you never know when the weather will catch us out. A showerproof coat that is named should come to school every day, along with a named water bottle freshly filled with water. Please make sure that uniform and any items that come in to school with the children need to be CLEARLY NAMED. Thank you

Gym & Dance Festival – Wednesday 4th March

Our Federation Gym & Dance Festival will take place next Wednesday at Loddiswell Primary School. Letters have gone home to the children who have expressed an interest in taking part and details are also on Bromcom. If your child is taking part, we ask that you consent ASAP with the details regarding transport arrangements. Please remember that the children will need:

- Year 3 - black shorts/leggings and a colourful bright top
- Year 4 - black shorts/leggings and a stripey top
- Year 5 and 6 - will discuss their outfits with Mrs Taylor
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy

Children will need to be collected from Stokenham School at 2.30pm to be at Loddiswell Primary School in time to start practising and rehearsing their performances. The show starts at 4.00pm and is expected to last approx. 45 minutes and finish at 4.45pm approx. Parents are very much encouraged to watch!



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What is going on at the Bungalow?

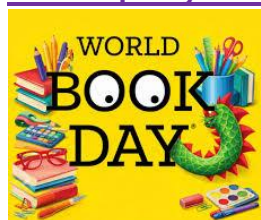
We are almost there... its painted, carpeted and shelves and bookcases are being bought and put up. There are still a few statutory requirements we need to iron out and tick off, such as fire extinguishers etc but plans are afoot. I, along with our Finance team had a meeting in the bungalow this week, it was so lovely to sit in a dedicated space.

Library books are being sorted and there are plans for Stokenham Explorers to use some of the space for Wrap-Around Care in the future. I will keep you posted.



Our Reception children very much enjoyed creating hungry caterpillar handprint pictures linked to their new minibeast topic by carefully painting their hands to represent the caterpillar body, legs, face and antennae.

Dress Up Day Thursday 5th March 2026



World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March this year, and we're excited to celebrate it across both **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March**. Our Reading Ambassadors have planned two wonderful days filled with stories, imagination and fun.

On Thursday 5th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please remember to bring along the book that inspired the costume. Our Reading Ambassadors will be selecting their favourite characters, and the winners will be announced in Monday's assembly.

Across both days, pupils will enjoy paired reading sessions, engaging reading challenges and virtual author events.

On Monday 23rd March, we will also be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. World Book Day tokens can be used towards the purchase of a book, and our Reading Ambassadors will be helping to run the event. We're looking forward to celebrating the joy of reading together!

Merry-Go-Round News

"This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. 2026 is the year of the horse, the fire horse, representing strength, independence, talent, and heroism. We have made lucky money wallets, a cherry blossom tree with our own wishes to hang from it, lanterns and drums. We had a special treat when Cathy from Tesco brought us some delicious Chinese food consisting of rice, noodles, Chinese chicken, spring rolls, prawn crackers and tasty dips, we were pretty good with the chopsticks too. We had a wonderful return to Forest School, with two of our little adventures joining us for the first time, they loved it. We were very excited to welcome a lovely new family to MGR this week, and settled in beautifully".



News from Stokenham Explorers

This week we have celebrated our first birthday with Sammy the seal and the children! Happy birthday Sammy! To help us celebrate we are offering 50% off all breakfast clubs in March, just use the code March50 at checkout. – voucher attached to email.

We also launched our first netball club this week and what a joy it was! The children had so much fun playing netball games and completing challenges. Netball club is now open to ALL year groups - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! Our star players this week:

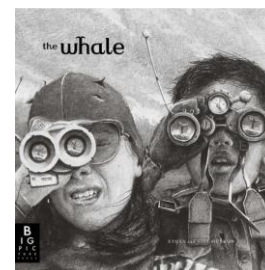
Netball: Jules. Football: KS1- Imogen Winnie and Finley! KS2- Seth, Ben and Marley! Well done everyone!



Reading Ambassadors

The Whale by Ethan and Vita Murrow is the reading recommendation this week from our Year 5 ambassadors Lucy and Harry.

It is about a boy and girl who spot a Great Whale near to where they live but nobody believes them. What is so special about the book is that there are no words – just beautiful illustrations about the children's adventure and going out in their boat to find the whale. Lucy and Harry both love the book and recommend it to year 3 and upwards.



PTFA Monthly Cake Raffle

The first of the PTFA monthly cake raffles was a great success. Well done to Kaitlyn in Year 4 who took home a truly scrumptious chocolate cake to enjoy with her family. Thank you to all who bought tickets. The next draw is **Friday 13th March!**

Each month a delicious homemade cake is being raffled in assembly (so only pupils and staff at the school can have their names in the raffle) with the lucky winner taking the cake home to enjoy over the weekend. **Entry is just £1.** You can buy as many entries as you wish. Please can I ask that you get your entries in ASAP so that I can create the tickets.

To purchase your entries please put the correct monies in an envelope and label it **CAKE RAFFLE** and hand it to Mrs Lewis. Also on the envelope please write:

- * Name of entrant: (If you have siblings within the school you can put multiple names)
- * Year Group:
- * Amount enclosed:
- * Mobile number: I will send you a message so you know I've safely received the envelope. If you don't provide a mobile I will send a paper receipt back via your child.



*Alternatively if you wish you can pay in advance for all four raffles this academic year. (I've got to be honest - this would be easier for me!) Please enclose £4 (or £8 or £12...) and clearly state on the envelope that you are paying for all draws in advance. Thank you in advance for your support. Good luck. Caroline S - PTFA



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

Enjoy the weekend.

With best Wishes

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 2 nd March	Abi Tucker Singing Lessons After-School Choir with Abi
Tuesday 3 rd March	Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga club
Wednesday 4 th March	Gym and Dance Festival – See Above Ri Classes at KCC Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Laura Darvell Ecotherapy Club After School Netball with Stokenham Explorers SATs Booster Club cancelled this week
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – See Above Alan Inglis-Faulkner Drum lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Arts and Crafts Club After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day – See Above Monica Chapman Music lessons Forest School Reception and Year 4

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 9 March	PM	2	Dental Workshop - details to follow
Tuesday 10 March	AM	All	RNLI Lifeguards Assembly
Wednesday 18 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. Link to donate is below: Just Giving is fundraising for Comic Relief
Monday 23 March	PM	All	Book Fair All Week – details to follow
Tuesday 24 March	AM	R	Visual Screening Checks – letter sent out
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
Wednesday 22 April		6	Sailing in Salcombe – details to follow
Wednesday 29 April		6	Sailing in Salcombe – details to follow
Monday 4 May		All	Bank Holiday – No School
Tuesday 5 May	All Day	3	Residential Day – letter sent out
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	6	SATS Week
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	5	Bikeability Week
Tuesday 19 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 – letter sent out
Mon 22 to Wed 24 June	All day	6	Residential – letter sent out
Wednesday 1 July	PM		Cross Country – to be confirmed
Thursday 2 July	All Day	6	KCC Induction Day – to be confirmed
Wednesday 8 July	PM		Swimming Gala – to be confirmed
Friday 10 July	PM	All	PTFA Fair
Wednesday 15 July	PM		Rounders Tournament – to be confirmed
Friday 17 July		All	Last Day of Summer Term