



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/23
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The new half term is well underway and this week our children have loved dressing up for World Book Day, lots of wonderful characters and a lovely array of favourite books and activities. On Wednesday we had the Federation Gym & Dance Festival which was magical to watch. The sun is trying to make an appearance, Spring is nearly here. Let's hope the weather is kind for the weekend so we can be out of doors relaxing. We all need a rest after such a busy week!

Gym and Dance Festival

On Wednesday afternoon, 30 of our KS2 pupils took part in the South Hams Federation Gym and Dance Festival, and what a brilliant afternoon it was! The school hall at Loddiswell Primary School was filled with energy, music, and plenty of smiles as children from across the Federation showcased the routines they have been practising over the past few weeks. Each group performed with fantastic enthusiasm, confidence, and teamwork. From energetic dance sequences to creative gymnastic displays, the children demonstrated incredible effort and commitment. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another, celebrating each performance, and showing such pride in what they had achieved. A huge **well done** to all the children who took part—you represented our school beautifully. Thank you to everyone who helped choreograph routines and also a big thank you to the parents who transported children to the event and came along to cheer everyone on. We are already looking forward to next year's festival!



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Dress Up Day for World Book Day

A magical World Book Day burst into life with joyful paired reading, inspiring virtual author visits, and exciting challenges set by our brilliant Reading Ambassadors.

The costumes and outfits were quite spectacular! Where else would you have fairies, pirates, Mr Messy and Paddington Bear in the same room; Sherlock Holmes having lunch with Gangsta Granny, Star Wars playing with Harry Potter; Dinosaurs learning alongside giraffes, lions, firemen and The Gruffalo? Where's Wally was in school and there were quite a few dalmatians but Cruella x 3 kept them in check.



The costumes were show-stopping, hard to judge but after much enthusiastic voting, our best-dressed winners were crowned:

Mila	Reception
Audrey	Year 1
Lily	Year 2
Finley H	Year 3
Margo	Year 4
Nelly	Year 5
Freddie H	Year 6



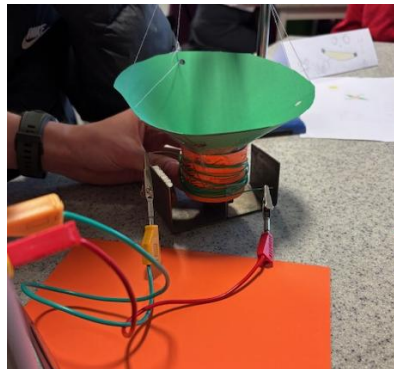
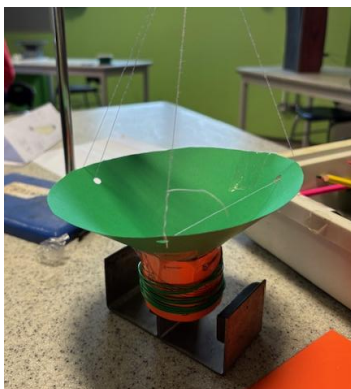
A day full of stories, imagination, and unforgettable moments!





Year 5 Physics at KCC

This week some of our Year 5 children made a working speaker as part of their Royal Institution masterclass at KCC, after learning all about sound waves and how they travel.



Merry-Go-Round News

"We celebrate books every day at MGR, but World Book Day is always extra special as we get to spend the day sharing, reading, acting out and enjoying our little adventurers' books from home. We turned our forest school into a live action 'We're going on a bear hunt' We loved squelching, swaying, splishing and splashing until we found a very adorable bear! We welcomed a fabulous new adventurer to the MGR family this week, and he has settled in so well"



News from Stokenham Explorers

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB is now available to book!

We will be open from 8am-4pm on both Thursdays and Fridays of the Easter holidays. This will be an outdoor club with activities including a range of sports, forest fun, Easter trails and much more. This is open to children aged 2-11 years old. The first child is £35 and the second is discounted to £30, which includes breakfast and a light tea. Children will need to bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book please contact Caroline on 07967318114 or at stokenhamexplorers@outlook.com. Spaces are limited.

This week we have welcomed our youngest Explorers to the club, and it has been fantastic to see how they interact with the older children. We've LOVED the sunshine and so have been getting outdoors as much as possible, it is so good to be back! Also a huge welcome to our newest member of staff Georgia, who is also working at Merry Go Round and is helping our little ones to settle in nicely to the school environment.

NETBALL CLUB is now open to all year groups, book online now.

Our star players from football this week are: KS1- Mila, Jake & Mabel, KS2- Marley and Harry L- well done everyone, great effort!

Reading Ambassadors

Zofia and Zeth in Year 3 told us all about their book recommendation, "The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish" by Chloe Savage.

It all sounds rather intriguing and is about a myth. Has anyone actually seen the giant jellyfish? Doctor Morley is on a quest to try and search for the jellyfish and prove it does exist. Zofia would like to search for the jellyfish, Zeth not so much. They recommend it for all age groups; reception upwards as it also explains the Arctic and all the sea creatures



End of Financial Year Payments

As we approach the end of the financial year it is really important that all outstanding items on Bromcom/MCAS such as lunches and trips are finalised. We need to be up to date with our accounts and balance our books by March 27th before we send these to Devon County Council for audit. Any debts, DCC will follow up. Please check your Bromcom/MCAS account this weekend and make sure you do not owe any monies. As always, any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you.

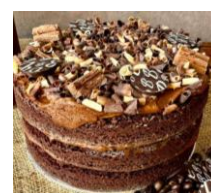
PTFA Monthly Cake Raffle

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 9 th March	Year 2 Dental Workshop Abi Tucker Singing Lessons After-School Choir with Abi
Tuesday 10 th March	RNLI Lifeguard Assembly Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga club
Wednesday 11 th March	Ri Classes at KCC Lunchtime Times Tables Club After School Laura Darvell Ecotherapy Club After School Netball with Stokenham Explorers SATs Booster Club - All year 6 welcome
Thursday 12 th March	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Drum lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Arts and Crafts Club After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 13 th March	PTFA Cake Raffle – See Above Monica Chapman Music lessons Forest School Reception and Year 4

Stokenham Parish Council are holding a meeting for everyone to come together and learn more about Start Bay. It will be held at 6.30pm Tuesday 31st March in Stokenham Parish Hall.

Since Christmas, this coastline has had damage at Torcross, Beesands and Hallsands so it was felt that inviting Prof Gerd Masselink, to explain what is happening, would be of interest to residents.

Prof Gerd Masselink is a Professor in Coastal Geomorphology at the University of Plymouth and is a world-leading coastal scientist with 25 years' experience in collecting and analysing coastal and nearshore morphodynamic data. He is also the co-director and founder of the Coastal and Marine Applied Research (CMAR) consultancy group within the University of Plymouth and has been the academic lead on the majority of the 150 consultancy projects CMAR has been involved with since 2015.

This is not a parish council meeting but an event hosted by them. After the Chair's short report and guest speaker presentation there will be time to mingle and exchange information over tea, coffee, wine and nibbles! As in previous years we want this to be a social meeting to share all that goes on around the parish. All welcome to this free event.

If possible, please contact the parish clerk Gill Claydon If you wish to attend.

Kindest.

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Parish Clerk

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Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
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 – second 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