



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/25
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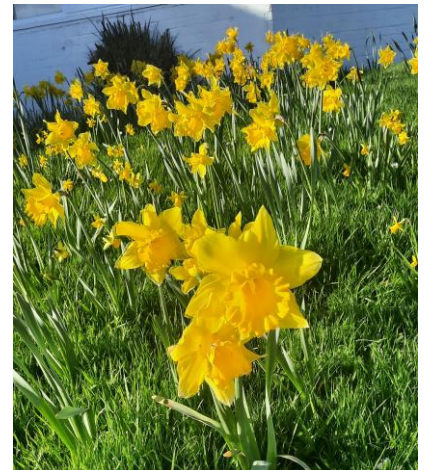
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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have enjoyed at Stokenham! Alongside our routine curriculum learning, on Wednesday we welcomed Harrison, a Devon Cricket coach who inspired many of our pupils with their cricket skills. On Thursday our year 5 class were 'crying' but only for chopping onions as they took part in a cooking lesson with Sharon. Today we have celebrated the ever-popular Red Nose Day – and an extra bonus of a cake sale in aid of WWF.

The weather is slowly teasing us with Spring but there is still a rather chilly cold wind. Please ensure your child has their coat with them for break time. Our beautiful daffodils and primroses are looking quite spectacular. We have taken some pictures for you in case you cannot visit us at school to see them for yourself.



Thank you to everyone who dressed up today and fully embraced Red Nose Day. We had red hair, ribbons, socks, trousers, nails, glitter and much more. It was wonderful to see. If you would like to donate, please follow the link:

[Just Giving is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)



A huge congratulations to Nelly, Aoife, Daisy, Elena and Evanee for their scrumptious cake and cookie sale all in aid of WWF. The weather stayed dry and there was quite a buzz of activity around the stall. **They have raised over £150.** Well done girls and thank you to everyone who bought cakes, cookies and biscuits to enjoy!



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Scholastic Book Fair, Monday 23rd March

Join us for our Scholastic Book Fair on Monday, 23rd March in the hall! To purchase a book, simply scan the QR code at the fair and fill out the form. The more books we sell, the more funds we raise to buy new books for the school. We're also excited to invite all grandparents to come at 2:30pm to read with groups of children! Our Reading Ambassadors will be serving tea and cakes. We can't wait to see you there!

Year 6 SATs Preparation – Monday 23rd March

SATS week will take place from 11th to 14th May. We have our SATs Booster club up and running on Wednesdays after school for all our Year 6 pupils to attend. Miss Edwin will be running a SATs Briefing for parents and carers on Monday 23rd March from 3.30 to 4.15pm. This will be a great opportunity for parents to be prepared for SATs week, to understand more about the ways in which you can support your child between now and then, and to ask any questions you may have regarding Year 6 SATs.



KS2 Cross Country Festival at Malborough - Wednesday 25th March

Our KS2 runners are excited about the Federation Cross Country Running Festival next Wednesday, which takes place at Malborough Playing Fields. Letters have been sent home to the children who have expressed an interest in taking part. Please hand the completed forms back to the office ASAP. Please remember the following:

- PE Kit
- Trainers/running boots
- A coat and tracksuit or similar to keep warm before and after their running
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy
- **Please collect your child from Stokenham at 3.15pm**
- **Event starts at 4.00pm**
- Please collect your child from Malborough Playing Fields at 5.00pm
- Parents will be allowed to stay and watch the festival.
- **Please Park in Malborough Village Hall Car Park.**

County Cricket Comes to Stokenham

The weather was perfect; clear blue skies for our Devon Cricket Day. What great fun the children had learning to play cricket on Wednesday. They learnt how to hit the ball using the bat correctly and practised their counting skills adding up all the runs they made as a team! Learning to bowl over arm caused great merriment and their catching skills were put to the test. It was such a fun day. Will we see some cricket players from Stokenham in the future?



Chop, cook, create with Year 5

The children in Year 5 have had a fantastic time this week, cooking a tomato-based pasta sauce with Sharon. Our DT topic this half term has focused on different types of sauces and their uses. As a class, we have been researching and designing the pasta sauce we wanted to make, along with the method needed to achieve it. We have mastered a range of cutting, chopping, grating, and slicing techniques and used them to create a truly scrumptious sauce. The children thoroughly enjoyed crafting their culinary masterpieces and stepping into the role of sous chefs – they even looked the part!



This week in Year 1 in our DT class, we've been exploring the magic of **sliders and levers**. Using split pins and card, we engineered our very own moving mechanisms. We even designed our own characters, then carefully built levers to bring them to life—making them jump, wave, dance, and move in all sorts of creative ways.





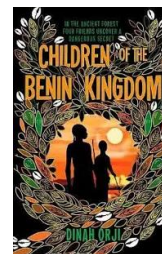
The Reception children have enjoyed exploring directional language, programming and plotting a route for the computerised Beebots. They created additional challenge by adding ramps and bridges for the Beebots to carefully negotiate.

Reception are very much looking forward to their Minibeast Ball next Thursday 26th March, and we can't wait to see their imaginative minibeast costumes and delicious insect-themed treats!

Reading Ambassadors

Harry and Lucy from Year 5 told us about their class read today 'Children of the Belin Kingdom' by Dinah Orji. It is about a girl called Ada who lives in the rain forest with her family. Her daddy is always helping people get better but one day he is poorly and then that is when Ada finds out that she is actually a Princess but she will be in danger if people find out.

She goes on a dangerous journey to find out all about her family. Lucy and Harry and the class are really enjoying the book but it is a little scary in places.



Parent Consultation Appointments

Parent Consultations will take place on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March. All appointments will take place in the school hall with the exception of Reception class, and these will take place in the Reception classroom. The Bromcom/MCAS system has been programmed to book your appointment. Please check your Bromcom/MCAS app and select parent Evening. Please see link below for a guide - This will allow you to choose your own appointment times with teachers.

<https://docs.bromcom.com/knowledge-base/how-to-book-parents-evening-appointments-using-mcas/>The system will close on Monday 30th at 00.30am.

Please check your child's Dinner Money Balance.

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 and paid for. We need to be up to date with our accounts and balance our books by **Monday March 23rd** before we send account balances to Devon County Council for audit. **Any debts, DCC will follow up.** Letters have been sent home to parents who have outstanding debts against their child's account. Please check your Bromcom/MCAS account this weekend. We ask that debts are paid off and dinner money accounts are topped up to cover ALL meals until the end of term which is Thursday 2nd April. As always, any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Lewis in school.

Merry-Go-Round News

This week we have been taking part in Oral Health week, enjoying lots of activities that help to remind us how to take care of our teeth. We have very much enjoyed the sunshine making its appearance finally, with lots of time spent in our lovely garden"



News from Stokenham Explorers

We've had a fab week exploring in the sunshine, and have loved seeing more and more new children start with us. We're excited to announce a new club for the summer term - **rounders!**

Easter holiday club- we only have 4 spaces left! Make sure you book yours as soon as possible. Our sports stars this week go to:

Netball- Olivia in year 4 for her tremendous effort and for being so kind to others. Football- KS1 Albie from year 1 and James from year 2 for really getting stuck in this week and including the younger children. KS2 Jack from year 4 his stand out effort and his hat trick and Marley from year 5 for his excellent effort!

Easter Egg raffle

Explorers will be selling raffle tickets on Wednesday and Thursday after school, £2 a strip and lots of choccy prizes to be won! All money raised will go towards some pop-up goals for the after school football club.



Have a lovely relaxing weekend

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

With best Wishes

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Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 23 rd March	Deadline for dinner money debts and payments on Bromcom/MCAS Scholastic Book Fair – See Above Year 6 SATs Presentation – See Above Abi Tucker Singing Lessons After-School Choir with Abi – last session
Tuesday 24 th March	Reception Class Visual Screening Checks Lunchtime Mindfulness Yoga Club
Wednesday 25 th March	Ri Classes at KCC Lunchtime Times Tables Club KS2 Cross Country at Malborough – See Above After School Laura Darvell Ecotherapy Club After School Netball with Stokenham Explorers SATs Booster Club - All Year 6 welcome
Thursday 26 th March	Reception Dressing Up Day – See Above Alan Inglis-Faulkner Drum lessons Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Arts and Crafts Club - Last Session After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 27 th March	Bungalow Opening – See Above Monica Chapman Music lessons Forest School Reception and Year 4 Year 3 - Deadline for Residential Payments and Paperwork to be completed

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 30 March	AM PM	R and 6 All	Tempest Photography Parent Consultations – please book via Bromcom
Tuesday 31 March	PM	All	Parent Consultations – please book via Bromcom
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 – Letters sent out
Wednesday 29 April		6	Sailing in Salcombe – Letters sent out
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
Friday 29 May		4 & 6	Deadline for Residential Payments to be completed
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/Netball – 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