



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/27
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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super term we have enjoyed and another well-earned holiday is upon us. Well done to all our pupils, parents and staff for their hard work and perseverance. Yesterday was April Fools' Day and there was much April Fools going on in school. Mr Mitchelmore shocked all the teachers and staff by telling us the pool would be out of action, but Year 5 pranked him back by having a large "leek" in the classroom...Poor Year 6, they told Miss Edwin that they all got zero in their maths test - which totally shocked us all, until they told us their real results which were fantastic! Finally, Mr Mitchelmore found our friendly skeleton in his cleaning cupboard - all ready with the Hoover to help out with the cleaning!

This morning we held our final celebration assembly for this term and the children then thoroughly enjoyed their lunches on the terrace for the first time this year. It was so lovely.

We wish you all a wonderful break from the school routine and a very Happy Easter, enjoying time together with family and friends. We have an exciting Summer Term planned which includes some year groups enjoying the residential trip programme, sailing for our Year 6 and the re-opening of our swimming pool!

I am hugely proud of all the children at Stokenham Primary School, and I am especially proud of our hard-working, multi-tasking school staff team – they are a very special, loyal and dedicated group of people who give their very best to Stokenham Primary School and I am very grateful that they are part of our school family. We wish them all a great Easter break.

Parent Consultations

It was wonderful to see so many of you in school this week to meet the teaching team and understand the progress your children are making at school. We value the time you take to do this, and we hope that you find it constructive.

RSPB Wild Challenge



Stokenham School has achieved their RSPB Wild Challenge Bronze Award! Pupils from across the school have completed six challenges exploring and helping nature: this includes Reception's Minibeast Hunt during Forest School, The Eco Council's Big Bird Watch and the Year 4 Garden Group creating bug hotels, bird feeders and last week's nature mindfulness poem. We are now working towards our Silver Award, with several tasks already completed and projects underway including a mini wildlife pond in the garden.



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
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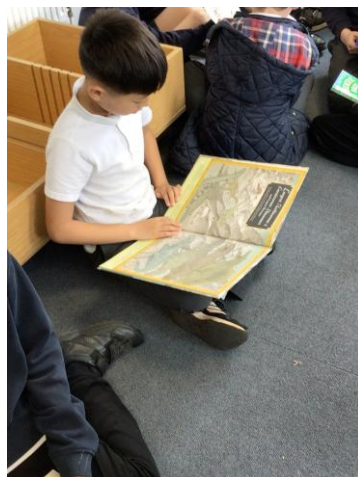


Around the school this week

Year 6 at Stokenham turned detective this week for the start of their new English Unit...a crime scene to be investigated - the house of Montague and Capulet...could it be Romeo and Juliet?

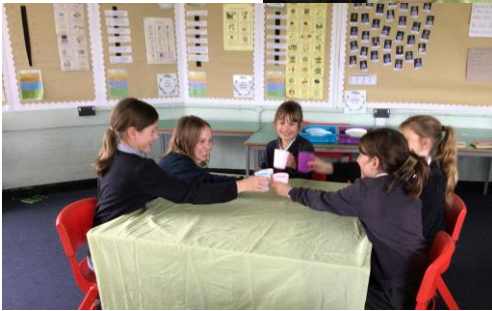


All our pupils and MGR have been able to enjoy our new Book Bungalow this week. We would also like to say a big thank you to "The Plastic Company" who donated a wonderful picnic bench for us to use in the outdoor space of the new book Bungalow. We know that our pupils, explorers and staff will love sitting in the sunshine reading there.



Year 4 Step Into Le Café!

Year 4 had a wonderful time stepping into *Le Café* this week, where they put their French speaking skills to the test in a real-life setting. Pupils confidently ordered a *boisson* and a sweet treat, remembering their best manners en français. With French music playing in the background and plenty of smiles all round, the children enjoyed practising key phrases and reflecting on everything they've learned this term. A brilliant blend of language, culture and fun.



We've had a wonderful final week in Year 1 before the Easter holidays. We enjoyed reading our new stories from the Book Bungalow and proudly completed our last pieces of work, creating our very own sliders and levers.



Dates for your Diary

Coffee Afternoon with SENDCo & Strategic Lead for SEND – Tuesday 21st April 2026

Please come along to an informal catch up with the SENDCo - Miss Woollard and Mrs French to hear key updates, signposts to support and discuss how children with SEND are supported at Stokenham. All parents are very welcome to attend - Tuesday 21st April at 2.30pm in the hall.

Year 6 Sailing - Wednesday 22 April

We are very excited to that our year 6 pupils have the opportunity to learn sail in Salcombe! Letters, permission slips and details have all gone home. As a reminder:

Morning Session Group A

8.45am until 12 Noon

Afternoon Session Group B

12.45pm until 4.00pm

Morning Session – Group A

- Please be at Whitestrand Car Park in Salcombe at the stated time: **8.45am** to meet Becca and Ross (Sailing Instructors). **We cannot wait for later comers.**
- Please collect your child from Whitestrand Car Park, Salcombe at the stated time – **12 Noon and bring back to school for the afternoon.**
- **Packed lunch or pre order school dinner and will eat upon their return to school.**

Afternoon Session – Group B

- **School in the morning and collect at 12 Noon**
- To be at Whitestrand Car Park in Salcombe at the stated time: **12.45pm** to meet Becca and Ross (Sailing Instructors) **We cannot wait for later comers.**
- Please collect your child from Whitestrand Car Park, Salcombe at the stated time – **4.00pm**
- **Packed lunch to eat before sailing.**

Please wear appropriate clothes. The children will need to be in their wetsuits ready for their sailing. Bear in mind that the children could get cold and wet when they come off the water. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Miss Edwin or Mrs Lewis.

Forest School Summer Term- starting Friday 24th April

Next half term it will be for our Reception and Years 5 classes forest school sessions on Fridays. More details will follow from the class teachers in the first week of the new term.

Football County Cup Qualifier and Mixed Team Tournament – Tuesday 28th April

Letters have been sent out regarding the Football County Cup Qualifying Tournament which takes place at Ivybridge Community college on Tuesday 28th April. Please consent via Bromcom and also return the consent forms on the first day of next term.

Bikeability - Year 5 Starting Monday 11th May

We are running the Bikeability course for Year 5 again this year. It is always well received and much enjoyed by the children, and it is free of charge. A letter will be sent out in due course along with a link to sign your child up. We at School do not handle the bookings ourselves – you will need to book with the provider online. The letter will explain once sent out in the new term. If your child isn't confident in riding a bike the instructors will be able to help.

School Menus

We have unfortunately had to increase the price of school meals. A school dinner will now cost £2.75 per day. This equates to £13.75 per week or £66.00 for the first half of the Summer Term. The increase will take affect after the Easter Break

Pupil Attendance

Below is a table showing the attendance figures at school, for each class since September 2025. Our achievement of **95.8%** is just below the national average. The DfE and Devon County Council have a guide line that school attendance should equate to 97.0%. We do have a bit of work to do but we thank all our parents for your continued support.

Attendance Data

Autumn Term 2025 and Spring Term 2026 to date
03 September 2025 to 27 March 2026

Class	%
Reception	96.1
Year 1	95.3
Year 2	97.0
Year 3	96.7
Year 4	95.8
Year 5	95.5
Year 6	93.8
Whole School	95.8

As part of DfE School Attendance monitoring – we have an obligation to publish weekly attendance data to our parents. It is really important that we accurately record our attendance data, as part of the DfE directive. If your child is absent, please telephone the school or email Mrs Lewis at stokenham@southhamsfederation.org.uk thank you.

News from Stokenham Explorers!

We have had a fabulous week exploring our new space over at the Book Bungalow. The children have loved the garden area and playing a range of games on the patio. The Explorers and netball children drew the **Easter raffle** on Wednesday afternoon, well done to the following winners whose chocolate treats were given out today.

Lewis Year 1	Kitty Year 2
Dan Dan Year 2	Max year 3
Harry year 2	Megan Year 4
Daniel Year 2	Harry Year 5
Violet Year 2	Honor Year 5
Plus Alison from	MGR



Thank you to everyone who contributed, we managed to raise £70 towards a new pop-up goal for the football club. In netball this week our **Star Player** was Poppy from Y4 who we saw getting into space and scoring nets. And at football our **Players of the term** were Winnie from Reception who gets stuck in every week and Jacob from Year 4 who continues to be an excellent team player. We're looking forward to seeing so many children for **holiday club** next week where we have lots of exciting activities planned. Happy Easter everyone!



Merry-Go-Round News

"What a wonderful Easter fun filled week we have had here at MGR. We baked Hot Cross Buns, made bunny faces, had an Easter hunt in our garden, walked to the church, visited the book bungalow and had an amazing time at Forest School in the sunshine. We hope you all have a fantastic Easter and we look forward to welcoming you back, along with some new friends on Monday 20th April"





Have a lovely Easter Break. Let's hope the weather remains sunny!

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 20 th April	First Day of Summer Term After School Choir Restarts
Tuesday 21 st April	SEND Coffee, Meet and Presentation - See Above
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 6 Sailing – See Above Laura Darvell restarts Eco Therapy After School SATs Club restarts
Thursday 23 rd April	After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 24 th April	Monica Chapman restarts Music Lessons Forest School Year 5 and Reception

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Tuesday 28 April			KS2 Football Tournament – See Above
Wednesday 29 April		6	Sailing in Salcombe
Thursday 30 April			Alan Inglis-Faulkner – Drums restarts
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