



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/28
Friday 24th April 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break and were able to enjoy the sunshine and family time together.

It was lovely to see the children in school, excited to be reunited with their friends this week, it really does not take them long to settle back into the routines of school life. We welcome to our school family Amelia and Aliyah in Year 2 and also Miss Pears who will be teaching in Year 1 whilst Mrs Searle is on maternity leave.

It was so wonderful to hear that Mrs Searle gave birth during the Easter holidays to a little boy. This is such wonderful news and we send our congratulations and blessings to Mr and Mrs Searle.



The Summer term will be busy – with a lot of opportunities to go outside to learn and to play. Once the swimming pool warms up a little bit more, we will add swimming to the PE schedule – we will keep you posted. Our week started with an assembly from PCSO's Tom and



Tristan. They spoke about online safety, street awareness and how to ask for help when out and about.

Please find attached to this newsletter this term's Curriculum outlines for each class. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Year 6 Sailing

Our year 6 should have been sailing on Wednesday. Unfortunately, the winds were far too strong to actually go sailing. As an alternative, the children had great fun learning the tactics of sailing on dry land as enjoyed beach games on Millbay beach. Thank you to Salcombe Dinghy Sailing and also our parents for 'transporting' the children – last minute to a different venue. We hope that next week the winds die down and the children will be sailing. 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.**



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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 next Tuesday 28th April. Please remember to consent via Bromcom and also hand back the completed letter, if your child has been selected to represent the school. As a reminder the children 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
- Navy or black Football socks
- Football trainers – to wear on astro turf/all weather pitch

Parents will need to take their child direct to Ivybridge Community College to meet Mrs Taylor for **a 10.00 am start**. Your child will need to be collected from Ivybridge Community College at 12.30pm and brought back to Stokenham School. Good luck to all our players – Go Team Stokenham!

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 has been sent home to all Year 5 parents. Please use the link in the letter to apply for a place with Bikeability direct. We do not handle the bookings from the office – you will need to book with the provider online. If your child isn't confident in riding a bike the instructors will be able to help. As always, any queries, please see Mrs Lewis in the office



This week in School

What a wonderful first week back the Reception children have had! They have approached their new 'Growing and Farming' topic with much enthusiasm and loved tasting and describing a range of different fruit and vegetables with the help of Sharon, challenging themselves to try everything and eat a rainbow of colours. They also created these super observational drawings of fruit and vegetables, looking closely at the shape, form and pattern and carefully drawing what they could see. What budding young artists we have!



After-School Clubs

We are looking forward to offering lunchtime and after-school clubs starting week beginning **Monday 27th April 2026**. The clubs are always popular and numbers are limited, places being allocated on a first come first served basis. A letter went out yesterday via email.

To book your child on any of the clubs provided, please consent via Bromcom from 4.30pm today. Please note that we **must** have consent from parents before your child can start a club. **If a club is provided by an external provider, you will need to book directly with them. Please ensure that you collect your child from any of the after-school clubs promptly at 4.30pm each week.**

Clubs Timetable

Monday	Year 2 to 6 – After School Choir Club with Abi Tucker – please contact Abi direct via email for more details. Abi.tucker1@outlook.com After School Rounders with Stokenham Explorers Please contact Caroline - 07967 318 114 - at Stokenham Explorers for more details. https://eequ.org/book/stokenham-explorers-wraparound-care-with-stokenham-explorers-20225
Tuesday	Reception, Years 1 and 2 Lunchtime Yoga Club - Mrs Cowling will be running a lunchtime Yoga Club for our pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 to a maximum of 12 pupils.
Wednesday	Years 3 to 6 Lunchtime Times Tables Club - Miss Longland will be running a Lunchtime Times Tables Maths Club for a maximum of 20 pupils. Years 2 to 6 After School Ecotherapy Club with Laura Darvell – please contact Laura direct by email laura@theecotherapist.co.uk .
Thursday	Year 1 and Year 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club – Mrs Prescott will run a lunch time Recorder club for our pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 to a maximum of 12 pupils. Years 3 to 6 Lunchtime Athletics Club – Mrs Taylor will be running a Lunchtime Athletics Club for a maximum of 20 pupils. Year 6 SATs Booster After School Club – Miss Edwin will run an After - School SATs Booster Club for our year 6 pupils until end of SATs week. After School Football with Stokenham Explorers Please contact Caroline - 07967 318 114 - at Stokenham Explorers for more details. https://eequ.org/book/stokenham-explorers-wraparound-care-with-stokenham-explorers-20225
Friday	Years 1 and 2 Lunchtime Story Club - Mrs Pears will be running a lunchtime Story Club for our pupils in year 1 and 2 to a maximum of 12 pupils

PE Time Table Summer Term 2026

Monday	Year 1 and 2
Tuesday	Year 5 and 6
Wednesday	
Thursday	Reception, Year 3 and 4
Friday	Years 1 to 6

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

03 September 2025 to 24 April 2026

Class	%
Reception	96.0
Year 1	95.3
Year 2	97.2
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	95.8
Year 5	95.6
Year 6	93.8
Whole School	95.75

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.

Merry-Go-Round News

"What a busy start to the Summer term we have had this week. We looked at the Artemis II moon landing, created our own moon and space pictures whilst enjoying a story under the stars. We celebrated Earth Day with an amazing story called 'Inky and the tide of change' written by one of our little adventurers Daddies. With the story in mind, we walked to Chillington for a litter pick, then brought it back to pre school to recycle. We loved the sunshine this week and made full use of our garden, with games, races, mud kitchen play, football, and sailing away on our boat. We welcomed a lovely new family to MGR this week, with our new adventurer was blown away with the many exciting activities we have on offer'



News from Stokenham Explorers!

Our first ever Holiday Club over the Easter break was fantastic! The children and staff team had so much fun getting involved in team games and challenges, building a bug hotel, planting veggies and flowers, playing sports and doing a whole load of Easter egg hunts and crafts. Thank you to everyone who came along to join in the fun!

At our extra-curricular clubs this week it has been great to see some new faces - our star players this week were: Netball: Eleanor and Mabel for their tremendous effort and in Football: Henry and George for their focus and effort! Well done! To see what else we have on offer, click on the link below:



[Stokenham Explorers wraparound care with Stokenham Explorers · Eequ](https://www.stokenhamexplorers.com)
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Have a lovely weekend

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 27 th April	After School Choir with Abi Tucker
Tuesday 28 th April	Football Tournament at ICC – See Above
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 6 Sailing – See Above Laura Darvell Eco Therapy After School SATs Club
Thursday 30 th April	Alan Inglis-Faulkner – Drums Lessons After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 1 st May	Monica Chapman Music Lessons Forest School Year 5 and Reception

LUMI NOVA
TALES OF COURAGE

NHS
Mental Health Support Team

**Parent and Carer
Lumi Nova Discovery
Workshop**

Wednesday 29th April 2026 - 6-7pm

Joining link below!

NICE recommended for ages 7-12

Find out more about the free Lumi Nova app and the support it can offer for your young person.

Learn about CBT, exposure therapy and the science behind Lumi Nova.

Supportive space to download the app with MHST Lumi Nova Champions.

Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 399 221 272 523 28
Passcode: pX3ve2bn

Join us online

NHS
Mental Health Support Team

**MHST Parent and Carer
Summer Term Workshops**

Wednesday 29/04/2026 6-7pm

- Lumi Nova Digital Therapy for Ages 7-12

Join us on Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 399 221 272 523 28
Passcode: pX3ve2bn

Wednesday 24/06/2026 6-7pm

- Supporting a Successful Transition to Secondary School

Join us on Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 319 109 280 827 09
Passcode: Be77Zx35

Wednesday 15/07/2026 6-7pm

- Supporting the Use of Devices

Join us on Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 345 784 004 151 21
Passcode: hM3gu2oa

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 4 May		All	Bank Holiday – No School
Tuesday 5 May	All Day	3	Residential Day
Thursday 7 May			Swimming Festival - TBC
Friday 8 May		All	PTFA Cake Raffle
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	6	SATS Week
Monday 11 to Fri 15 May	All Day	5	Bikeability Week
Thursday 14 May			Reception Class Walk to Farm
Monday 18 May	PM		New Reception Pupils Presentation
Tuesday 19 May	PM	6	KCC Presentation to Year 6 pupils & parents
Thursday 21 May			Cricket Festival - TBC
Mon 25 to Fri 29 May		All	HALF TERM
Friday 29 May		4 & 6	Deadline for Residential Payments to be completed
Thursday 4 June			Cricket Festival - TBC
Friday 5 June	PM		Sports Day – details to follow
Tuesday 9 June	PM	6	Singing Paddles – Group A – Details to follow
Wednesday 10 June	PM	6	Singing Paddles – Group B – Details to follow
Friday 12 June	PM	All	PTFA Cake Raffle
	PM	All	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 17 to Thurs 18 June	All Day	4	Residential – letters sent out
Monday 22 June	PM		New Reception Pupils Transition Afternoon
Mon 22 to Wed 24 June	All day	6	Residential – letter sent out
Monday 29 June	PM		New Reception Pupils Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 1 July	PM		Cross Country/Netball – to be confirmed
Thursday 2 July	All Day	6	KCC Induction Day – to be confirmed
Monday 6 July	PM PM		New Reception Pupils Transition Afternoon After School Choir concert
Wednesday 8 July	All Day PM	R	Reception Class Trip – Details to follow Swimming Gala – to be confirmed
Friday 10 July	PM	All	PTFA Cake Raffle PTFA Fair – Details to follow
Tuesday 14 July	All Day	4	School Trip - TBC
Wednesday 15 July	PM		Rounders Tournament – to be confirmed
Friday 17 July		All	Last Day of Summer Term