



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/29
Friday 1st May 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real mix of weather this week, one day warm Spring sunshine and the next rather glooming with a cold easterly wind! We have still enjoyed being outside - please make sure that your child comes to school every day with their coat and their water bottle – both clearly named please. Term is in full swing now and there are numerous activities for the children to get involved in across all classes. We would like to welcome Blu and his family who has joined us this week - Welcome to Stokenham! A final note - please remember that next **Monday is May Day Bank Holiday** and that school will be closed. We will see you all again on **Tuesday 5th May at 9am**.



Year 6 Sailing

Our Year 6 children finally made it on to the water on Wednesday for a few hours of sailing. It was rather windy, despite the many layers they were wearing! They had great fun learning the essentials of sailing, how to steer, tying knots and jumping in the water - despite the cold! A huge thank you to The Wind Project and Salcombe Dinghy Sailing for the very generous opportunity they give to allow the children to experience a taste of sailing. Thank you also to all our parents who transported the children back and forth to East Portlemouth last week and Salcombe this week.



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Football County Cup Qualifier and Mixed Team Tournament

On Tuesday, 28 pupils from Years 4 to 6 travelled to Ivybridge Community College to take part in the Under 9 and Under 11 Girls' Devon County Cup qualifiers, as well as a mixed football festival. Our Under 9 girls progressed very comfortably through the qualifiers, earning their place at the County Cup finals, which will be held at Devon FA Headquarters in Newton Abbot in May. Well Done girls! The Under 11 girls also played brilliantly, showing fantastic teamwork, skill and determination. Despite scoring some wonderful goals and producing excellent passing, strong defending and impressive goalkeeping from Edie D, they were narrowly beaten by Aveton Gifford, who went on to win the competition. Meanwhile, our other Stokenham pupils enjoyed taking part in a mixed football festival, organised by Plymouth Argyle and young leaders from Ivybridge Community College. It was a fantastic morning of sport for everyone involved, and we are extremely proud of all our players for their enthusiasm, effort and sportsmanship.



Residential for Year 3 Tuesday 5th May

Next Tuesday Year 3 go on their extended residential day! This is always an amazing experience, enjoyed by everyone involved. **A list of what to bring is detailed below:**

- Packed lunch – **remember NO NUTS!**
- Snacks – **No NUTS**
- Plenty of water to drink (needs to be in a refillable container)
- A sun hat and sun cream
- Waterproof coat and trousers if wet
- Pair of wellington boots or suitable shoes for the wet and muddy activities
- A second pair of trainers or walking shoes to change into if they get wet
- The children will be walking to the beach and back which is approx 1 mile each way.
- Wellington boots can be a little uncomfortable to walk in so we do suggest trainers/walking shoes)
- Best to wear long trousers or leggings due to nettles etc.
- A towel /small cloth to wipe feet dry (if they get wet)
- Bin liner to put wet clothes in – with name on please
- Hairclips/scrunchies
- Plate (Non-Breakable) for the evening meal – FaB will provide cutlery
- Back Pack/Rucksack – we will be eating lunch on the beach so the children will need a comfortable back pack to carry their lunch down in.
- **Please Note: Water or beach shoes are not appropriate footwear for the activities.**

Points to remember:

- If your child needs to take an Asthma Inhaler or any other prescribed medication, we will need a Green Medicine Form completed and signed to accompany the prescribed medication. The completed Green Medicine Form along with medication needs to be handed to Mrs Taylor on arrival at Forest and Beach.
- If you need a Green Medicine Form please ask for one from the Office.
- Under no circumstances can any valuables, mobile phones, Ipods or electronic games be taken on the trip.
- **Children to be taken dropped off at 9.10am**
- **Children to be collected at 5.45pm**

It's going to be a splendid day!

Year 6 Parents and Carers – SATS Update

Monday 11th May will be the start of our KS2 SATs week. We would like to invite all of our Year 6 children to an exclusive breakfast club every morning during that week. **Please arrive ready for breakfast at 8.30am so that we can eat, pack up and get ourselves ready each morning for the tests.** The aim of SATs breakfast club is to provide our Year 6 pupils with an opportunity to calmly enter the school ahead of the other children in order to get settled. **To help with our breakfast options - if your child has any dietary requirements, please let us know so that we can cater for them.** The Year 6 Team would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing all of the exciting things we have planned for the summer term with you all.

KS2 SATs 2026 Dates
Monday 11th May 2026 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Spelling - 20 mins Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Punctuation and Grammar - 45 mins
Tuesday 12th May 2026 Reading - 60 mins
Wednesday 13th May 2026 Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic - 30 mins Maths Paper 2: Reasoning - 40 mins
Thursday 14th May 2026 Maths Paper 3: Reasoning - 40 mins

This week in School

In Year 1, we have been learning about Alexander Calder and how he created sculptures. By the end of this term, we will create our own bird sculptures. This week, the children had their go at drawing their own bird from observation. We looked at different lines we could use in our drawing such as curved, spirals, broken and zigzag lines. The children put a lot of effort into their drawings of their birds. Well done Year 1!

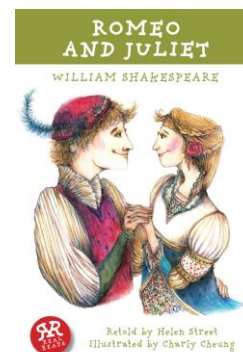


The Reception children have been busy exploring capacity in the outdoor provision, investigating which plant pots held the most or least amount of soil. They applied their learning and vocabulary further whilst playing in the water area with their friends, using comparative language and ordering the containers. Super outdoor maths!



Reading Ambassadors Recommendation

Our Year 6 Reading Ambassadors Lottie and Wilf along with the class have been enjoying 'Romeo and Juliet'. To quote "It's full of lots of drama!!!" Some deep hatred between two big families which seems to get deeper as people fall in love. A really good story but they won't wish to be a character in the book. All the good people die! A typical Shakespeare novel for us all to enjoy and they recommend that Year 5 upwards would enjoy it.



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 1 May 2026

Class	%
Reception	96.0
Year 1	95.3
Year 2	97.2
Year 3	96.7
Year 4	95.9
Year 5	95.7
Year 6	93.9
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.

Merry-Go-Round News

"This week we welcomed a lovely family into MGR, our new adventurer is settling in so well. We have started looking at Traditional tales this half term, Goldilocks and the 3 bears was the story this week. We made porridge, bear headbands, chairs, beds, bowls and Goldilocks herself, alongside acting out the story from recall with puppets and props.

On Friday 15th May from 1pm, we are hosting our Summer fundraiser at MGR'; a wonderful 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. There will be games, activities, delicious treats and a chance to come and see what makes MGR so special within our community. We hope to see you all there"



News from Stokenham Explorers!

We've been busy planting wild flowers and veggies this week and have enjoyed our netball and football sessions too! Our star players this week were:

Netball - Bodie

Football - KS1: Grace & Finley and KS2: Jenson & Dan Dan

After the success of our Easter holiday club we are now offering two days of **holiday club** during May half term. See attached poster - book early to ensure your place.



PTFA Cake Raffle

The next draw will take place on **Friday 8th May**.

Entry is just £1. You can buy as many entries as you wish. 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 three remaining raffles this academic year.

Please enclose £3 (or £6 or £9...) and clearly state on the envelope that you are paying for all draws in advance.

Thank you and good luck from Caroline and the PTFA



Have a lovely weekend and bank holiday. We will see you on Tuesday 5th May.

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

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – No School
Tuesday 5 th May	Year 3 Residential Day – See Above
Wednesday 6 th May	Laura Darvell Eco Therapy After School SATs Club
Thursday 7 th May	Alan Inglis-Faulkner – Drums Lessons After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 8 th May	PTFA Cake Raffle -See Above Monica Chapman Music Lessons Forest School Year 5 and Reception



LUMI NOVA
TALES OF COURAGE

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

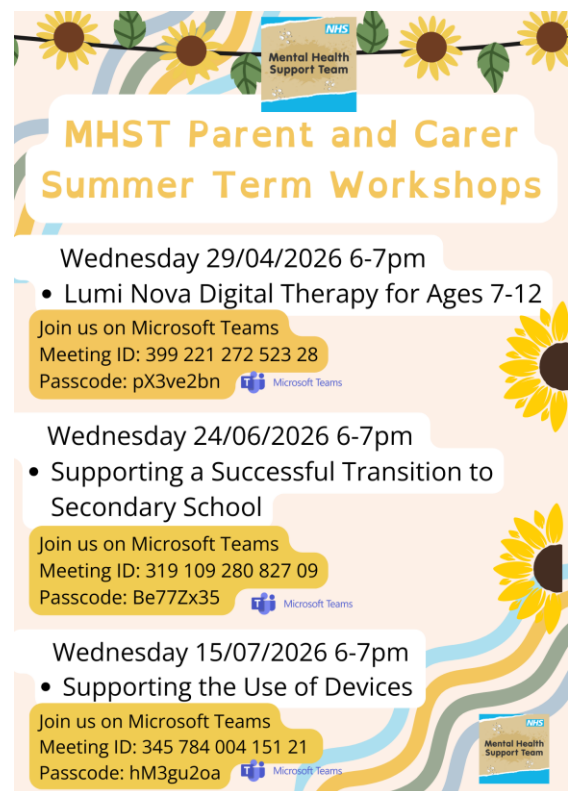
Find out more about the free Lumi Nova app and the support it can offer for your young person.

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



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 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
Wednesday 20 May	PM	6	KCC Presentation to Year 6 pupils & parents
Mon 25 to Fri 29 May		AiLL	HALF TERM
Friday 29 May		4 & 6	Deadline for Residential Payments to be completed
Thursday 4 June			Cricket Festival - TBC
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		All	PTFA Cake Raffle
	PM	All	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 17 to Thurs 18 June	All Day	4	Residential – details to follow 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 details to follow
Monday 29 June	PM		New Reception Pupils Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 1 July	PM		Cross Country/Netball – to be confirmed
Thursday 2 Friday 3 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		AiLL	Last Day of Summer Term