

Year 6 – SATs Week

Monday 11th May will be the start of our KS2 SATs week. All our year 6 class are invited to an exclusive breakfast club every morning next 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.** Please have a look at the upcoming days and the papers for each day.

Once SATs are over the Year 6 class will be able to relax a little. A letter has gone home regarding what is happening Thursday and Friday. Please complete and return ASAP.

Thursday 14th May - Year 6 will be walking to Torcross in the afternoon.

Friday 15th May - Year 6 will enjoy swimming in the pool!

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates - May 2026

Date	Subject	Test papers
Monday 11 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1: questions Paper 1: spelling
Tuesday 12 May	English reading	English reading
Wednesday 13 May	Mathematics	Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 14 May	Mathematics	Paper 3: reasoning

Bikeability Year 5 – Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th May

Next week is Bikeability week! Group A will have their course on Monday 11th and Group B will have their course on Tuesday 12th May. Everyone knows which group they are in and we are all set. Mrs Lewis has also sent out a message via email yesterday. If for any reason your child is no longer able to take part, please let the office know. Children will be allowed to wear their own clothes on the day they are taking part in their Bikeability course. For ease – the children will also be able to leave their bicycles and safety helmets at school overnight in the hall if this is helpful. Children cannot participate without a cycle helmet.



Reception Walk to the Farm – Thursday 14 May

We are very excited and very grateful to the Darke family and Coleridge Dairy for welcoming the Reception children back to their farm for a tour, milkshake and picnic lunch next Thursday. The children will be walking up across the fields from school, have a tour, enjoy their lunch before walking back.

They do not need to wear school uniform, but can instead wear wellies, covered legs and comfortable clothing suitable for the weather. Please can sun cream be applied at home beforehand and can all children wear a sunhat and bring a water bottle. Please have jackets, warm layers and waterproofs in case the weather turns wet as the children are outside all morning, although let's hope for glorious sunshine!

We will be having our picnic lunch at Coleridge before returning to school, so please can each child bring a packed lunch (**no nuts please**). If you would prefer Sharon to prepare a school packed lunch for your child to take, please let us know by Monday 11th May at the latest, so that she can order supplies. **Otherwise, we will assume your child is bringing their own lunchbox.** The children will need to carry all of their belongings in their backpacks and this includes their lunch. We would be very grateful for any parent volunteers who are able to help. Please note that younger siblings are not able to come due to our risk assessment. If you are able to help, please let us know ASAP.

To clarify, the children need:

- * Wear home clothes (with legs covered to protect) and layers i.e. tshirt, hoodies/fleece
- * Comfortable wellies and long socks
- * Sunhats
- * Suncream applied at home
- * Waterproof jackets/coats
- * Waterproof trousers if it is wet (or in backpack)
- * Water bottles
- * Packed lunch
- * Backpacks to carry all of belongings

We are very much looking forward to our fabulous farm adventure and thank you for your support as always.

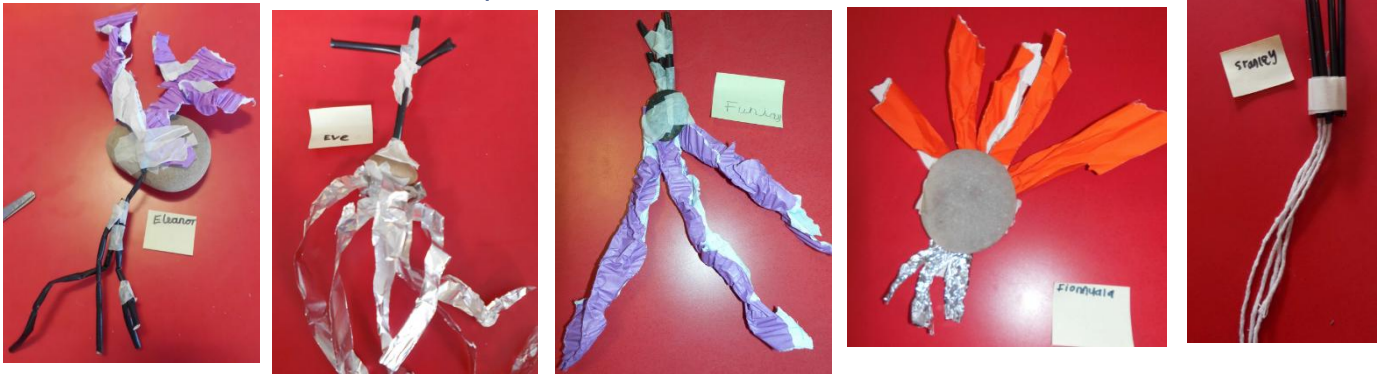
Swimming Pool Update

We are excited about the swimming pool opening again – the water temperature is slowly increasing but we are not quite there yet. At the end of SATs week, Year 6 will be the first to use it – we feel they deserve after all their hard work. It will be week commencing 18th May before it will be open to everyone else. A time table will be issued soon but as a reminder:

Please ensure that on the day your child's class is swimming they have their swimming kit, towel(s) and goggles. If they have longer hair, a swimming hat will be required. Please make sure they can put the hat on themselves by practicing at home. Long loose hair is not swimming pool friendly!

This week in School

In our Year 2 Art lessons this term we are looking at Sculptures and creating stick transformations. The children have been looking at the work of Chris Kenny and have enjoyed making 'roots and shoots' sculptures using a range of different materials and joining them in different ways. The children collected pebbles of different sizes to make their sculptures.



In Year 1, we have been practising our drawing skills through different mediums. This week, we looked at how to draw feathers to help create our sculptures of birds by the end of the term. We used different mediums such as graphite pencils, charcoal, crayons and pencils. The children loved experimenting with different ways to draw their feathers in practice for their 3D sculptures. Great art skills Year 1!





The Reception children have been inspired by the story *The Tiny Seed* this week. They each carefully planted a bean, wrote neat labels for their pots and are excitedly observing changes as their plants develop and grow.

Reading Ambassadors Recommendation

Who remembers reading 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King? Our Year 3 reading ambassadors Zofia and Zeth told us all about it this morning in assembly and it is their class read at the moment.

To refresh your memories – Barney is staying with his grandparents and meets Stig who lives in an old chalk pit which is full of rubbish. They have adventures together and become really good friends but none of Barney's friends believe him that Stig exists. Stig is a bit 'smelly' and wears animal skins as clothes! Both Zofia and Zeth probably won't like to be in the book and live in a chalk pit/waste dump... I don't think any of us would really



Pupil Attendance

Below is a table showing the attendance figures at school, for each class since September 2025. Our achievement of **96.0%** is commendable but still just below the national average. The DfE and Devon County Council have a guide line that school attendance should equate to 97.0%. Thank you to all our parents for your continued support.

Attendance Data

03 September 2025 to 8 May 2026

Class	%
Reception	96.0
Year 1	95.4
Year 2	97.1
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	95.8
Year 5	95.8
Year 6	95.1
Whole School	96.0

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 planted magic beans and hope to grow beanstalks as tall as Jack's, we wonder if there will be a giant at the top?? We celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday at MGR, we brought in our favourite wildlife animals, researched some facts about them and using our best Sir David voices, shared these with our friends.



News from Stokenham Explorers!

Our explorers are really settling in to their new space and are particularly enjoying the new sandpit, den corner and outdoor games. This week at football we got to enjoy our new goals, bibs and balls - thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter egg raffle which made this all possible! The footballers have so much fun each week! Also, a huge thank you to our parent volunteers who support the children in getting so much out of every session.

Star players this week were Hope, Eadie, Harry and Mabel!

And from netball- the whole team got star player this week as they all played so tremendously!!

A reminder that bookings for May half term [Holiday club](#) are now open! Contact stokenhamexplorers@outlook.com for more info.

Our theme for May Holiday Club is 'Under the Sea' and as part of it we will be making sea sculptures out of plastic recycling! We are looking for plastic donations- please bring your plastic recycling into school for us to use!



PTFA Cake Raffle

Thank you for Emme's Grandma for baking and creating the delicious chocolate cake for today's PTFA raffle. It really does look quite wonderful. Well done to Bodie and Jules - they are most certainly going to enjoy eating it with their family.



The next draw will take place on **Friday 12th June**

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: The PTFA will send you a message so you know your entry has been safely received.

Thank you and good luck from Caroline and the PTFA

A plea please:

If anyone has any unwanted, empty slate crates that they are able to drop off to school, we would love them to make mini shelters on the school field. Thank you in advance



Have a lovely weekend.

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

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

Please note that during SATS week there will be no peripatetic music lessons

The Week Ahead

Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs – See Above Year 5 Bikeability – See Above
Tuesday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Year 5 Bikeability - tbc Laura Darvell Eco Therapy After School SATs Club
Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Reception Farm Walk – See Above Year 6 to Torcross – Letter sent out After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 15 th May	Forest School Year 5 and Reception Year 6 Swimming

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 18 May	PM		New Reception Pupils Presentation
Tuesday 19 May	PM	6	KCC Presentation to Year 6 pupils & parents
Thursday 21 May		3 & 4	Girls Football Championships - 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	PM	All All	PTFA Cake Raffle 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 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