



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/31
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well Done to our Year 6 pupils!

Year 6 have completed their SATs – HOORAY! They worked so hard in preparation and got through the week of tests calmly and sensibly displaying great resilience and strength. Today they were able to have fun in the swimming pool – albeit a little chilling but that didn't stop them. After their last SATs test yesterday, they celebrated with well-deserved delicious bacon butties and then had fun on Torcross Beach enjoying ice cream. Well done Year 6 – you have all been brilliant. Now it's time for a relaxing weekend.

Now that SATS are over, the provision of peripatetic Music lessons can resume as published for this half term. The transition to secondary school for our Year 6 class will now begin in earnest, and the other year groups begin to prepare to move up to the next class to continue their learning journey. It is a very exciting time and also a reminder that the Summer term is going by very quickly! I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff team, and all the children in school, who have been very understanding and kind during SATS week – it requires lots of flexibility, we all try to be calm and quiet around school whilst the tests go on. Well done everyone, you all did a great job!

Year 6 KCC Transition – Tuesday 19th May

Next Tuesday afternoon, members of the KCC teaching staff will be visiting our Year 6 pupils as part of their transition to secondary school. They will spend some time with the class discussing next steps, and what Year 7 will be like for them. Year 6 parents are invited into school from 3.30-4.15pm to meet and discuss any queries they may have.

Bikeability – Fantastic Year Five!

Well done to Year 5 who completed their Bikeability training this week in and around Stokenham village. The Bikeability trainers said that the group had been brilliant. Well done to you all, thank you for being mature and such fantastic ambassadors for Stokenham School.



Year 3 Forest and Beach Day

Last Tuesday, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting extended day of fun and learning at Forest and Beach with Pete and Andrea Moore. We spent the morning in the woods taking part in a wide range of adventurous activities, including fire lighting, whittling, archery, giant marble runs, shelter building, bandana making and relaxing in hammocks. After enjoying our picnics together, we walked through fields and along tracks down to Hallsands beach. We had such a wonderful time exploring the beach before making the walk back up for a delicious home-cooked meal, followed by ice cream to finish the day.

It was a truly amazing, fun-filled and adventurous experience for everyone, and we would like to say a huge thank you to Forest and Beach for hosting such a memorable day.



Reception Walk to the Farm – Thursday 14 May

What a super morning the Reception children had yesterday, when they set off on a farming adventure to Coleridge Dairy Farm, meandering through fields and learning about different crops and local wildlife. Birdie's mum, Harriet, introduced the children to the impressive herd of dairy cows and explained how they produce milk, before giving a guided tour around the farmyard, including the milking parlour, animal barns and grain store. They had a well-deserved picnic lunch on the hay bales before being treated to a delicious milkshake from the Coleridge vending machine. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for making our walk possible, and especially to Harriet and the Darke family for hosting another fabulous farm visit.



Girls Football Championships Final – Thursday 21st May

We are so excited and proud that our Year 3 and 4 girl's football team have reached the Devon County Championship final. Letters have been sent home and we ask that all consent forms are handed back in to Mrs Lewis as soon as possible. The event takes place next Thursday at the Devon Football Association Headquarters in Newton Abbot. The children attending 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
- Football trainers – to wear on astro turf/all weather pitch

Please meet Mrs Taylor at the venue at 9.45am. The children will need collecting at 12.30pm and brought back to school. Good luck to our Team - Go Stokenham!

This week in School

The year 5's have really enjoyed their Art lessons, focusing on set design and making. We have been inspired by the set designer of War Horse - Rae Smith and used her skills of perspective and positioning to create our own 3D sets. The sets have been inspired by our class reader 'Crookhaven', specifically the spooky train station!



Swimming Pool Update

We are very excited about the swimming pool opening! Year 6 were the first to use it today – we feel they deserve it after all their hard work during SATS week. We start swimming next week for all other year groups. 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!

Timetable for Week commencing Monday 18th May

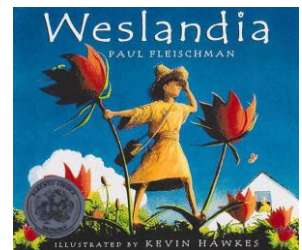
Monday	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday	Year 2
Thursday	Reception
Friday	Year 1 and Year 4

Reading Ambassadors Recommendation

Year 4 – Megan and Jenson told us all about their recommendation this week - Weslandia by Paul Fleischman

It's all about a boy called Wesley, who isn't really popular at school. Only because he doesn't really like football or the 'normal' trendy things that boys do. During the holidays he creates his own imaginary 'world, full of everything he likes doing such as planting his own flowers and vegetables, building shelters and creating his own language. Soon, EVERYONE wants to be part of this fantastic world that Wesley has created and his becomes quite popular!

It's a book that all the children would like to be part of and it send out a very positive message that you can be your 'own person' and not necessarily follow the crowd



Pupil Attendance

Below is a table showing the attendance figures at school, for each class since September 2025. Our achievement of just under **96.0%** is 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 15 May 2026

Class	%
Reception	95.7
Year 1	95.4
Year 2	96.5
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	95.8
Year 5	95.4
Year 6	95.0
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!

What a funny weather week- we've been blown away on the playground, rained on - on the field and taking shelter in the bungalow! The children have loved getting crafty this week and blowing bubbles! At football this week our star players were- Dylan and Alfie from Year 1 and from our older group, Dan Dan and George for their engagement and determination! Well done everyone. A reminder that May holiday club bookings are open! And WE need your PLASTIC to create some awesome 'under the sea' models!

Regarding your Plastic- please drop any bags of recycled plastic to the bungalow by Friday 22nd May.



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 18 th May	New Reception Class Presentation
Tuesday 19 th May	KCC Presentation to Year 6 Pupils and Parents
Wednesday 20 th May	Laura Darvell Eco Therapy
Thursday 21 st May	Girls Football Championships at Newton Abbot – See Above After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 22 nd May	Forest School Year 5 and Reception Break up for Half Term

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
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
Tuesday 9 June	PM	6	Singing Paddles – Group A – Letters sent out
Wednesday 10 June	PM	6	Singing Paddles – Group B – Letters sent out
Friday 12 June	PM	All	PTFA Cake Raffle
		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 KCC Induction Evening for all Parents
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