



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/32
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy half term. Our Summer activities are well underway and we have enjoyed a busy week in school. We have set a date for **Sports Day which is - Friday 5th June** – please make a note of the date and always remember that it is weather dependent, so we may not be able to confirm until the day before!

When we return on Monday 1st June, we will be ready to complete the last half term of this academic year. The final half term will be a busy one! Year 6 have canoeing, residential and KCC transition. Our other year groups have trips organised including a residential, school trips, swimming and having a little bit more fun and learning!

I hope that the weather remains settled and that you can all spend time out of doors with family and friends recharging your batteries. Yesterday we said goodbye to Miss Edwin as she leaves us to get married this weekend before returning after half term as Mrs Wibberly! Year 6 made her a stunning wedding dress and she had a quick practise in assembly walking down the aisle! Have a wonderful day, Miss Edwin!



Year 4 Girls Compete in the Devon Football County Cup Final

Yesterday, ten of our Year 4 girls travelled to Devon FA Headquarters in Newton Abbot to compete in the Under-9s Devon FA Schools' Girls County Cup Final. The girls showed great determination and excellent teamwork throughout the day, demonstrating impressive skills in every match. They proudly represented our school as they competed against several much larger schools from across Devon.

We are incredibly proud of their effort, attitude, and the way they conducted themselves—well done, girls! Many thanks to our parents for transporting the team to the tournament and for their fantastic support throughout the day; it was very much appreciated.



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Sports Day – Friday 5th June - can you help us?

Does anyone have a gazebo or canopy that would be suitable to provide shade for children on Sports Day if it is hot and sunny? Please contact the office 01548 580551 or email stokenham@southhamsfederation.org.uk

Thank you. We are planning for Sports Day to take place on Friday 5th June – it is very weather dependant but if it does go ahead – please weather stay dry it will start at 1pm.

This week in School

Reception have been busy practising their number recognition and counting skills beyond 10 in maths this week, using the large number tracks and rolling giant dice on the playground with their friends.



Netball festival - Wednesday 3rd June

Our Federation Schools have organised a KS2 Netball Tournament and this will take place at Loddiswell Primary school on Wednesday 3rd June 2026. Letters have been sent home today to our budding netball players. If your child does not wish to take part – please let Mrs Lewis know ASAP.

Important - Please ensure your child has:

- PE Kit
- Trainers
- A coat or hoodie or similar to keep warm before and after their matches
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy

Please complete the consent form sent home with your child and hand back into the office on Monday 1st June.

Swimming Pool Timetable

We are very lucky to have a school pool but this week the weather has made it rather difficult to use. We start swimming after half term.

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 1st June

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

Pupil Attendance

Below is a table showing the attendance figures at school, for each class since September 2025. Our achievement of just **95.7%** 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 22 May 2026

Class	%
Reception	95.7
Year 1	95.5
Year 2	96.1
Year 3	96.5
Year 4	95.8
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	94.9
Whole School	95.7

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 Merry Go Round

We had the most amazing Teddy Bears' Picnic last Friday, it was so wonderful to see so many of you join us. We raised a huge £427.31p! Thank you so much for your support, we are so grateful.

This week we celebrated World Bee Day, we made our own bees, mini gardens for them to buzz along to, tried some delicious honey and learnt all about bees and why they are so important to us.

Save the date - we are throwing the doors of MGR open and hosting our annual open afternoon, **on Wednesday 1st July**. Everyone is welcome to join us, meet our dedicated team, join in some fun activities and see for yourselves what makes MGR so unique. We hope you have a lovely break, and ready for more adventures as we reach our last half of the Summer term, we are going to be busy bees!"



News from Stokenham Explorers!

A huge thank you to all of those who donated their plastic recycling! We can't wait to show you the underwater creations that we make next week at holiday club. Our breakfast club and after school club has been loving the sunshine over the past two days and with a fresh batch of sand, we've been busy making castles and building dens in the garden.

A huge thanks to all of the parent volunteers who help each week with our Football club! The children have so much fun and are developing some incredible football skills.

Star players this week were:

KS1- Imogen, Finley and Lewis for their commitment and determination.

KS2- Theo and James for their gargantuan effort!

And at netball this week, the children have been practising their footwork skills and chest passes. Star player this week was Megan! Well done to everybody! To book any of our clubs please go to:



After Half Term - New Entering and Exit Procedures

After half term we will have a new system in place for our pedestrian gate. **The gate will be permanently locked from 9:00 am until 3:20 p.m.**

If any parent is wishing to access either Merry-Go Round or the Pre School during the locked period they are to contact the respective provider and be met at the gate and escorted on site by a member of the MGR or Pre-School team. This new procedure will ensure that all our settings are safeguarded.

To exit the site, a member of the Pre-School or Merry Go Round team will need to come to the school office with the parent and a member of school staff will allow the gate to open for exit.

Have a lovely half term break and we will see you at 8.55am on Monday 1st June.

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

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Over Half Term	Deadline for Residential Payments to be completed. Please check any overdue payments and make arrangements accordingly.
Monday 1 st June	After School Choir with Abi Tucker
Tuesday 2 nd June	Lunchtime Yoga with Mrs Cowling
Wednesday 3 rd June	Laura Darvell Eco Therapy Netball Festival – See Above
Thursday 4 th June	Lunchtime Recorder Club with Mrs Prescott Lunchtime Athletics club with Mrs Taylor Music Lessons with Alan Inglis-Faulkner After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 5 th June	Lunchtime Story Club with Miss Pears Music lessons with Monica Chapman Forest School Year 6 and Reception Sports day – See Above

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Tuesday 9 June	PM	6	Singing Paddles – Group A – Letters & emails sent out
Wednesday 10 June	PM	6	Singing Paddles – Group B – Letters & emails sent out
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
Tuesday 30 June	All Day	1 & 2	School Trip - TBC
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