



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/33

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our summer term, the final half term of the academic year. I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing half term break and you have heaps of energy for the next few weeks! There are plenty of activities and events planned, including Singing Paddles for our Year 6, school trips for various classes, residential to look forward to for Years 4 and 6 and the preparing and transition for all of our pupils as they move up a year or on to secondary school.

Below is a link to a survey regarding our school meals. We would very much like all our parents to complete the survey regardless of whether your child has school lunches or packed lunch – thank you in advance.

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Finally, I would like to also welcome Oliver and his family to our school and congratulate Mr and Mrs Wibberley on their marriage over the half term break.



Sports Day

The build up to Sports Day brings excitement and anticipation in equal measure, and whether the children are supporting or participating there is a lot of energy about the place! This year has been no exception and after a week of mixed weather and practice sessions, we decided to 'go for it!' The sun is shining, the cheers and excitement are electric – a full report will be in our newsletter next week.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who were able to be here to support – we appreciate that some of you have to make special arrangements to be here. It is always great to be able to welcome you into school to be part of our whole school activities.

Year 6 Singing Paddles – Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th June

For our Year 6 parents – Just to remind all parents:

- Tuesday 9th – Group A – Newbridge (Bowcombe) for 12 Noon start. Collect at 3.00pm
- Wednesday 10th – Group B – Newbridge (Bowcombe) for 12 Noon start. Collect at 3.00pm

The weather is mixed – sunshine and showers please dress appropriately. It does get a little cold on the water even though the sun may shine. The letter with the details has been sent out again today as a reminder.



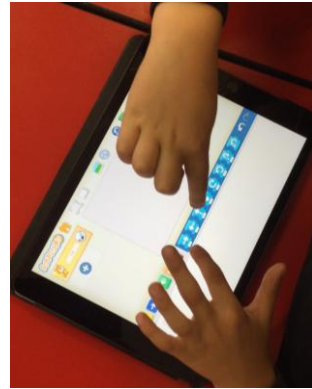
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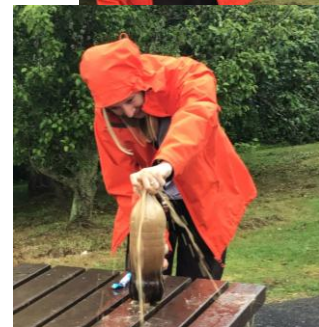


This week in School



In year 1, we have started our new computing topic where we have started to look at programming. The children had a great first lesson where we learnt how to program on Scratch Jr and how to use the controls to move our sprite.

Year 6 enjoyed carrying out the 'Cola and Mentos' experiment this week - tying in to both their English text (The Unforgotten Coat) and their science unit on Chemical and Physical Changes.



What a wonderful first swimming session the Reception children had this week! They were thrilled when the rain finally stopped so that they could have a fun afternoon learning about water safety, developing their water confidence and practising their swimming techniques. What super swimmers!



Federation Netball Festival

On Wednesday evening, a group of Year 5s attended the Federation's Netball tournament. It was great to see our players show enthusiasm and determination with every game they played. Loddiswell were up first where we drew 2-2 but that was only the beginning. Stokenham then went on to win both games against Malborough and Modbury also scoring 16 points in the shoot-out game on the side. Everyone showed great strength and grit as some of the players hadn't played before. Well done to everyone involved!

Reading Ambassadors Recommendations

Lottie and Wilf in Year 6 described their book they are currently reading, a mixture of "a bit weird but really loving it!". 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce is about two boys from Mongolia and a girl called Julie. The boys have moved to Liverpool and its so different from where they used to live. The boys think that demons are chasing after them and this leads to various adventures. It is funny in places



SEND Coffee Afternoon - All Parents welcome.

The next coffee afternoon will be a whole federation event based at Loddiswell Primary school on **Tuesday 23rd June 2 to 3pm**. We are excited to have Linda Willmott, who previously worked for the Devon Social, Emotional, Mental Health team, joining us to share information on: supporting children with worries, anxiety, emotional regulation and emotional based school avoidance. This will be a really informative session with opportunities to ask questions. We hope to see lots of you there.



PTFA News

- Plans are taking shape for the PTFA fair which is scheduled for **Friday 10th July**. A planning meeting will take place on **Monday 8th June** straight after drop off at school in the bungalow. All are welcome to attend and help plan the PTFA Fair.
- The next Cake Raffle 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: 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.

Thank you and good luck from Caroline and the PTFA.

News from Merry Go Round

"Our little MGR chefs have been busy making delicious goodies this week. We picked Elderflower from our garden to make Elderflower cordial and using apples donated from Cathy at Tesco, we peeled, chopped and cooked them to make chutney. Our Rising 5's have started getting prepared for their transition to 'big school' by joining the school children in the hall for lunch this week, they loved seeing everyone and Sharon's roast potatoes went down a treat!"



News from Stokenham Explorers!

We've had a great week welcoming everyone back after half term and reminiscing about another fantastic week of holiday club! The children who joined us had so much fun with water play on the hotter days and building fantastic plastic creations from all of your recycled bottles!

We're delighted to announce our first dates for summer holiday club - see poster for more info and to book contact Caroline on 07967318114.



Pupil Attendance

Below is a table showing the attendance figures at school, for each class since September 2025. Our achievement of just **95.65%** 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 5 June 2026

Class	%
Reception	95.6
Year 1	95.5
Year 2	96.0
Year 3	96.5
Year 4	95.8
Year 5	95.2
Year 6	95.0
Whole School	95.65

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.

Entering and Exit Procedures - As a reminder to all parents:

School start at 9.00am and we will open the pedestrian gate at 8.50am until 9.00am. After this time **the pedestrian gate will be permanently locked from 9:00 am until 3:20 p.m.**

If you wish to access either Merry-Go-Round or the Pre School during the locked period, parents 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 procedure will ensure that all our settings are safeguarded.

To exit the school 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.

	In the mornings – your child will enter school and their class as follows:	End of day – collect your child from
Reception	along the lower pathway outside the Reception classroom / canopy gate	the lower pathway outside the Reception classroom / canopy gate
Year 1 and 2	On the pathway/under the canopy near their classroom door.	on the pathway by their respective classroom door
Year 3 and 4	through the fire doors outside Year 3 and 4 classroom terrace area and in to their unit	the terrace area near their corridor door/fire doors
Year 5 and 6	through the fire doors outside Year 5 and 6 classroom terrace area into their unit	the pathway leading to and from the main school gates/main reception area
Bus children	Met by a member of staff and taken on to the school site.	taken by a staff member at the end of the day to their respective bus.
Stokenham Explorers	Will be taken to the respective classroom by Wrap-Around Care staff	Collect from their respective classroom teacher by a member of Wrap-Around Care staff

End of Year Finance

Please can I remind all parents that school trips, residentials and dinner money payments must be cleared before we break up in July. Although this is a few weeks away, time goes quickly. Whilst I appreciate that Bromcom/MCAS may not be the easier system to understand, debts should not accumulate.

Please check your child's dinner balances (including any transferred from pre-school) and any outstanding debts against their residentials etc and make the necessary payments as soon as possible. Messages are sent to parents who owe money by Mrs Lewis but some parents do seem to ignore these messages. This is awkward for all concern but we ask that if you do receive a message, please make the necessary payments. If you are having difficulty in making payments and clearing debts, please speak with either myself or Mrs Lewis and a plan can be put in place.

All payments need to be with Devon County Council by Monday 6th July. Please can you arrange for debts to be paid off either via your Bromcom account online or payment in cash or cheque payable to Devon County Council.

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

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 8 th June	PTFA Meeting - see above After School Choir with Abi Tucker
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 6 Singing Paddles Group A – See Above Lunchtime Yoga with Mrs Cowling
Wednesday 10 th June	Laura Darvell Eco Therapy After School Netball with Stokenham Explorers
Thursday 11 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 12 th June	PTFA Cake Raffle – See Above Lunchtime Story Club with Miss Pears Music lessons with Monica Chapman Forest School Year 6 and Reception

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
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 – letter sent out
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
Friday 3 July	All Day	6	Careers Day – details to follow
Monday 6 July	PM PM		New Reception Pupils Transition Afternoon After School Choir Concert
Wednesday 8 July	All Day PM	R	Reception Class Trip – letter sent out 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 – letter sent out
Wednesday 15 July	PM		Rounders Tournament – to be confirmed
Thursday 16 July	PM	6	Leaver Performance
Friday 17 July	AM PM	6 All	Leavers Assembly Last Day of Summer Term
Mon 7 September	AM	All	Autumn Term 2026 starts
Mon 26 to Fri 30 Oct		All	Half Term
Fri 18 December	PM	All	Autumn Term 2026 ends