



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/34

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another action-packed week in school as we move closer to the end of this Summer term. However – what has happened to the weather, as it feels more like October rather than June! Our Year 6 class enjoyed splashing about on the water with Singing Paddles this week, and there are still more trips to look forward to for our other year groups. Congratulations to Stanley in Year 2, who this morning successfully won the PTFA Cake! Thank you to Mrs Beard for making the delicious sponge cake this morning for the PTFA cake raffle. Stanley and his family will certainly enjoy eating this over the weekend.



Sports Day

My goodness – we were lucky with the weather last Friday. It was a super afternoon enjoyed by all. The children ran, threw, weaved and jumped their way through a huge range of events and everyone had smiles on their faces and a strong team spirit. To start the afternoon, our KS1 children completed a selection of different field events before heading to the track for the eagerly awaited sprint races. Then it was the turn of our KS2 children who came out, supported the younger members of the school, before taking part in a series of field events, as well as the egg and spoon and sack races. We continued with the individual sprints, team relays and the ever-popular long-distance races. Well done to all of our children - you were all absolutely amazing. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped to make the event run smoothly.



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So, the final scores have been counted up – an amazing achievement by all our pupils but the overall winners were.....**Beesands Blues!**



Singing Paddles

Our Year 6 enjoyed their Singing Paddles starting out from the Kingsbridge Embankment itself as opposed to Bowcombe Bridge. This didn't affect their enjoyment at all – they had the most fantastic time! They explored the estuary and learnt some fascinating facts about the wildlife that lives there. Working together to manoeuvre their canoes also helped to develop team work and leadership skills. Well done to Hope and Charlie too, who displayed some excellent knowledge about sailing and water navigation. We all got a little wet and had some rather tired arms at the end! Thank you to our parent helpers who were able to volunteer and accompany our children and a huge 'thank you' to Dave and the Singing Paddles Team for this amazing opportunity. Many memories have been made for our Year 6 children.





Year 4 Residential – Wed 17th and Thurs 18th June

Our Year 4 children will be off on their residential next Wednesday – it's going to be an early start and very exciting! Please see below some reminders:

Wednesday 17th June 2026

- Please be at School for 8.30am!!!**

- The children will travel by coach and it must leave school at 9.00am promptly!
- Please bring a packed lunch/snacks and water bottle.

Thursday 18th June 2026

- Midday (ish) – children due to arrive back at school in time for lunch. **Please remember to book on Bromcom or email the school your child's choice for lunch.**

A suggested kit list has been sent out with this newsletter as a reminder of what the children need to bring.

- The children can be collected from school at 1.30pm or at 3.30pm.**

We know the children will all have an unforgettable experience and we look forward to taking all the children with us.

This week in School



In DT, Year 1 have been looking at Structures. This week, we went on a walk around school to find some structures. We then drew them in our books and labelled what they were made of and what shapes we could see. Well done Year 1!



The Reception children have been busy this week creating pirate obstacle courses and using the timers to measure and compare the time it took to cross the finish line. They also created detailed treasure maps and included a range of geographical features. In English lessons they have been searching for gold coins with 'oi' words on them and recording them as a list, and also learning about and labelling the different parts of a pirate ship.

Year 6 Careers Day

What was your dream career when you were at primary school? As part of our Year 6 transition to senior school and their PSHE curriculum, we would like to give pupils some ideas and inspiration about the wide range of careers available to them. We ask any parents or family member, if they would be willing to come into school and talk to the Year 6 children about their career. We welcome parents from across all year groups. The talk to last as long as you wish even if it is 15 to 20 minutes. If you are available to come in on Friday 3rd July to talk about your career, whether current or previous, please speak to Mrs Wibberley (Edwin), Mrs Lewis, or myself, and we can arrange a timetable. Thank you for your support.

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 from 2pm 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.



News from Merry Go Round

"We walked to Chillington Woods for a bug hunt, searching under logs, moved sticks, checked the squelchy mud, looked up high at the trees, peeked into holes to find the bugs and tick them off our checklist. Ants were the bugs we saw the most. The strawberries in our vegetable garden are growing beautifully, we are looking forward to tasting them and cooking with them"



News from Stokenham Explorers!

We've had a fantastic week, despite the wind and rain! We've built dens and have loved seeing the children getting creative, making ladybirds and playing lots of games. It's been great to welcome new children to football and netball this week. We've braved the weather and it's been so worth it to see how much fun the children have had. Our star players this week:

Netball: Jules

Football: Finley, Jake & Arthur!

Well done everybody! Don't forget that bookings are now open for our summer holiday club.



Shape the Future: Become a Governor

The Role: The [South Hams Federation](#) is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our dedicated Board of Governors. School governors are like a **board of directors** for a school. They are volunteers who work behind the scenes to make sure the school gives children the best possible education.

Think of them as the school's "eyes on, hands off" support team. While the headteachers run the school day-to-day, the governors look at the big picture.

Governors have **three main jobs**:

- **Planning the future:** They help decide the school's values, long-term goals, and major policies.
- **Checking progress:** They look at school results and ask the headteacher tough questions to make sure teaching standards stay high.
- **Managing the money:** They check the school budget to ensure public money is spent wisely on things that help the children learn.

The Impact: In this rewarding role, you will work strategically across all four of our primary schools to ensure the best possible outcomes for local children.

Four schools, one shared future. Help us maintain vibrant, high-quality education to keep our rural villages thriving:

- **Loddiswell Primary School**
- **Malborough with South Huish C of E Primary School**
- **Modbury Primary School**
- **Stokenham Area Primary School**

No prior education experience is required.

We welcome diverse perspectives from all walks of life.

Key skills we value: Strategic thinking, teamwork, curiosity, and a passion for community development.

Time commitment: Approximately 6 meetings per school year plus school visits and personal development opportunities (5-10 hours per month in total). Some of these meetings can be attended online.

How to Apply: To find out more or request an application pack, please email our administration team directly at clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk.

Learn More: Read the [Welcome from the Chair of Governors](#) on our [Governance Page](#).

Pupil Attendance

Below is a table showing the attendance figures at school, for each class since September 2025. Our achievement of just **95.8%** 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 12 June 2026

Class	%
Reception	95.7
Year 1	95.5
Year 2	96.0
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	95.3
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.

Entering and Exit Procedures - 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 concerned 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



Our lovely new bench, created from the fallen tree. The trunk has been carved with bumble bees and insects. Its all rather lovely and a great addition for the children to use at playtime and during their lunch break for their picnic lunches

The Week Ahead

Monday 15 th June	After School Choir with Abi Tucker
Tuesday 16 th June	Lunchtime Yoga with Mrs Cowling
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 4 Residential – See Above Eco Therapy with Laura Darvell After School Netball with Stokenham Explorers
Thursday 18 th June	Year 4 back from Residential – See Above 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 19 th June	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
Monday 22 June	PM		New Reception Pupils Transition Afternoon
Mon 22 to Wed 24 June	All day	6	Residential – letter sent out
Tuesday 23 June	PM	All	SEND Coffee Meet and greet at Loddiswell Primary School – See Above
Friday 26	AM	All	HM Coastguard assembly
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 – see above
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