



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/36

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly glorious week of sunny weather we have enjoyed! Maybe a little too hot at times, but it has been perfect for our children to enjoy swimming in the school pool as well as on the beach (after school), our pirates to have fun in Reception class, our Year 6 residential to Grenville, making memories. This morning the children all learnt what the coastguards do with a visit from HM Coastguard Kingsbridge. We have just 3 weeks left of the Summer Term and the end of another academic year, we still have a lot of trips and activities for the children to enjoy including Year 6 with their transition day to KCC next week.

So, what do the Coastguards do? Our children had a fantastic morning investigating and learning just what goes on to be a Coastguard. They tried on some of the uniform, tried to carry the bags of equipment, (they are heavy!) tested their skills at throwing lines, set up and tried to use the hoist and seeing how loud the sirens were! It was all such fabulous fun! Thank you to the volunteers who came in this morning. The children had great fun!



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Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had an absolute blast at Grenville and definitely got wet! They did high ropes and the Leap of Faith. Then we went paddleboarding, which cooled everyone down a lot. We went canoeing and saw a mother seal and her baby. The instructors told us all about the Golden Hind, and after that we practised capsizing! Some of the children managed to get under the boats and find an air pocket. On the last day, we went kayaking, saw the seals again, and played some games—we even capsized again! The whole experience was so much fun! Great memories were made. It was brilliant.



Reception Pirate Day

The Reception crew had a swashbuckling Pirate Day full of fun and adventure on Thursday led by Captain Cowling and Shipmate Stevens. The young pirates were intrigued to find mysterious clues leading to the perfect 'treasure' for this heat...a freezer decorated as a treasure chest filled with cooling ice pops! The children also enjoyed testing out their brilliant boats to see if they floated, sharing a delicious pirate-themed feast and having a cooling pirate pamper session with cold footbaths and soothing cucumber. A huge thank you again to the Reception parents for their creativity and enthusiasm – it makes such a difference and is much appreciated. What a memorable Pirate Day!



Year 1 and Year 2 – School Trip – Tuesday 30th June

We are all looking forward to our trip next Tuesday to the Zoo. Quick reminders of what to do, where to be and what to bring:

- * The Children will need to wear normal school uniform and comfortable shoes.
- * Please have sunhats and sunscreen applied
- * Each child will need to have a packed lunch and bring plenty of water to drink. If you would like a school packed lunch -please let Mrs Lewis know ASAP.
- * **Please be at school by 8.45am at the latest**
- * The coach will leave school at 9.00 promptly
- * We will be back at approx. 3.00pm for normal time home

KCC Induction Day – Thursday 2nd July

Year 6 continue to prepare for their next adventure in their academic life with an Induction day to Kingsbridge Community College next week. They will travel to KCC by Tally Ho! coach from Stokenham School **leaving at 9.00am prompt** and will arrive at KCC in time for the beginning of a normal day there. KCC staff are very much looking forward to meeting all the new pupils joining them in September.

The induction day will include taster lessons with subject specialists, an opportunity to explore the college site and of course meet new friends. During lunch and break time the children will be able to buy food from the HUB food outlet.

- Please ensure they bring cash with them to purchase items on the day
- Please ensure your child is in their Primary School uniform
- They need to bring a pencil case with them in their school bag to take part in lessons.

All pupils must be collected from KCC at 4.00pm outside the gym.

From 4.00pm until 5.30pm there will be an induction evening. This will be the first opportunity for your child to meet their Tutor and indeed the other children who will be in their tutor group. Whilst your child is with their tutor, parents are invited into the main hall for a presentation with Tom Chisholm and other members of the Senior Leadership Team.

There will also be various stalls for you to visit. These will include KCC uniform supplier who will have all sizes of college uniform to try on. There will also be equipment for sale and representatives from the PE, Music and PSHE departments to discuss just some of the fantastic opportunities KCC have for your child.

Federation Swimming Gala – Friday 3rd July

Our Federation of Schools have organised a swimming gala which will take place at Quayside next Friday 3rd July 2026. Letters have been sent home to our Swimming Team! If your child has received a letter (by hand) and does not wish to take part – please let Mrs Lewis and Mrs Taylor know ASAP so we can ask other pupils. The children will need:

- Swimming Kit
- Swimming Hat
- Towels
- **Packed Lunch – eat at school before we leave**
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy
- Clothes to change in to once they have finished their races

We will have our packed lunches at school and also change in to our swim suits etc and be “ready” before we leave school. Unfortunately, the changing rooms at the leisure centre are not available until after the event. **We** ask that parents take and collect their child to and from Quayside. **We will need to leave Stokenham at 12.15pm** to arrive at Quayside for a 12.55pm start. The event is expected to finish at approximately 2.45pm. Parents will be allowed to stay and watch the event.

PTFA Meeting in Bungalow – Friday 3rd July

The raffle tickets for the summer fair have been sent home and there are more available should you need them! The PTFA fair takes place two weeks today on Friday 10th July! There is much planning to do and finalise and with that in mind the PTFA will hold a meeting next week in the bungalow starting at 2.00pm All parents are very welcome to come along to help plan the fair.

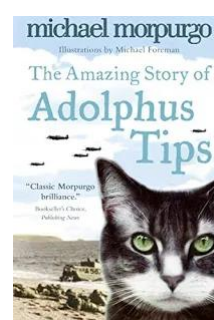
Year 6 Careers Day – Friday 3rd July

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 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 5 minutes or 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.

Reading Ambassadors Recommendation

Jenson and Megan from Year 4 told us all about *Adolphus Tips* by Michael Morpurgo. A real gem of a book. It is about a girl called Lily who had to move out of her home in Slapton so that the soldiers can practise for the war. Unfortunatley her cat called Tips gets lost . Lily is always trying to go back to her house to hopefully find her cat and not get caught by the soldiers.

They would recommend the book to year 3 upwards. Asked if they would like to be a character in the book...maybe not as being in the war is scary but its very exciting that the story is in Slapton and this is near where we live.



News from Merry Go Round

"We have been doing our very best to keep cool this week, always wearing our suncream, hats, taking lots of water breaks, enjoying fanning ourselves in the garden with our handmade fans and we loved our water play. We enjoyed a visit from Cathy from Tesco, who brought us some amazing new books and lots of delicious fruits, vegetables and dips to eat. We finished off every single item"



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 26th June 2026

Class	%
Reception	95.9
Year 1	95.5
Year 2	95.9
Year 3	96.4
Year 4	95.7
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.

End of Year Finance

With only three weeks before the end of term, please can I remind all parents that school trips, residential and dinner money payments must be cleared before we break up. 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 make the necessary payments as soon as possible.

Outstanding debts for the residential and trips are **NOT** on Bromcom. Messages are sent to parents who owe money 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**. Any outstanding debts will then be reported to Devon County Council Debt Department.

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 29 th June	Forest School - Reception and Year 6 Football Coaching Day New Reception Pupils Transition Afternoon After School Choir with Abi Tucker
Tuesday 30 th June	Lunchtime Yoga with Mrs Cowling Year 1 and Year 2 – School Trip – See Above
Wednesday 1 st July	Eco Therapy with Laura Darvell After School Netball with Stokenham Explorers
Thursday 2 nd July	KCC Induction Day – 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 3 rd July	Year 6 Careers Day – See Above Federation Swimming Gala – See Above PTFA Meeting in bungalow Lunchtime Story Club with Miss Pears Music lessons with Monica Chapman No Forest School

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Monday 6 July	PM PM		New Reception Pupils Transition Afternoon After School Choir Concert
Tuesday 7 July	AM	6	PSHE
Wednesday 8 July	All Day	R	Reception Class Trip – letter sent out
Thursday 9 July	AM	2	Farm Visit
Friday 10 July	PM	All	PTFA Cake Raffle PTFA Fair
Tuesday 14 July	All Day	4	School Trip
Wednesday 15 July	PM		Rounders Tournament – cancelled
Thursday 16 July	PM	6	Leaver Performance
Friday 17 July	AM PM PM	6 6 All	Leavers Assembly Pool Party Last Day of Summer Term
	Autumn Term	2026	
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