



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/38

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost there and who would have thought that we would be "Wham'ed" in July! Our Year 6 class, as part of their celebrations to commemorate the end of their time at Stokenham, specifically requested a "Christmas Lunch" with all the trimmings and mountains of roast potatoes. Wednesday's lunch was truly memorable for all. The tables were laid, festive tunes played; including 'Wham and Last Christmas', sunglasses and leis worn by all, and the staff served a delicious dinner for all to enjoy. It really was a wonderful sight to see.

*Christmas
IN JULY*



Released on Wednesday via the MCAS App were our Early Years, Year 1 Phonics and Year 4 Times Tables results to parents. They have all done brilliantly. Our Year 6 SATs results will be released next week –due to a national delay with the results. Today, Friday, you will all be able to access via MCAS App your child's end of year school reports.



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As the school year draws to a close, we prepare to say 'Goodbye' to our Year 6 class who are leaving to continue their learning journey at secondary school, and we prepare to welcome our new Reception children, and their parents, to our Stokenham School family. It is a very exciting time for them all. Year 6 are busy rehearsing their end of year performance for parents and carers. Please see further on the arrangements for this and Leavers Assembly.

There is just one more week of this term to go, and lots of activities for the children to enjoy in school. The weather is looking to remain very warm and sunny. Please remember to send your child to school with a sun hat and plenty of water to drink. We ask that you apply sun screen before your child comes to school. The children will all be swimming next week – please ensure they have their swimming kit in school.

Please note: There are no after school clubs in the last week of term

Diary dates as it stands right now:

Dates	Year	Details
Monday 13 th July	R and KS1	Teddy Bear's Picnic Day
Tuesday 14 th July	4 5	School Trip Warm and Fuzzy Day - Forest School and Swimming
Wednesday 15 th July	3 & 4	Warm and Fuzzy Day - Forest School and Swimming
Thurs 16 th July	6	Leavers Performance – starting at 6pm
Friday 17 th July	6 6 All	Leavers Assembly – starting at 9.30am Leavers Party Last Day of Summer Term



Summer Fair

We are thoroughly enjoying our PTFA Fair this afternoon. The weather is perfect and the children along with their parents, family and friends are getting very involved. There is a wonderful, eclectic yet fabulous array of stalls that everyone is thoroughly enjoying to help raise funds for the school. From 'Bashing the Rat, Sponge Throwing and Coconut Shy. These along with cakes, books, lucky dips and second-hand uniform sales. Who will win our raffle prizes? We also held our final PTFA Cake raffle this morning. My goodness, what a spectacular chocolate cake very topical-football themed, thank you Mrs Simpson! Congratulation to Elsie in Year 2 - a delicious cake for your family to enjoy over the weekend.



KS2 Federation Swimming Gala Success!

Last Friday, a team of our KS2 children proudly represented the school at the South Hams Federation Swimming Gala, held at Quayside Leisure Centre. The event brought together swimmers from Loddiswell, Modbury, Malborough and our own school, with children competing against others in their age groups in a series of exciting races.

Our swimmers showed incredible determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Every child gave their best effort in the pool, cheering on their teammates and demonstrating a fantastic team spirit.

We are delighted to announce that our children performed brilliantly and were crowned overall winners of the gala! This is a wonderful achievement and reflects all of their hard work, commitment and positive attitude.



Summer Soiree - After School Choir Concert

Abi Tucker and our after-school choir hosted a concert on Monday - What a fabulous evening it was. We certainly have some very talented singers amongst our children. It was a wonderful hour of entertainment with solos and group singing – the children were very impressive, and so enthusiastic! They did themselves proud.

Year 2 Puppet Performance

Year 1 were treated by Year 2 this week where they came and performed a puppet show with the puppets, they created in their DT lessons. They had to create puppets based on fairy tales then perform these to a class! The fairy tales were: Little Red riding hood, The three little pigs, Jack and the beanstalk, Goldilocks and the three bears, and The three little pigs. Year 1 loved all performances! Well done Year 2.



Mermaids and Sharks with our Reception Class

What a wonderful day the Reception children had on Wednesday when they visited the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth. They were extremely excited to travel in style on the coach and then had a magical story and craft session with a mermaid! After lunch they had an informative guided tour around the aquarium. There were many sleepy heads snoozing away on the coach ride home after an exciting but tiring day! The aquarium staff commented on how well-behaved and polite the children were, and how impressed they were with their knowledge and care about ocean habitats. We were very proud! Well done Reception for being such little super stars!



Cake Sale in aid of Cancer Research

Some of our Year 5 pupils hosted a cake sale at the end of school on Tuesday. Nelly, Aoife, Finlay and Evanee raised over £120 for Cancer Research. The cakes and cookies were quite scrumptious – thank you to everyone who was able to donate towards this worthwhile cause.



Our budding Graphic Comic Creator Blaise

Congratulations to Blaise who has been, over the last year writing and creating his own drawings and story for a children's comic. It's wonderful to hear that a publishing house is wishing to produce this Comic for Blaise. They would also like to interview Blaise and ask all about his project. This is absolutely thrilling news. What next for Blaise - Fleet Street?

Final Week at School for this Academic Year

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Teddy Bear's Picnic – Monday 13th July

On Monday we will be holding our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic for Reception and Key Stage 1. The children will take part in a rotation of activities, including a sports session on the field, a Forest School session, and a swimming session. Lunch will be provided as long as it is ordered via the MCAS app. Sharon in the kitchen is kindly preparing takeaway paninis for the children to enjoy outside. Please order these as you usually would; they are already listed on Monday's menu.

The children are to come to school in **home clothes** suitable for the forest. Long trousers should either be worn or packed so they can be put on when it is their turn in the forest. They will also need their **swim kit**. Please send your child in with a **teddy bear** to keep them company during the picnic. The weather is forecast to be warm and sunny, so please ensure sun hats and water bottles are brought to school, and that sun cream has been applied before arrival.

Year 5 Warm and Fuzzy Day – Tuesday 14th July

Our end of Year celebrations for our Year 5 class will be a 'Warm and Fuzzy Day – the children will be having a forest school session in the morning and swimming in the afternoon. Please come to school ready in your forest school clothes and have your swimming costumes ready for the afternoon. The children do not need school uniform as they can change after swimming in to their own clothes.

Year 4 School Trip – Tuesday 14th July

Our Year 4 are off to the Tamar Bridge next Tuesday. **We ask that children are at school by 8.45am** so that we can register them, use the toilets etc before we leave. We are expected back at approx. **3.45pm**.

A reminder of what the children will need:

- To wear school uniform
- Comfortable shoes
- Packed lunch (no nuts)
- Plenty to drink

If you would like to order a school packed lunch, please let us know ASAP.

Year 3 and 4 Warm and Fuzzy Day – Wednesday 15th July

As with our Year 5 celebrating on Tuesday – our Year 3 and 4 will have their turn to celebrate and have a 'Warm and Fuzzy Day on Wednesday. Year 3 will swim in the morning, whilst Year 4 will be in the pool in the afternoon. Please come to school ready in your forest school clothes and have your swimming costumes ready for swimming when it is your turn. The children do not need school uniform as they can change after swimming in to their own clothes.

Year 6 Leavers Performances – Thursday 16th July

The Leavers Performances will take place next Thursday. The evening performance starts at 6pm and we ask that Year 6 children be back in school at 5.45pm ready to get into costume and be ready to perform! If you cannot make the evening performance you can attend the afternoon performance, please let me know. However, please keep in mind that the whole school will also be watching and space will be very limited.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Friday 17th July

Get your tissues ready as next Friday Year 6 will have their Leavers Assembly. Year 6 parents, family and friends are invited come in to school for a 9.30am assembly – there will be a presentation of certificates and Civic Awards. Once parents have left, the Year 6 class will have a pool party to celebrate the end of their Primary Education

- Year 6 - Don't forget swimming kit on that day!

They will be having a sharing picnic for lunch. Please could we ask that each child brings food for a picnic that can be shared. **There is no need to pre-book a school lunch.**

- Girls to bring something sweet
- Boys something savoury

PLEASE be mindful of allergies so **no nuts please.**

If your child has particular food requirements, can we ask that you cater for their particular needs just to be on the safe side. We hope they have enjoyed their experiences at Stokenham Primary School and we look forward to hearing about the wonderful things they will achieve in the years to come. We will miss them all and wish them lots of luck with their move to secondary school.

School Dinner last week of Term

It looks like the weather for our last week will remain warm. Sharon and our kitchen staff have a special menu for the last week of term and this is now available to order on Bromcom. Please pre-order to help the kitchen staff as they prepare to shut down the kitchen for Summer.

We have a very special day on **Tuesday 14th July**, as our Year 3 class will be making lunch as part of their DT lesson where they have to become chefs and make sandwiches. We thought why not make them for the whole school to enjoy, showcasing all they have learnt this term and show the practical purposes of their learning.

Monday 13th July –

- Panini Pizza - Margherita or BBQ Chicken or Jacket Potato with Salad Sticks
- Pudding Club

Tuesday 14th July

- School Packed Lunch - Sandwich, Crisps, Salad Sticks, Fresh Fruit
- Cookies

Wednesday 15th July

- Beef or Cheese & Bean Pasty, or Cheese Panini, Salad sticks
- Ice Cream pots

Thursday 16th July

- Sausage Rolls or Vegetarian Sausage or Cheese Panini, Potato footballs, Salad Sticks
- Cookies

Friday 17th July

- Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets, French Fries, Salad Sticks
- Rocket Lolly

The new menu for September 2026 will be on BromCom on the last day of term ready for you to book for our return on Monday 7th September. The Kitchen Staff would like to wish you all a very happy and sunny holiday and see you in September.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Outstanding School Dinner debts

There are still a few accounts in debt with their school dinners. Please can we ask that all debts are cleared before the end of term. We prefer payment online but if you do have cash, please see Mrs Lewis in the office.

Regarding dinner money – Any Year 6 child who remains in credit, this will be transferred to a younger sibling at the end of term. If they do not have a sibling in school payments will be credited to the parent account.

Packed lunches must NOT contain nuts – whilst for your child this might not matter, for someone else's child with a nut allergy it may have very serious consequences.

News from Merry Go Round

"We had a wonderful Princess and Pirate Day this week. Making maps, building our own castles and ships, designing amazing princess dresses, map reading to find the hidden treasure in the deep, deep sand. Our little adventurers were super brave and loved walking the plank! Again, and again and again!"



News from Stokenham Explorers

We've had a very hot week this week but have been keeping cool with our paddling pool and water play sessions. The children have enjoyed making their own fans and paper plate creations too. At our last football session of the year this week, the children loved getting wet and wild on the field and attending our awards session. All the children received medals and trophies were awarded to the following children-

Star players of the year: Jack D and Finley O

Most improved players of the year: Mabel and Hope

Also, a huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers - Susie, Jo, Alex, Robbie and Matt, we couldn't do this without their help. A heartfelt thank you to all.

Summer Holiday club is quickly approaching and we're excited to let you know that weather permitting we are hoping to do some beach days so that the children get to make the most of our incredible location!

To book in for any of our clubs please email: Stokenhamexplorers@outlook.com

End of Year Finance

Please can I remind all parents that school trips, residential and dinner money payments must be cleared before we break up.

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 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.



With best Wishes

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 13 th July	Reception and KS1 - Teddy Bears Picnic Day
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 4 - School Trip Year 5 - Warm and Fuzzy Day - Forest School and Swimming
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 3 & 4 - Warm and Fuzzy Day - Forest School and Swimming
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance at 6pm
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.30am Last day of Summer Term

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2026

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Mon 7 September 2026	AM	All	Autumn Term 2026 starts
Mon 26 to Fri 30 October		All	Half Term
Fri 18 December 2026	PM	All	Autumn Term 2026 ends
		2027	
Tues 5 January 2027	AM	All	Spring Term 2027 starts
Mon 15 to Fri 19 February		All	Half Term
Thurs 25 March 2027	PM	All	Spring Term 2027 ends
Mon 12 April 2027	AM	All	Summer Term 2027 starts
Mon 3 May		All	Bank Holiday
Mon 31 May to Fri 4 June		All	Half Term
Wed 21 July 2027		All	Summer Term 2027 ends

Safeguarding during the Summer Holidays

During the school holidays, the Safeguarding team monitors the email address stokenham@southhamsfederation.org.uk periodically.

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other serious or urgent issues, contact Devon County Council children's services directly on 0345 155 1071 rather than waiting for a reply here.

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111. Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.