



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2025-26/39

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Dear Parents and Carers,

And that's it! – The end of another exciting, memorable, fun filled academic year. The Summer holidays are waiting for us all. With sadness we bid a final farewell to our Year 6 class who will start a new learning journey in September. This morning we had our Leavers Assembly and celebrated the children's many achievements. The Year 6 children have had a wonderful last week of term full of fun, laughter and a few tears.

Yesterday after a week of anticipation and Government delays – we received our SATs Results!

Congratulations to our Year 6 class!

Our SATs highlights are:

Subject	Stokenham School 2026 Results	Percentage of pupils nationally 2026
Meeting Expected standards for Reading/ Writing/Maths	78%	63%
English Reading	90.6%	75%
English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	81.25.6%	74%
Mathematics	90.6%	75%
English Writing (Moderated by DCC)	80%	73%
Reading at Greater Depth	60%	33%
Maths at Greater Depth	46.8%	26%
Greater Depth English, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	41%	30%

We are so immensely proud of our Year 6 pupils. Their hard work, resilience and progress throughout their time at Stokenham Area Primary School have been truly impressive, and they are more than ready to take on the exciting challenges of secondary school.

A huge thank you to the parents and carers of our Year 6 children who have supported Stokenham Primary School in allowing the children to build memorable experiences through plays, trips, sporting fixtures and many other learning experiences over the years. We could not have done it without you. If as a parent or carer we are also saying goodbye to you along with your Year 6 child, we wish you well.

In the Autumn term all of the children will move up a year and we will welcome a new intake of Reception children, and their parents and carers, to begin their learning journey at Stokenham Primary School.



We also say a fond farewell to Miss Longland, who is leaving us to teach in Exeter. Thank you for all your hard work, inspiration and support throughout your time at Stokenham. We wish you the very best in your new teaching position. Also, a 'goodbye for now' to Miss Ryder who will still be teaching within the Federation and Ms Maher who has finished her final teaching qualification. We wish them all the very best and good luck in their future endeavours.

Year 6 Leavers Performance

Our Shakespeare Rocks Year 6 leavers play showed us the "all the world is a stage, face it every day come what may" and that "to be or not to be is the mystery line that means you matter". I also agree that Romeo and Juliet does sound far better than Roger and Janet! In true Shakespearean style, the boys played women, and some of the girls dressed as men-dressed as women. They did us proud and were all superstars!



The last week of term

The weather has been perfect and it has been an **amazing** last week in school – we always do our best to end the academic year in style and this year was no different. Thank you to the staff team who pulled out ALL the stops to make the last few days memorable for each year group. It is a very special time of year as children say farewell-for-now to their friends and classroom staff. Well done team, and thank you.

Year 4 and their trip to the Tamar Bridge

On Tuesday Year 4 got 'hands-on' with this term's History topic as we explored the world and achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel at his final creation - The Royal Albert Bridge that spans the River Tamar. We walked all the way to Cornwall across the Tamar Bridge! We then explored the interactive education centre before learning about IKB's engineering and life from the great man himself. Then we had a picnic lunch where we waved at some of the 78 trains that cross the Royal Albert Bridge each day, followed by sketching the bridges in the sun.



News from Merry Go Round

What a busy end to our year. A visit from Jane our school Governor to hand out awards, our Rising 5's having lunch at school for the last time before starting in September, forest school adventures and squealing with delight at chasing bubbles in the garden to name a few.

Thank you all for a fabulous year and all of your continued support. We wish our Rising 5's lots of luck as they move onto school, we will miss them so much.

We look forward to welcoming our families back on Monday 7th

September with lots of new friends joining here at MGR. Have a wonderful summer



them,
break.

Outstanding 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.

Where have we been and what have we done?

When we look back over the year – it's quite surprising just how busy we have been. The children have enjoyed numerous school trips, sports events and other activities and this has created some wonderful memories and experiences for all our children. Here are just some of the many events and highlights from the past year:

Harvest Festival	Netball Festival	Year 6 SATs
Caroline Voaden - MP Visit	Christmas Carol Service	Year 5 Bikeability
Dog Therapy Afternoons	Olympian Visit	Devon County Cricket Day
Swimarathan at Quayside	Kingsbridge Library Summer Reading Challenge	Mental Health Awareness Assemblies and Workshops
Devon County Football Finals – TWICE!	Bungalow Refurbishment and New Library Space	Kingsbridge Police Assemblies
World Book Day	Children in Need Day	Forest School and Swimming
Christmas Tree Festival at Stokenham Church	Christmas Plays and Festivities	School Photographs
Plymouth Theatre Royal	Reel Cinema in Kingsbridge	Year 3 Forest & Beach Day
PTFA Christmas Fair	PTFA Film Night	Farm Visits
PTFA Disco	Ofsted Visits	Beach Visits
PTFA Monthly Cake Raffles	PTFA Summer Fair	Year4 Sleeping with the Tigers
South Hams Hospital Christmas Plays	Cookies and Cake Sales for various charities	Year 5 Sleeping on the Moors
Karate Assembly	Choir Concerts	Beach Trips
Federation Cross Country	Federation Swimming Gala	Year 6 at Grenville
Year 5 Royal Institute at KCC	Year 6 Junior Life Skills	HM Coastguard Assembly
Pyjama Days	Warm and Fuzzy Days	Year 4 at the Tamar Bridge
Red Nose Day	RNLI Lifeguard Day	Aquarium Visit
Scholastic Book Fair	Sports Day	Devon Football Finals Again!
Year 6 Sailing	Year 6 Singing Paddles	Year 6 Civic Awards

Governors' Award

Congratulations to both Oliver in Reception and Olivia in Year 4 for their Governors Awards which were presented this morning in assembly.

Ollie for his positivity, determination and resilience and for approaching his first year at school with such a joyful and enthusiastic attitude. We are so proud of the amazing progress Ollie has made, particularly with his phonics and early reading, and his achievements are a credit to his hard work and effort.

To Olivia who consistently demonstrates a caring, conscientious attitude in everything she does, both inside the classroom and beyond. She approaches every task with maturity and determination and her perseverance in working towards her targets is truly commendable. She listens carefully to feedback and responds with positivity, always seeking to make improvements and get the very best out of learning opportunity. Her thoughtful approach, steady effort and quiet commitment make her a thoroughly deserving recipient of this award.

Congratulations and well done to both our award winners.

A report from The Board of Governors

As we come to the end of another busy and successful school year, the South Hams Federation Board of Governors would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to making our Federation such a special place.

Firstly, we would like to thank all our wonderful children. We are incredibly proud of each one of you and all that you have achieved this year. From our Foundation children, who arrived in September looking so tiny and are now confident and ready to begin Year 1, to our Year 6 pupils, who have grown in so many ways and are now preparing for the next exciting stage of their education, we wish you every success and happiness for the future.

To our parents, carers and grandparents, thank you for the continued support you give our schools and pre-schools throughout the year. Whether it's helping with learning, attending events or simply encouraging your children every day, your support is invaluable. We could not achieve what we do without you.

A huge thank you also goes to our PTFAs across the Federation. Your dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours of fundraising provide opportunities and resources that enrich the experiences of all our children. From outdoor equipment and educational resources to extracurricular activities and special events, your hard work makes a real difference.

We would also like to recognise our amazing staff. Our administrative teams work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our schools running smoothly, often juggling countless challenges with professionalism and good humour. Thank you to our fantastic Teaching Assistants, Our Pre School staff, our hardworking kitchen teams, our caretaking and cleaning staff, and of course our dedicated teachers. Your commitment, care and passion create the nurturing and inspiring environments that our children enjoy every day.

The role of the Governing Board is to provide strategic leadership for the Federation. We work to ensure our schools are safe, welcoming and inclusive places where every child can thrive. Our responsibilities include setting the Federation's vision and values, overseeing budgets and ensuring value for money, meeting our statutory responsibilities, monitoring pupil progress and staff wellbeing, and supporting our school leaders to provide the very best education for every child.

The Governing Board meets six times each year, with three Resources meetings held annually. In addition, every half term our Link Governors and School Governors meet with each Head of School to monitor progress, provide support and maintain strong links between the Governing Board and our school communities.

Being a Governor is both a rewarding and fulfilling role, offering the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children, families and staff across our Federation.

We are currently looking to appoint **three new Governors** to join our Board. If you are passionate about education and would like to play a part in shaping the future of our schools, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Clerk to Governors Clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk or myself jgreaves@southhamsfederation.org.uk or telephone 07703291956 for an informal conversation and more information.

Finally, we wish all our children, families, staff and volunteers a wonderful, restful and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year.

Very best wishes

Jane Greaves – Chair of Governors for The South Hams Federation

End of Year Thank You!

We are truly indebted to so many people who, throughout the year have generously given up their time to help make Stokenham School the unique and very special place that it is. We have our volunteer readers and

classroom helpers, after-school club leaders, gardening helpers. Forest school helpers, volunteer drivers and people who give up their time to join us on our various trips. You know who you are. We must also thank our PTFA Team who have worked tirelessly and with huge amounts of energy this year to create exciting and new ways to raise much needed additional funds for Stokenham Primary School. You have been amazing and we look forward to working with you all again next year. The funds you raise are utilised directly to enhance the experience of the children in school.

We are so very grateful to you all for the time and effort you so generously give us in your various roles. We cannot thank you enough.

All that now remains is for me to wish you all a wonderful summer break with your family and your friends. Let's hope the sun continues to shine and that we can all do what we love to do, and lots of it!

Please stay safe when walking, cycling, or having fun on the beach.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 7th September at 8.55am to do it all again!

Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I wish you and your family a restful Summer Holiday

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

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.

2026

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
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