



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2026-27/02

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term is well underway, lunchtime and after-school clubs are up and running and the sun did come out for some of the week so we have all enjoyed the outdoor spaces for play, PE and after school activities. Our new Reception children are finding their feet and learning all about our school routines. It is a lot to take on board but they have all done a fantastic job. Well done!

This week we have appointed school council members and added a lot of dates to the school diary! You will see them in the newsletter each week (see below) and they are also on the school website. Please make sure you update your planners.

New School Councillors and Class Representatives

Our School Councils incorporate children from Years 2 to 6 who have been democratically elected by their classmates. They are actively involved in making decisions about their school life on behalf of their year group.

Eco Council

Year 6 – Finlay and Paige
Year 5 – Ashley and Poppy
Year 4 – Sofia and Zeth
Year 3 – Enzo and Isla
Year 2 – Teddy R and River

PE Council

Year 6 – Marley and Juniper
Year 5 – Ruby W and Percy
Year 4 – Monroe and Saoirse
Year 3 – Harry and Kitty
Year 2 – Lucas and Eva

Art Council

Year 6 – Josh and Lucy
Year 5 – Archie and Chloe
Year 4 – Max and Zofia
Year 3 – Ella and Finlay
Year 2 – Alfie W and Eadie

School Council

Year 6 – Blu and Marlowe
Year 5 – Jenson and Olivia
Year 4 – Gracie-Mae and Jack
Year 3 – Dan H and Hazel
Year 2 – Albie T and Dusty

Reading Ambassadors

Year 6 – Frazer and Nelly
Year 5 – Arlo and Oliver
Year 4 – Alec and Rosie
Year 3 – Grace and Jake
Year 2 – Rilla and Bodie

Team Captains

Beesands Blues – Seb and Honor
Slapton Scarlets – Harry and Evanee
Lannacombe Lemons – James and Aoife
Gara Greens – Theo and Erin

“Meet the Teacher”

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our informal meet the teacher sessions this week. It was lovely to see you all in school. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's class teacher by email and they will be pleased to give you an overview of what was discussed. The curriculum outlines for all classes were attached to last week's newsletter. These are very helpful documents to read, so that you can understand what the priorities are for each class.



Year 2 History Walk – Wednesday 23rd September

Our Year 2 class will be walking around the local area next Wednesday afternoon. This is part of their history topic. Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear and a coat to wear. We hope that the weather remains dry for them.

Cake Sale – Straight After School - Thursday 24 September

Well done to some of our Year 5 girls who would like to organise a cake sale next Thursday 24th September. There will be cookies and cakes for sale costing between 50p and £1. The money raised will go towards school PE equipment.



Swimarathon – Friday 16th October

Stokenham have always done extremely well at this event raising £1000 of pounds towards the various charities and school. This year we would like to enter 8 teams from year groups 4 through to 6 for the Annual Swimarathon. The event takes place during the school day on Friday 16th October. Each team take it in turns to swim as many lengths as possible in 55 minutes and your child **MUST** be able to swim a length of the Quayside pool.

If your child would like to take part, details regarding the event are on Bromcom and the letters and sponsorship forms have been sent via email. Please confirm your child's attendance via the Bromcom system as soon as possible so we can sort out teams and travel arrangements. Thank you.

Christmas Card designs – a call to action from the PTFA !

It may feel that it is rather too early to be talking about Christmas but before we know it, deadlines have been met and we can't order our beautifully designed Christmas cards that our children have created.

This week we sent home with your child a Class Fundraising design sheet for your child to draw their Christmas Card design on. These are very popular every year and help to raise vital funds for our school. They're also great fun! We recommend following the instructions below for best results. At this stage, by submitting your child's unique and one-of-a-kind design, there is no obligation to purchase. You will receive a final proof in a few short weeks of how it will look, along with an order form, should you wish to go ahead.

Please Note –

All designs must be returned to the office no later than Friday 25th September (ie next Friday!)

All submissions will be collected by the PTFA at the end of the school day for checking, before producing final proofs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the PTFA. Below is a handy guide for you to use at home, to ensure the design is going to look great when it is printed.



Reading Ambassadors

Fraser and Nelly from Year 6 told us all about a rather unique book this morning in assembly - *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan. – There are no words in the book at all, a wordless book, just pictures and drawings. It depicts a story about a man who sets off on an adventure to find a home for his family.

It's quite a mysterious book, full of adventure and mystery and in some places along the way a little scary. It is great fun as everyone who has been 'reading' the book will have a different interpretation and view. Each story will be unique!



Residentials 2027

Our residential programme for this academic year starts in the Spring Term. We are giving you as much advance warning as we can for these. Residential visits require a great deal of planning, as you can imagine, and we need to make an early start. Your co-operation with admin deadlines is very much appreciated. Once we have confirmed all the details, letters will be sent out to your child via Bromcom and also by hand. As always, any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or Mrs Lewis in the office.

Year Group	Dates of Residential	Deadline for Deposit	Deadline for Payments
Year 3	Tuesday 4 th May 2027	Friday 29 th January 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Year 4	Wednesday 16 th to Thursday 17 th June 2027	Friday 29 th January 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Year 5	Monday 1 st to Wednesday 3 rd March 2027	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Friday 29 th January 2027
Year 6	Monday 12 th to Wednesday 14 th July 2027	Friday 29 th January 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027

Year 6 Parents - Open Morning at Kingsbridge Community College

KCC are holding their open mornings on **Thursday 24th and Friday 19th October**, both from 9.30-11am. Year 6 parents, carers and children are all welcome.

All Year 6 pupils need to apply for a secondary school place wherever you wish your child to attend. Applications opened on 1st September and will close on 31st October. Follow this link for further details

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

We need your help make our schools AMAZING places for our children to grow and to learn

Without volunteers, our schools simply cannot run and we **urgently need enthusiastic people** to join our governing body.

Absolutely **no education experience needed!** You do not need to be an education expert. We welcome diverse perspectives from all walks of life. If you have a passion for your community, **you have everything it takes to make a real difference.**

Governors work behind the scenes to support our four primary schools. You will focus on the big picture by planning long-term goals for our schools, checking how they are progressing, and ensuring school budgets are spent wisely to give children the best possible education.

- Time commitment: Just 5–10 hours a month (around 6 meetings a year, with online options available).

Who Do You Know? If this isn't right for you, **please pass this on!** Do you know a grandparent, a retiree, a friend or a neighbour who wants to give back to the community? We need people like them to keep our village schools thriving.

Get in Touch Today

To find out more please email clerk@southhamsfederation.org.uk. The governors next meet on Monday 21st September, if you would like to come along and observe the meeting, please let us know.

News from Merry Go Round

This week we have been looking at 'Marvellous Me' drawing our own portrait and discussing what our features look like. We looked at different feelings and posted the pictures into the correct feelings box. We enjoyed harvesting more our tomatoes this week, and cutting them up for our snack"



News from Stokenham Explorers

If you would like any further details regarding Thursday After School Football Club and/or the Wrap Around Care we offer – please contact Georgia direct on 07940 585 886 or e-mail us on stokenhamexplorers@outlook.com

For bookings please use this link <https://eequ.org/book/stokenham-explorers-wraparound-carewith-stokenham-explorers-20225>

Reminder: Bookings need to be made before 6pm the night before the session starts.

News from Stokenham Explorers

We had another great after school football session on Thursday, the children have really found their feet, with some brilliant football on display! 🙌

For the **first time ever**, our **Star Player** title has been given to *all* of our KS2 players — **Dan, Jack, George, Arthur, James, Teddy and Monroe** — in recognition of their impressive play, commitment and fantastic teamwork. Every single one was thoroughly deserving! 🌟

Our **KS1 Star Players** are - **Jago** for scoring some super goals, **Freddie** for an incredible **5 goals!** And **Phoebe** for her excellent defending and passing skills! Well done to everyone!!

For more information about our **Thursday After School Football Club** or **Wrap Around Care**, please contact us on:

07940 585886 or e-mail stokenhamexplorers@outlook.com

Pupil Attendance

Below is a table showing the attendance figures at school, for each class since the start of this academic Year 2026 to 2027. Our achievement of just below **98.0%** is fantastic. 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

07 September 2026 to 18 September 2026

Class	%
Reception	98.6
Year 1	99.6
Year 2	96.5
Year 3	98.0
Year 4	97.8
Year 5	97.2
Year 6	97.0
Whole School	97.8

From a safeguarding point of view – if your child is absent, please telephone the school or email Mrs Lewis at stokenham@southhamsfederation.org.uk If we are not aware of the reason for your child's absence, they may be classed as **missing from education**. Thank you for your cooperation. 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.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

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

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 21 st Sept	After-school choir Club with Abi
Tuesday 22 nd Sept	Lunchtime Drawing Club No After School Clubs
Wednesday 23 rd Sept	Lunchtime Recorder Club
Thursday 24 th Sept	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons Lunchtime Times Table and Maths Club Lunchtime Cross Country Running Club After-School Art Club After School Football with Stokenham Explorers Cake Sale at Afternoon Pick-up – See Above
Friday 25 th Sept	Monica Chapman Music lessons Deadline to hand in Christmas Card Designs

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Friday 2 October	AM	All	Harvest Festival at Stokenham Church
Monday 5 October	AM	2 & 5	Devon Fire & Rescue Service Workshops
Tuesday 6 October	AM	All	Tempest Photography at School
Friday 9 October	All Day	All	Wear something Green for Mental Health Day
Thursday 15 October	PM	KS2	Federation Cross Country at MWSH - tbc
Friday 16 October	PM	4 to 6	Swimarathan at Quayside – details to follow
Monday 19 October	PM	All	Parents Consultations - details to follow
Tuesday 20 October	PM	All	Parents Consultations - details to follow
Friday 23 October	AM	6	Junior Life Skills at Quayside – details to follow
Mon 26 to Fri 30 October		All	Half Term
Wednesday 11 November	PM	All	PTFA Film Night – details to follow
Friday 20 November	All Day	All	Children in Need Day
Friday 27 November	All Day	All	PTFA Pyjama Day
Friday 4 December	PM	All	PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8 December	PM		Nativity Play at South Hams Hospital - tbc
Monday 14 December	PM	3 & 4	Christmas Performances
Tuesday 15 December	All Day	R, 1 & 2	Christmas Performances
Wednesday 16 December	PM	5 & 6	Christmas Performances
Thursday 17 December	All Day	All	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
Friday 18 December	AM PM PM	All R, 1 & 2 All	Christmas Carol Service at Stokenham Church KS1 Party Autumn Term 2026 ends
		2027	
Tues 5 January 2027	AM	All	Spring Term 2027 starts
Wednesday 10 February	PM	All	PTFA Disco
Mon 15 to Fri 19 February		All	Half Term
Monday 1 March	All Day	5	Residential
Wednesday 3 March	PM	5	Back from Residential
Wednesday 24 March	AM	All	Tempest Photography
Thursday 25 March 2027	PM	All	Spring Term 2027 ends
Monday 12 April 2027	AM	All	Summer Term 2027 starts
Monday 3 May		All	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 May	All Day	3	Residential Day
Mon 10 to Fri 14 May	All Day	6	SATs Week
Mon 31 May to Fri 4 June		All	Half Term
Wed 16 to Thurs 17 June	All Day	4	Residential
Friday 9 July	PM	All	PTFA Summer Fair
Mon 12 to Wed 14 July	All Day	6	Residential
Wed 21 July 2027		All	Summer Term 2027 ends