



Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2026-27/03

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has the term gone! It is incredible that we only have 3 weeks left before half term! Please read the newsletter thoroughly, it has a number of important diary dates and events; **School Photographs, Year 6 Life Skills, Swimarathan, Bulb Planting and more!** To celebrate World Mental Health Day next Friday, 9th October we will all be wearing something green – normal school uniform for the children, but add a little something green.



Harvest Festival

What a truly wonderful morning in church for our annual Harvest Festival Celebration! The sound of the children singing about 'Fluffy Cauliflowers' and 'Big, Red Combine Harvesters' cannot be beaten. Well done to all the children, and to our staff team. 'Autumn Days, 'Harvest Samba' and a firm favourite 'Conkers were thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to attend this morning. It's so wonderful to see and a 'thank you' to our PTFA team for serving refreshments before the service. A lovely opportunity to meet with everyone; it's all so 'Autumny' and comforting! Thank you to Revd. Mark for welcoming us to church and for Edith and Fraser who helped lead our service. All in all, it was the perfect start to the weekend. Thank you everyone who has given donations for the Kingsbridge Foodbank. These will be taken into Kingsbridge. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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Cake Sale – Monday 5th October

We are in for another treat on Monday - some of our Year 5 girls have organised a cake and cookie sale to help raise funds towards school PE equipment. It will be straight after school at pick-up time. Please remember your 50p and £1 coins.

Tempest Photos Tuesday 6th October

Tempest Photography will be visiting school next Tuesday to take individual and sibling pupil photographs. If you would like a family group photograph with younger or older siblings who do not attend Stokenham Primary School, please arrive from 8.15am. All other children will have theirs taken throughout the morning.

Let's Go Planting – Friday 9th October

We are all going to do some planting next Friday! We ask that **all** children bring in a hand trowel or fork (if you have one and with their names on) plus their wellington boots. The school have been donated a huge amount of daffodil bulbs, and the children will be planting the bulbs in the school grounds throughout the day. We are eternally grateful to the parents of Alec in Year 4 for their kind donation. It will be lovely to see how the flowers grow in the spring. If any parents are able to help, even if for a couple of hours – please contact Mrs Lewis – thank you.



Federation Cross Country – 15th October

Letters have been sent out to our children in Years 3 to 6 who have expressed an interest in taking part in the Federation Cross Country at Malborough on Thursday 15th October. If your child does not wish to take part – please let Mrs Lewis know ASAP so we can ask other pupils. If your child is taking part - parents need to consent via Bromcom and **also** hand back the permission slip to the office detailing travel arrangements.

Swimarathon – Friday 16th October

It's not too late to sign up for the Swimarathan. Stokenham have always done extremely well at this event. 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. 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. Thank you.

Junior Life Skills Friday 23rd October

Letters have been sent home via email to our year 6 class regarding Junior Life Skills which takes place on **Friday 16th October** – it is now live on Bromcom. Please consent to your child's attendance and also hand back in to school the consent form regarding travel arrangements etc. Don't forget to pre-book school dinners as well. There are still a few permissions slips yet to be returned

In School this Week

In Year 4, we have been introduced to our new text 'Shackleton's Journey' where it entails the adventure Ernest Shackleton went on with 'Endurance'. This week, the children wrote letters to Shackleton applying to go on this treacherous adventure. We then role played being Mr Shackleton and interviewing the candidates that applied. The children thought of some great questions as well as responses! Miss Pears is sure they would've made fine sailors aboard the 'Endurance'.



News from Merry Go Round

There are many, many reasons why we love being Stokenham Area Primary School's Pre-school, but one of our favourite reasons is when we are invited to have a sneak preview of the Harvest festival at the Church. We loved watching the children singing and speaking. We had a little dance, sang along best we could and gave a huge round of applause after each song. We have been busy continuing our topic 'Marvellous me'. We looked at our families and drew wonderful portraits.



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 **96.6%** is a positive but is slightly below the guide line set by Devon County Council. 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

07th September 2026 to 2nd October 2026

Class	%
Reception	97.8
Year 1	97.8
Year 2	94.9
Year 3	96.7
Year 4	96.6
Year 5	96.4
Year 6	95.9
Whole School	96.6

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'T. Coulthard'.

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 5 th October	Devon Fire & Rescue Service Visit Cake Sale – Year 5 Girls - See Above After-school choir Club with Abi
Tuesday 6 th October	Tempest Photography – See Above Lunchtime Drawing Club
Wednesday 7 th October	Lunchtime Recorder Club
Thursday 8 th October	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
Friday 9 th October	Monica Chapman Music lessons Wear something Green for Mental Health Day Bulb Planting – See Above

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Thursday 15 October	PM	KS2	Federation Cross Country at MWSH – letter sent out
Friday 16 October	PM	4 to 6	Swimarathan at Quayside – see above
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 – letter sent out
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
Monday 7 December	AM PM	R & 2 All	Pantomime at Loddiswell – tbc After School Choir Concert – details to follow
Tuesday 8 December	PM		Nativity Play at South Hams Hospital - tbc
Wednesday 9 December	AM	1 5 & 6	Theatre Trip – details to follow Theatre Trip – details to follow
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

