Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2026-27/07
Friday 23rd October 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is October half term!



It has been a rather busy first half of the Autumn term and everyone in school is ready for a week of rest and relaxation. We return to school on Monday 2nd November to embrace the second half of our Autumn term. We hope you all have a great half term week and that the weather is kinder to us than of late; its certainly been rather windy!
We will see you all back in school at **8.55am on Monday 2nd November**. Quick reminder that we get an extra hour on Sunday morning as the clocks go back Saturday night.



It was so lovely to welcome so many parents to our Parent Consultations this week. Thank you for your support for your children, and for the work our staff team do here in school. This morning in our celebration assembly we had the first winner of our PTFA Cake Raffle. What a fantastic cake, made by Sadie our PTFA Chair – and congratulations to our winner Oliver from Reception. Well done, they are certainly going to enjoy the cake over the half term break.

Swimarathon

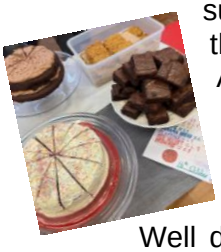
What a fantastic time our swimmers had last Friday at the annual Swimarathan at Quayside. Thank you to all parents, friends and families for supporting the children and sponsoring them. Please can we have all sponsorship money handed back in to school ASAP – thank you.



Year 6 Torbay Civic Award - Cake Sale & Prize Draw

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support Marley, Seb and Harry yesterday with their fundraising efforts for their chosen charity, **Cool Earth**. Their hard work and enthusiasm paid off, raising an incredible **£123**! This great achievement will help support Cool Earth's work to protect rainforests, preserve wildlife, tackle climate change and support the Indigenous people and local communities who depend on these vital ecosystems.





Also, congratulations to our 3 lucky prize draw winners:

Winnie (Year 5) – £10 Taylored Games voucher.
Katie (Year 4) – £10 Nonsuch voucher
Lewis (Year 2) – £5 Trading Post voucher

Well done to Marley, Seb and Harry for their fantastic efforts, and thank you again to everyone who contributed to making the event a success!

KS2 Tag Rugby Festival at Loddiswell – Wednesday 4th November

Our KS2 Tag Rugby Players are excited about the Federation Tag Rugby Festival which will take place on Wednesday 4th November at Loddiswell Primary School.

Letters have been sent home and it's not too late to sign up to take part. Please confirm via Bromcom/MCAS App if your child would like to take part. **Please complete the necessary consents and travel details on the permission slip attached to the letter sent out and hand back in to the office on Monday 2nd November 2026.**



The children will need:

- PE Kit
- Trainers
- A coat and tracksuit or similar to keep warm before and after their matches
- Plenty of snacks and drink to give them extra energy

We will need to leave Stokenham at 3.00 to 3.15pm to arrive at Loddiswell by 3.45pm.
The festival will end at approximately 5.00pm

Parents will be allowed to stay and watch the festival.

PTFA Film Night – Wednesday 11th November

A letter has been sent out regarding the PTFA Film night. If your child would like to attend, please pay via MCAS/Bromcom and hand back the consent form to the office. Details of what the children will be watching are below.



Reception & KS1
Julia Donaldson Collection
£3.50
To include
Popcorn and sweets
Please bring your own water bottle



Years 3 & 4 children
'Ice Age'
£3.50
To include
Popcorn and sweets
Please bring your own water bottle



Years 5 & 6 children
'That Christmas'
£3.50
To include
Popcorn and sweets
Please bring your own water bottle

Emergency Services Assemblies

We have been lucky to have our local emergency services come to visit us to share how they keep us all safe and how we can keep ourselves safe in our local area. After our Fire Service visit where we learned about how to work with our families to create an evacuation plan, test fire alarms and charge devices safely, this week we had a visit from PCSO Tom who talked with us about staying safe on the roads by wearing hi-vis to be easily seen. PCSO Tom also talked with the older children about considerate and safe Trick or Treating. "If there isn't a pumpkin outside the door, we shouldn't knock or say 'trick or treat' because they may not like Hallowe'en." (Archie, Year 5)





The children in Year 4 have loved learning the song 'Mamma Mia' by ABBA this half term. It was great to see how enthusiastic they were about singing this song as well as listening to other great hits by ABBA. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed learning and performing this song.

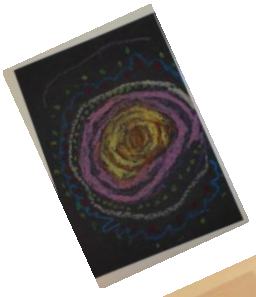




This term Year 1 have been enjoying their Art unit – 'Drawing and sketchbooks – spirals'. They have been looking at the work of Maria Sibylla Merrion and have been creating spiral patterns using different media, and looking at shells to draw from observation using a continuous line. They have also enjoyed drawing circle patterns in the style of Molly Haslund.













Year 3 and 4 had the pleasure of having a live session with Deidre from Water aid. The children learnt about the importance of Water Aid and what their mission is. We learnt that 1 in 10 people around the world do not have clean water and it's mostly in Africa and Asia. The children were great at answering questions and listening. It was very interesting to learn about how we live so differently to others and how lucky we are to have access to a fresh water source.

Year 6 Parents – Applications for Secondary school

Quick reminder that Year 6 parents **MUST** apply for a secondary school place for the school you wish your child to attend. Secondary School Application and allocation is not automatic – **you must apply before the deadline – so that that your child has the best chance to secure a place at a preferred school and not one determined by DCC!** 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/

Lunchtime and After-School Clubs

After half term, our lunchtime and after school clubs will continue. Please see timetable below as there are a few changes. If your child wishes to take part in one of the clubs – please sign up via Bromcom/MCAS App.

Autumn Term 2026 Club Timetable

Monday	After-school Choir Club with Abi Tucker for Years 2-6 Please contact Abi direct by email for more details. abi.tucker1@outlook.com
Tuesday	Lunchtime Drawing Club with Mrs Cowling Years 1 and 2
Wednesday	Lunchtime Recorder Club with Mrs Prescott Years 1 and 2
Thursday	Lunchtime Times Table and Maths Club with Miss Woollard Year 4 After School Dance Club with Miss Pears for Years 3 to 6 After School Art Club with Mrs Taylor for Years 3 to 6 After School Football with Stokenham Explorers - Please book direct **https://eequ.org/book/stokenham-explorers-wraparound-care-with-stokenham-explorers-20225**

Stokenham Explorers

What a wonderful first half term we have had at Stokenham Explorers. Despite the rain, we have made the most out the outdoors and shown our creativity with lots of Halloween themed crafts.

We had a fantastic time at our pumpkin carving afternoon. The children had an amazing time choosing and carving their pumpkins. The afternoon was made even more enjoyable with a selection of Halloween themed snacks.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the Lethbridges at Old Quarry Farm in Stokenham for kindly allowing us to use their pumpkins from their pumpkin patch. Your kindness helped make the afternoon such a memorable one for the children.

After school Football club on Thursday has been fantastic for these past few weeks - where we have seen brilliant skills, teamwork, and commitment. We would like to give a special mention to our star players.

KS1: Lewis, Imogen, Isla, Phoebe, Teddy G, Freddie, Jago and Jamie J.

KS2: George P, James S, James L, Arthur, Annabelle, and Monroe.

Well done Everyone.

We are so proud of all our footballers. They continue to improve every week and always show up with big smiles on their faces and willingness to learn.

Keep it up everyone.

There are still a few spaces left for October half term Holiday Club. Book now using the QR code on the poster.

Have a lovely half term everyone!









News from Merry Go Round

"What a brilliant end to the half term we have had this week. We celebrated all things Halloween, here are just a few of the activities we have got up to....
Carved our own Pumpkins, made Mummies and then turned ourselves into Mummies - followed by toilet roll chaos, bobbed for apples, took two trips to the Stokenham Pumpkin patch with lovely sunshine each time, had a brilliant Monster mash disco. Not to mention the amazing costumes we all wore!
We hope you all have a wonderful half term and we cannot wait to welcome you all back on Monday 2nd November. We wonder what adventures we will get up to next half term?"





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 **96.1%** 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 23rd October 2026

Class	%
Reception	97.3
Year 1	96.1
Year 2	95.3
Year 3	96.3
Year 4	96.2
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	96.1
Whole School	**96.4**

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.

Concerns Over the Half Term Break

Safeguarding concerns for a child:

- please call MASH on 0345 155 1071 or
- the Consultation line on 01392 388 428 or
- the Police on 999

Mental Health Support:

- Call 111 and select the mental health option for support.

Any concerns about a child/young person's mental health condition deteriorating, please call

- CAMHS team between 9am and 5pm on 0330 024 5321.
- Out of hours Emergency Duty Team on 0300 555 5000.

Have a lovely half term break!

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

With best Wishes



Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Mon 26 to Fri 30 October HALF TERM

Saturday 31st October - Year 6 - Deadline to apply for Secondary School

Monday 2nd November	After-school choir Club with Abi
Tuesday 3rd November	Lunchtime Drawing Club
Wednesday 4th November	Lunchtime Recorder Club After School Tag Rugby Festival – See Above
Thursday 5th November	Alan Inglis-Faulkner Music Lessons Lunchtime Times Table and Maths Club After School Dance Club After School Art Club After School Football with Stokenham Explorers
Friday 6th November	Monica Chapman Music lessons

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Wednesday 11 November	PM PM	5 & 6 All	Football Tournament at Ivybridge – tbc PTFA Film Night – see above
Friday 20 November	All Day	All	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 25 November	PM	5 & 6	Girls Football Tournament at Ivybridge – details to follow
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	Pantomine 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
Thursday 10 December		3 & 4	Cinema Trip – 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 – letter sent out and on Bromcom
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