Stokenham Area Primary School Newsletter 2026-27/08
Friday 6th November 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. We are ready and eager for a very busy half term and we have exciting things planned for all of the children in the weeks ahead. Please keep an eye on your emails and on the weekly newsletter to keep up to date with events and any changes! Please also remember to check your MCAS App regularly. We have been joined this week by Clara, who joins us in Reception class. Welcome to Stokenham.



Please can we remind all parents and the children that they must have a coat to wear, when at school. The weather has been bitterly cold yet dry recently and the children are outside for breaktimes and lunchtime. They must have a coat please.

Can you galumph? Our year 6 can…. Read more later in the newsletter.

KS2 Tag Rugby Festival at Loddiswell

On Wednesday, Stokenham took 29 children to Loddiswell Primary for an inter-federation tag rugby festival. The children were mixed into teams with the other federation schools in Year 3 and 4, and Year 5 and 6. The Stokenham children got 'stuck right in' and showed some great skills and sportsmanship! Well done to everyone who took part!









PTFA Film Night – Wednesday 11th November

Don't forget that it is the PTFA Film night next Wednesday. 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

Torcross Environmental Impact Assembly

On Wednesday, the Environment Agency visited us for an exciting assembly to update us in the sea defence scheme at Torcross. It was great to learn more about what they are doing to help Torcross. The children identified the familiar places like the Ley, the village and the sea. We learnt that the village of Torcross has been here for over 400 years!

The children looked at the differences of Torcross through the years and how much the beach has changed. We heard from Gail about what it was like to grow up in Torcross and how the damage has affected her and how they are keeping the pub and the people of Torcross safe. Paul (one of the engineers) then went on to tell us what the plan is for rebuilding Torcross like installing the boulders big enough to absorb the energy of the breaking waves. Some are as big as cars!

Juniper (Year 6) volunteered to dress up in high vis clothing to show how the environment agency is keeping everyone on site safe. Freddie (Year 1) tested out Paul's steel toe capped boots to see just how durable the shoes that the staff wear everyday are for protecting their feet if they drop something heavy on them. Gracie-Mae (Year 3) asked a brilliant question "What can we do to help?".

The team explained that they have launched an exciting poster competition, with the winning designs being displayed on the hoardings at Torcross for everyone to see! How do we enter:

Each child is invited to create an A4 poster all about Torcross. The children can let their imaginations run wild! Their posters could include anything connected to Torcross, such as:

* Diggers and machinery working on the sea defences
* People helping to build the new defences
* The famous Torcross seal
* The beautiful view out to sea
* Anything else that celebrates Torcross!
* **Closing date: Wednesday 18th November. Bring your designs to school**



All entries will be judged by the Torcross team, and the winning posters will have the exciting opportunity to be displayed on the hoardings.

Thank you so much you to Paul, George, Gail and Harry for coming in and educating our children about Torcross.







Can you Galumph?

"O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!" Year 6 this week were introduced to the poem "Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll and all the fabulous and strange vocabulary that he used to bring his poem to life. We particularly enjoyed the word "galumphing" and had a competition to find the best galumpher in the class!







Year 3 have been busy exploring shell structures in DT this week. They investigated both naturally occurring and man-made shell structures, identifying their key features and discussing how they provide strength and stability. The children then designed and created their own three-dimensional shell structures by carefully folding and gluing two-dimensional nets. Using these skills, they constructed small boxes, which will be used to hold a special treat in the coming weeks. We were impressed by their creativity, precision and perseverance throughout the task.





Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Tournament – Wednesday 11th November

We are very excited to be part of the South Hams and West Devon Schools Football League. The tournament takes place at I**vybridge Community College next Wednesday** starting at 12.45pm. letters have been sent home to our football players. Please return them ASAP

Important - Please ensure your child has:

- PE Kit
- Lunch
- Plenty of drink and snacks
- Warm clothes (tracksuit/hoodies etc) to wear between matches
- Waterproofs (trousers & jacket/coat)
- Shin Pads
- Navy sports shorts
- Navy Football socks
- Football trainers – to wear on astro turf/all weather pitch

Good Luck Team Stokenham!

Change of date from the original date we thought!

**** Children in Need – Friday 13th November ****

Please wear your uniform along with something spotty on Friday 13th November in aid of BBC Children in Need! Please Click the link below to make payments direct

Children in Need Day - https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/

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**

Reading Ambassadors Recommendations

Our Year 3 reading ambassadors Grace and Jake told us about a book they have been reading in class called “Leon and the Place Between” by Angela McAllister.



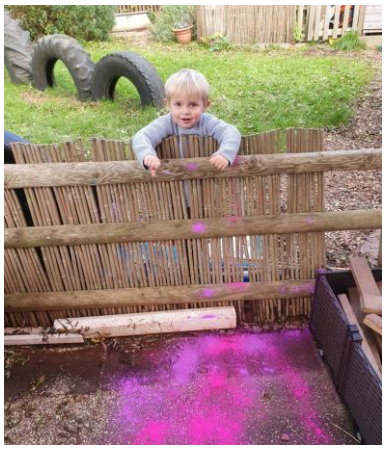
Do you believe in magic? Leon does and he is desperate to prove it to all his friends and family because they don’t believe in magic. Leon volunteers at the local circus and has a truly magical time helping the magician as his assistant. Where do the playing cards go when the magician does his trick? The place between of course.

The book is rather ‘strange’ a bit of a mystery and at times a little hard to understand but great fun.

News from Merry Go Round

"A fabulous return after the half term break, we have been so busy this week...

We have made some glittery Catherine wheels and enjoyed mimicking the noise with delight, shooting rockets and made splat fireworks. We learnt all about how to be safe using sparklers and around bonfires and then made our own 'bonfire' to toast marshmallows"







Stokenham Explorers Thursday Football Club

What a joy it was to welcome back all our budding footballers this week! So many happy faces, great attitudes and plenty of fun on the pitch. This week’s Star Players!

KS1: Oscar S & Lewis H – fantastic effort.

KS2: Arthur W & James L – brilliant performance

Well done everyone 👏

See you next week ⚽

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 **95.8%** is a little disappointing. 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 6th November 2026

Class	%
Reception	96.3
Year 1	96.0
Year 2	94.6
Year 3	96.0
Year 4	95.9
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	96.0
Whole School	**95.8**

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.

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

With best Wishes

T. Coulthard

Tess Coulthard
Executive Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 9th November	After-school choir Club with Abi
Tuesday 10th November	Lunchtime Drawing Club
Wednesday 11th November	Lunchtime Recorder Club Year 5 and 6 Boys Football at ICC - See Above PTFA Film Night – See Above
Thursday 12th 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 13th November	Monica Chapman Music lessons Children in Need Day – See Above

Dates for your Diary

Day & Date	Times	Year	Event
Friday 20 November	AM	All	PTFA Cake Raffle
Wednesday 25 November	PM	5 & 6	Girls Football Tournament at Ivybridge – Letter sent out
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 – details to follow 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
Friday 11 December		3 & 4	Cinema 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 – 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