

# Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

November 2026

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last term of 2026! I hope everyone had a lovely half term, despite the storms! It's been great to come back to some sunshine and beautiful autumnal colours. The newsletter is packed with information about what's happening this month – fireworks, Children in Need (wear spots with your uniform), Odd Socks Day – as well as lots to look back on from the last month.

Best wishes,

Claire McKimm, Head of School

## What's been going on at Stoke Hill

### Nursery

Nursery have started saying goodye to their grown-ups at the door! They have been really enjoying their new wooden climbing frame kindly made for them – it's very handy on rainy days!

### Reception

Reception came to their first whole-school assembly this week and they were amazing! We were introduced to November's Musician of the Month – Hildegaard of Bingen.

### Year 1

Baran and Ruby were amazed when a portal appeared in the classroom yesterday! "There were two notes! One for the professor and one asking for help... and the portal ate all the books!"

### Year 2

Ezra told me how excited he was for the trip to the museum and Reuben asked me if I was going with them! Unfortunately not. Hopefully they can share all their learning with you.

## Upcoming Events

- November 3rd/4th – Y2 Museum Trip
- November 6th – PTFA Fireworks
- November 13th – Children in Need – wear spots with your uniform
- November 13th – flu immunisations
- November 16th – Odd Socks Day – wear odd socks to school to launch Anti-Bullying Week
- November 17th – Swift class assembly 9am
- November 23rd – Premier Education Dance Show
- November 24th – Woodpecker class assembly 9am
- November 24th – Reception School in the Dark
- December 1st – Chaffinch class assembly

## Office Reminder

Reporting illness: please report any absences via phone or the School gateway app and not by email.

## Mental Health at Stoke Hill

As we begin a new half term, we are reminded that supporting our children's wellbeing starts with the little things we do every day. Taking time to listen, asking how they are feeling and reassuring them that all feelings are valid can help children feel safe, valued and understood.

A little tip for families: Try making time for a quick emotional check-in with your child this week. There is no need to have all the answers. Sometimes, simply listening can make a real difference.

For further advice and practical tips on supporting your child's mental health, YoungMinds has a helpful resource for parents and carers: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-mental-health/



## Wildlife Area

We are so grateful to the PTFA, Andy and Martin (our site team) and B&Q volunteers for all the work that' s gone into revamping the wildlife area so far – it looks amazing!

## EDI

We are delighted to announce that Stoke Hill Federation has achieved a Bronze Equalities Award!

Over the past 2 years we have worked with EqualiTeach to demonstrate how our school not only meets the important duties placed on us by the Equality Act 2010, but demonstrating good practice throughout the school when it comes to embedding equality and creating a safe and inclusive environment for all.

At our school we place great value on equality and diversity and celebrate the differences within our school community. It is fantastic to have this work recognised with this prestigious Bronze Award.

Having a Bronze Award demonstrates our firm commitment to equality, and we know that maintaining a positive and inclusive school environment is not a tick-box exercise but requires ongoing thought and attention. Whilst now is a time to celebrate this achievement, rest assured we are also looking ahead, and remain committed to this important work.

EQUALITIES AWARD BY EQUALITEACH Bronze

## Celebrations

The book of above and beyond has had some excellent entries recently. Here are just a few:

Una (Chaffinch) wrote a book about celebrating differences

Arla (Willow) made a book about an aquarium

Nina (Woodpecker) has been doing lots of extra maths at home

Lakely, Desiah and Valentin (Swift) have all been noticed tidying up other people' s things and making sure they don' t get left at school!

Gabriel (Swift) learnt to weave

Eliana (Beech) wrote and illustrated a book about a rainbow house

Joseph (Chaffinch) helped everyone get logged on for computing

## PTFA Fireworks

We' re hoping to see lots of you at the PTFA fireworks display at the Junior School on Friday.

Gates open 17:30

Gates will be closed at 18:30

Fireworks start 19:00

– food, refreshments, doughnuts, licenced bar and much more!

Tickets: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stokehillptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=115568