

STOKE HILL JUNIOR

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April 2025

DATES

1st April
Year 3 Production
5.00pm

2nd April
Year 3 Production
2.00pm

4th April
Non-Pupil Day
School Closed

22nd April
Return to School

22nd April
4DP/4T Walkability

25th April
4G/3M Walkability

29th April
Nexus Family Hub
2.00pm

1st May
Polling Day
School Closed

2nd May
4DP
Class Assembly
8.55am

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been so fantastic that we've had the children up on the top field playing so early in the year. Our site managers have done a fabulous job in keeping the grass short and the weather has stayed dry for us to make use of a great resource, long may it continue. This term feels like it has flown by and the children have taken part in so many brilliant opportunities. Just looking at the pictures in this month's newsletter reminded me of the memories created. As we look forward to the summer term, I've put a few reminders below to help plan for it.

May 1st Polling Day—School Closed

Unfortunately we have to close the school for local elections on this day, but are able to safely have year 6 children in school, if parents choose to send them. Optional work will be set online for all children not in school.

Start and End of the Day

Please do not arrive until just before 8.30am each day. If your child walks to school by themselves, help them plan their journeys to ensure this happens. Adults must be in control of all dogs onsite and the school playground is not available before or after school.

Year 6 Residential—Heatree House

Year 5 parents will shortly receive information about this trip in late September. Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns or challenges with your child attending this trip.

Have a lovely holiday
Jamie Sullivan
Head of School



School Champions

The following children received school awards in reading, writing or maths during the last month:

Reading: Poppy (3C), James (4G)

Writing: Seb (5J), Florence (6M)

Maths: Rocco (4T), Kian (3B)



Year 3 Production

Year 3 have produced for us a brilliant show called The Rock Pool.

The children have produced 2 amazing dress rehearsals so far and I'm sure parents will enjoy watching it over the next two days. Without giving too much away the singing and the acting is quite spectacular and it's complemented by some wonderful costumes and colourful backdrop. Thank you to the children and staff for working so hard on the show.



NSPCC Workshops

We were delighted to welcome the NSPCC volunteers into school last week. The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme was well received with all children attending an assembly and those in years 5 and 6 taking part in workshops. The *Speak out. Stay Safe.* programme aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse whilst also teaching them to speak out if they are worried by reaching out to a safe adult or Childline.

"I liked the workshop because it was fun... It made it possible to talk about a serious topic in a fun way"-Y6 Girl.

"The main message from our work with the NSPCC is that abuse is never ok"- Y5 Girl.

"Buddy the mascot was funny and helped me to feel comfortable to ask lots of questions"- Y6 Boy.

"The workshop was helpful and encouraged people to speak out and stay safe"-Y6 Girl

Year 4 Magdalen Farm Residential

The week before last, our year 4 children spent 2 nights at Magdalen Farm, Chard. There have been so many different memories that the children have shared with me since they returned. Robyn and Alice told me their favourite bits. 'I loved orienteering, we got to run around and look for the posts and use the clues to answer the question on the sheet, by unscrambling the letters.'

'I liked feeding the animals. The piglets were really cute, there were nine of them. The big pigs were called Rusty, Maple, Delilah and Honey and they were smelly and energetic!' 'Pond dipping was also really nice and exciting, because we found lots of wildlife.'

The children are looking forward to sharing their experiences of the trip and many pictures at their assemblies next term, alongside all of their other learning from the year, so don't forget to check the dates.



School Office Notice

A big thank you for bearing with us as we continue to implement our new management information system. Many of you have experienced difficulties in ordering lunches, for parents of children in the Junior school your balances in your account have been very wrong at times. We are assured this has now been corrected. We want to ensure that this system is fully bedded in before we roll out 'My Child at School' to you. Thank you for your patience.



A reminder to call the office each day ,before registration, if your child is going to be absent from school and to let us know the arrangements if they need to be collected early please.

Community News—Northbrook Swimming Pool

As I am sure you are aware, there is currently a consultation underway regarding the potential closure of Northbrook swimming pool. A number of parents have asked about the implications for our school so they can put forward their views to the City Council.

We have used this pool for our swimming lessons for many years due to its close proximity to the school, along with its safe walking route. A closure would have an impact on this statutory area of the curriculum for the Junior School, as we would need to use an alternative pool which will increase the cost for both the lessons and the need for transportation.

If you would like to sign the petition, here is the link:

<https://www.change.org/p/prevent-the-closure-of-northbrook-swimming-pool>



World Book Day 2025



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Are you or a family member struggling with feeling low or mental health challenges?

Need guidance on navigating NHS and community support options?

Do you have questions about emotional wellbeing?

We are here.



For all families in the area

Nexus Family Wellbeing Hub

Tuesday 29th April 2025

2pm - 3pm Parents & Caregivers

3pm - 4pm Parents, Caregivers & children

Stoke Hill Junior School

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