

January - 2026

STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY



DATES

6th—Term starts

15th—applications
close for Year 3
and Reception
places for Sept 26

16th—Learning
Webs sent home

20th—Mastering
Number Parent
Workshop—
2.30pm

22nd—PTFA
Meeting

22nd—Governors
Meeting

27th—SEND and
Inclusion Parents'
Meeting 6.30pm

29th—YR, Y1, Y2
Parent Pop-In
2.45pm

30th—PTFA Quiz

SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Let me start by wishing you a very Happy New Year. I hope you enjoyed the festive season. It's been a chilly start to term but it's lovely to have everybody back.

December was busy and wonderful at Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery, with the Year 1 Show, Reception Sing and Crafts, a trip to the Phoenix, Christmas dinner... January promises to be calmer but we're excited for all the learning to come, an overview of which will come home in learning webs on the 16th.

Nothing every stands still at school; this term we welcome two new teachers—Christie Holloway and Amy Robillard and Leo Kirby is back with us doing supply.

You may remember that the Junior School were bringing in new end of day collection arrangements—I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that if there are any changes to normal collection arrangements for your child, to please let us know e.g. if a different family member or friend is collecting or they are going to a club.

With best wishes for the coming year,
Claire McKimm, Head of School

Stars of the week



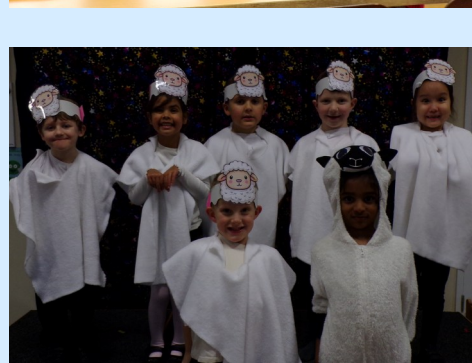
The following children have been their class's reader, role model or learner of the week during the last month:

Readers of the week: Shuyan, Immy, Anna (Bee), Poppy, Ava, Naif (Dragonfly), Dylan, Martha, Kian (Ladybird), Yousef, Elizabeth, Yousef (Beech), Oakley, Joseph, Hana (Oak), Mohammed, Muaz, Eleanora (Willow), Mateus, Archie, Arwin (Chaffinch), Rithira, Ollie, Martha (Swift), Ariela, Lia, Barnaby (Woodpecker)

Role models of the week: Edward, Shuyan, Iris (Bee), Jacob, Eliana, Edward (Dragonfly), Ruby, Cameron, Isabella (Ladybird), Antonia, May, Oberon (Beech), Phoebe, Alannah, Nabi (Oak), Skylar, Sylvie, Isla (Willow), Amelia, Mira, Lucy (Chaffinch), Aurelia, Amber, Thea (Swift), Rona, Theo, Otto (Woodpecker)

Learners of the week: Harley, Edward, Keira (Bee), Jack H, Luna, Eli (Dragonfly), Charlie, Reece, Amelie (Ladybird), Una, Grace, May (Beech), Arlo, Poppy, Oakley (Oak), Nancy, Matthew, Matilda (Willow), Zaara, Oliver, Mohammed (Chaffinch), Pippa, Emery, Gracie (Swift), Jacob, Mei, Olive (Woodpecker)

Christmas loveliness at Stoke Hill



School Office Notices and quick reminders

Please don't report absences on tapestry—use School Gateway or leave us a phone message.

Please do not park on double yellow lines when dropping off and picking up as it puts our children and community members in danger. Try leaving a little earlier or parking a little further away and walking.



Mental Health and Wellbeing—Parent Mental Health Day

This month, we are marking **Parent Mental Health Day**, a valuable reminder that supporting children begins with looking after ourselves. Parenting can be joyful, but it can also be challenging, especially during busy times of the year. Taking even small moments to pause, breathe, and reflect can make a real difference to your wellbeing and your ability to support your child.

The theme this year focuses on strengthening family connections and recognising the importance of self-care. For helpful tips, resources and stories, please visit: <https://stem4.org.uk/pmhd/> By prioritising our own mental health, we help create a calmer, more positive environment for our children to thrive.



Federation Choir

The Federation Choir did a fantastic job of spreading joy and happiness in the community during a recent visit to two local nursing homes. The visit was very much enjoyed by the children and the residents. In this moment, we were able to take a little happiness from the best gift of all and rest easy knowing that giving time and a warm smile to others, really can make all the difference.

The Junior Choir went on to spread more cheer at the dementia clinic and were reward for their efforts with a treat. Thank you to all those that took part.



Devon Libraries

In response to ongoing financial pressures, Devon County Council has launched a consultation on potential reductions to library services across Devon. Adults and under-18s can take part, and all feedback will help shape the future of local provision. You can read the details and complete the consultation here:

<https://devonlibraries.commonplace.is/>

Complete the
survey by
scanning here:



Online safety

New smartphone?

Android smartphones have parental controls built-in to devices



Smartphones with the Android 16 OS (or newer) have built-in parental controls that let you set screen time limits, restrict apps and limit inappropriate content. If you do not see the controls, go to device settings and search 'update' to bring your child's device up to date.

You will need access to your child's device to set and alter these controls. For settings you can control on your own device, [download and use Google Family Link](#) (best for under-13s) Find out more [here](#)

MASTERING NUMBER PARENT MEETING



TUESDAY 20TH
JANUARY
2.45PM

- HOW DO WE TEACH MATHS AT STOKE HILL?
- WHAT IS MASTERING NUMBER?
- HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS LEARNING?



PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS TO
FOLLOW...



RECEPTION : MON 2ND FEB @ 2.30PM
YEAR 1: TUES 3RD FEB @ 2.30PM
YEAR 2: THURS 5TH FEB @ 2.30PM

