

May 2025

STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY



DATES

2nd—learning
webs sent home

2nd—cake sale—
Beech

**5th—Bank
Holiday—school
closed**

8th—Bee class
assembly 9am

9th—cake sale—
Nursery

12th—height +
weight measures,
Reception

13th—Dragonfly
class assembly—
9am

14th—
Woodpecker
Stover trip

16th—Cake
sale—Oak

16th—PTFA quiz

21st—Chaffinch +
Swift Stover trip

22nd—Ladybird
class assembly

23rd—break up
for half term

**Return to school
Tuesday 3rd
June**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you were all able to enjoy a good holiday. The weather is once again being very kind which leads me to remind you to send your children ready for the weather. Please apply sunscreen at home; we are unable to apply it for the children. Sunhats should be worn and labelled with your child's name.

The first couple of weeks have been busy already and there is lots planned over the coming term. Please keep an eye on Tapestry/Gateway messages to make sure you don't miss anything; the main events are listed on the date column to the left.

Next week sees another Bank Holiday so no school on Monday—fingers crossed for another lovely weekend. Enjoy!

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: Jerry (Bee), Mae (Dragonfly), Obi (Ladybird), Jacob (Beech), Finn (Oak), Mei (Willow), Albie (Chaffinch), Nuala (Swift), Angelo (Woodpecker)

Role models of the week: Seb (Bee), Mohammed (Dragonfly), Harrison (Ladybird), Finn (Beech), Eliza (Oak), Rufus (Willow), Skye (Chaffinch), Isadora (Swift), Colin (Woodpecker)

Learners of the week: Poppy (Bee), Ayyub (Dragonfly), Cosmo (Ladybird), Jonah (Beech), Oscar (Oak), Leena (Willow), Ellie (Chaffinch), Henry (Swift), Eva (Woodpecker)

Federation Working—Nursery visit the Juniors

The youngest members of the Federation from Nursery visited the Junior School this week to work with our eldest children in year 6. Some members of the Junior School Green Team spent time in the polytunnel working in the school kitchen garden. There was a fantastic carousel of activities including planting sunflower seeds, a bug and bird hunt and a sorting activity of plants and vegetables we can eat.



Rocksteady concert

Yesterday afternoon saw our 3rd Rocksteady concert at the Infant School. Children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed in their bands, either singing or playing drums, keyboard, bass or lead guitar. It's amazing to see what they can do after only a few lessons, especially when the instruments are full size! We have



said goodbye to Ollie, the wonderful band leader, and have welcomed Ryan to take over from him. If you're interested in finding out more about Rocksteady, click the link: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Federation working—choir

After the success of the joint visit to sing carols at the Old Rectory Care Home at Christmas, Federation Choir started this week. Mrs Jackson brought the Junior School contingent down the hill and it was lovely to see the two schools coming together and singing—they sounded amazing and looked like they were having lots of fun. They are planning to perform at the Summer Fair and I think we'll be in for a treat!



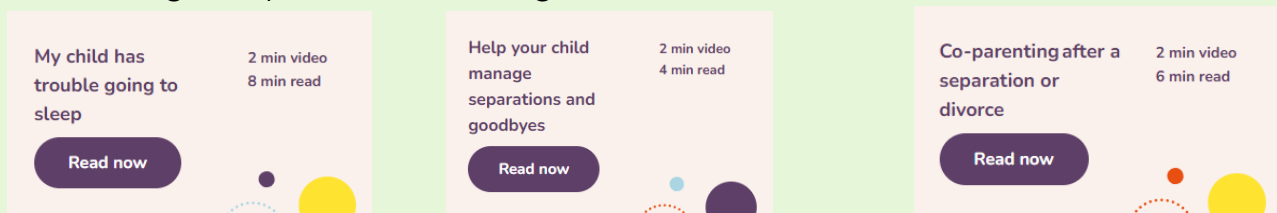
School Office Notices

Please remember to let the office know by 9am if your child is going to be absent. It is very important that we know where the children are and it takes valuable admin time for us to chase absence.

Please also remember to order your child's lunch in advance. This avoids any confusion for the children. We are really pleased with how things are going with Educatering, particularly around reduced waste. Please talk to your children about what they're enjoying (or not!) so that you can make informed choices for their lunches.

Wellbeing

This month in a bid to continue our support of mental health and wellbeing we would like to draw your attention to the following three video clips (2 mins) along with help cards that you may find of use. It could be just the short video clip that helps towards maintaining that positive well-being that we all strive for:



Parenting Smart- Series of Short Videos and Help Cards. <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

All these and many more are available via the link and school website.

PTFA

The next PTFA Quiz Night is on the horizon!
Friday 16th May 7pm at Stoke Hill Junior School Hall.

Get your tickets now, £5 per person. All profits go to the PTFA and are spent on school resources and trips for the kids [Stoke Hill PTFA](#)

As always - we need a couple of people to help with set up and behind the bar - please send us an email if you can help out.
Any questions, please do get in touch!

The PTFA
stokehillptfa@gmail.com



School Uniform Reminders

As we begin summer term, we wanted to remind you about our school uniform expectations.

Our vision is for Stoke Hill to be a 'great place to learn, work and play' and our children need a school uniform that supports that vision. Our uniform is practical, smart, comfy and identifiable. We want our children to be proud to wear their Stoke Hill uniform and for parents to have a choice of items that supports preference and budgets.

Nursery

- Suitable clothing for active, play-based learning both inside and out, that the children can manage themselves
 - Slippers and wellies

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4

Jade sweatshirt with school logo
Jade or white polo shirt
Jade cardigan
Green and white checked dress (summer)
Grey/black pinafore, shorts, skirt or trousers
Green and white checked skirt (summer)
Black shoes
Sandals (summer)

Year 5 and Year 6

As above with the option of a black sweatshirt with school logo

PE Kit

White t-shirt (available with school logo)
Track suit top (optional for outdoor PE)
Black shorts or track suit bottoms
Trainers (outdoor PE)

Where to buy?

Our basic uniform items can be purchased reasonably at any of the supermarkets. The Stoke Hill Federation sweatshirt, polo shirt and PE t-shirt can all be purchased at Thomas Moore, Fore Street, Exeter or via their website: www.thomasmooretoymaster.co.uk

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

At Stoke Hill Federation we are passionate about the planet and recycling uniform is a great way to do this. Pre-loved Uniform Sale is available at both schools with a range of items all in good condition. If you do not regularly drop off or pick up, you can email the admin teams with a clear message about what you are looking for e.g. "I'd like to buy a pair of boy's grey trousers, age 5-6," and we will do our best to find it for you and send it home with your child: Infant.Admin@stokehill.devon.sch.uk