

July 2026



# STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY

## DATES

7th—Y1 sports 9.15

8th—Y2 sports 9.15

8th—Rocksteady concert 2.30

9th—Transition Day

10th—Bee cake sale

13th—Y2 show 5pm

14th—Y1 church visit

14th—Y2 show 2pm

15th—Premier Education dance show at the Barnfield pm

16th—Reception eye tests

17th—Nursery cake sale

**Last day of summer term Wednesday 22nd July**

**Return to school Tuesday 8th September**

## SUMMER TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are approaching the end of another busy year at Stoke Hill and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. The hot weather has brought a new set of challenges, perhaps ones we're going to have to get even more adept at dealing with if the forecasts are correct. As always, I'm very grateful for your support and for the adaptability and professionalism of our wonderful staff.

Transition activities are well under way, to help everyone feel ready for September. Year 2 are familiarizing themselves with the Junior School and the transitioning Nursery children are regularly visiting the Reception classrooms. Information about new classes will be sent home after school on Monday and children will spend part of Thursday in their new classrooms with their new teachers.

July has already been busy with visitors from Exeter City and the Wonderdome, as well as Reception sports events. In the coming weeks, we have Year 1 and 2 sports days, concerts and the Year 2 show to look forward to.

Wishing all our families a wonderful summer break when we get there and we'll look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Best wishes,

*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:** Lilyana, Roman, Oakley, Immy (Bee), Luna, Alissa, Edward, Laurie (Dragonfly), Presley, Ibrahim, Amelie, Josie (Ladybird), Samuel, Amelie, Avah, Elsie (Beech), Arzo, Ava, Viola, Nabi (Oak), Abi, Matilda, Aathan, Joel (Willow), Arwin, Zen, Oscar, Mohammed (Chaffinch), Aurelia, Spencer, Evie G, Thea (Swift), Shaika, Ben, Ryan, Daisy (Woodpecker)

**Role models of the week:** Keira, Anna, Beau, Theo (Bee), Maddie, Oakley, Polly, Albert (Dragonfly), Cameron, Phoebe, Amelia, Davi (Ladybird), Amelie, Arthur, Elodie, Zach (Beech), Alannah, Arzo, Ammar, Harry (Oak), Skylar, Mae, Oakley, Marlow (Willow), Frankie, Zaara, Amelia, Olivia (Chaffinch), Damon, Evie T, Reuben, Evie G (Swift), William, Talula, Callum, Rona (Woodpecker)

**Learners of the week:** Somaya, Iris, Ptolemy, Jasmine (Bee), Jack H, Jacob, Felix, Euan (Dragonfly), Philo, Baran, Ruby, Kit (Ladybird), May, Zaid, Valentin, Lyra (Beech), Gabriel, Bella, Joseph, Pietro (Oak), Oakley, Aisana, Ananya, Lara (Willow), Evie, Oliver, Erin, Aniya (Chaffinch), Jonah, Willow, Emery, Pippa (Swift), Leena, Henrik, Devashriith, Theo (Woodpecker)

## New playground equipment

Thanks to our amazing fundraising efforts linked to our Olympian visit earlier this year, we have been able to purchase lots of new equipment for the children to use during their playtimes. Nursery have a brilliant climbing frame, reception have lots of new toys and games to try out and Key Stage 1 are enjoying skipping ropes, space hoppers, connect four, chess and throwing games, to name a few!



## London Shine Night Walk

Mrs Hill and Mrs Gadd have signed up to take part in the **London Shine Night Walk** this September to raise money for **Children's Cancer Research**.

To support this amazing charity, they will be holding a cake sale after school on **Tuesday 21st July** on the playground (or the hall if the weather is unsuitable). We would be very grateful for your support and hope to see you there!

## Reception sports

This week Reception have had their sports afternoons, showing off their coordination and fitness. Thank you to the Reception adults for all their hard work in organising, to all the grown-ups who came to support the children, and the PTFA for the ice pops!



## School Office Notices and quick reminders

Although this does not effect our Reception and Key Stage 1 children, please be aware that the price of school lunches is rising to £2.60 in September and will therefore apply to those moving into Year 3 and any Nursery children.

Information about new classes will be sent out after school on Monday 6th

Please remember to update us if any of your contact details change over the summer.



## Wellbeing

As we head into the long summer break, we know the holidays can be a wonderful time for rest, play and family adventures — but they can also bring changes to routine that feel challenging for both children and parents. This month, we're encouraging families to think about simple ways to support everyone's wellbeing over the weeks ahead.

Keeping a gentle structure to the day can help children feel secure, even when school is on pause. Regular mealtimes, time outdoors and moments of calm — whether through reading, drawing or just taking a breather — all make a difference. Parents also benefit from small pockets of time to recharge, so don't forget to look after yourselves too.

Most importantly, stay connected. Talking about feelings, celebrating small wins and spending unhurried time together can help the whole family enjoy a happier, healthier summer.

## PTFA—Summer Fair Success!

What a fantastic weekend we had at our PTFA Summer Fair! Blessed with glorious sunshine, the event was a wonderful celebration of our school community and was bigger and better than ever.

The day included our inaugural Colour Run, which saw more than 220 participants take part in an afternoon full of colour, laughter and plenty of silliness. Thanks to the incredible support of our families and friends, and the sponsors The Thrive Collective, the Colour Run alone raised over £1,000.

The Summer Fair itself was buzzing with activity, featuring external stallholders, PTFA fair games, bouncy castles, martial arts demonstrations, face painting, tattoos, the ever-popular Pimms bus, a special visit from Batman and magic from Alex the Magician. We are delighted that the fair has already raised more than £2,000, with a few final donations and payments still to be counted. That is over £3,000 raised for the school in total on the day!

A **huge** thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended, donated and took part – events like this simply could not happen without you. It was a truly special community event, and we look forward to sharing how the funds raised will benefit our school in the coming months.



The Children's Commissioner has launched a national survey, *The Big Future*, for children 0-18, parents and carers. If you'd like to have your say about childhood today click the link or scan the QR code

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>



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This includes the fantastic free reading challenge, **The Summer Book Quest**. Once your child is a library member, they can sign up to take part, they will receive their Quest leaflet to collect stickers as they read and complete fun activities. There is a special finisher certificate and keychain too.

## HOW TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD AS A LIBRARY MEMBER

Simply pop into your local library to join! You just need to provide basic information: name, address, date of birth and guarantor contact details for children.

Alternatively, you can go online to register at [discover.librariesunlimited.org.uk/joinus](https://discover.librariesunlimited.org.uk/joinus) then head over to your chosen library to collect your card(s). From **11th July** children can sign up for **The Summer Book Quest** too!



## VISITING THE LIBRARY

There are lots of great benefits to being a library member when you're an adult too, and it's free to join for everyone. Pop in and have a chat when you're next nearby to find out more about what's on offer, including access to our digital library plus activities and events for all the family.

