

July 2025

STOKE HILL INFANT AND NURSERY



SUMMER TERM, ISSUE 29

DATES

- 1st — 9.15 Year 1 sports day
- 2nd — 9.15 Year 2 sports day
- 7th — new class information shared with families
- 10th — Transition day
- 15th — 2.45 new to Y1 parent meeting
- 16th — 2.30 Rock Steady concert
- 17th — 5.00pm Y2 show
- 18th — 2.15pm Y2 show
- 21st/22nd — Reception vision screening
- 23rd — end of Summer term
- Return to school for Y1, 2 and Junior School Thursday 4th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's amazing to think there are only three weeks of school left before the summer break! Thank you for all your support over the past school year. I'd also like to thank all our wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication,

On Monday you will find out your child(ren)'s new class for September and receive some details about their new teacher for you to share with them. On Thursday 10th, the children will spend part of the day with their new teachers. Everyone will start the day in their current classes and the current Reception and Year 1 children will also be collected from current classrooms. The day will look slightly different for our current Year 2—details of this will follow.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday when we get there and we look forward to seeing you in September.

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: Arlo, Bella, Erin, Oakley (Bee), Tsanda, Muaz, Lakely, Sudais (Dragonfly), Arthur, Elijah, Elodie, Melody (Ladybird), Aurelia, Ben, Maya, Amber (Beech), Percy, Aniya, Zen, Percy (Oak), Ruwayn, Olive, Bea, Charlie (Willow), Theo, Oona, Sophia, Quin (Chaffinch), Radmehr, Rohid, Amelia, Eddie (Swift), Colin, Davide, Jaxson, Filip (Woodpecker)

Role models of the week: Harry, Viola, Jack, Phoebe (Bee), TJ, Aathan, Reuben, Ed (Dragonfly), Samuel, Max, Elizabeth, May (Ladybird), Evie, Jonah, Joyce, Ollie (Beech), Hazel, Finn, Lucy, Mohamed (Oak), Theo, Henrik, Lia, Talula (Willow), Kenai, Skye, Aron, Blas (Chaffinch), Ben, Sylvie, Aiden, James (Swift), Ivy, Elara, Tabitha, Emily (Woodpecker)

Learners of the week: Ava, Olive, Hana, Oliver (Bee), Marlow, Abi, Dougie, Cody (Dragonfly), Thea, Emily, Elsie, Imogen (Ladybird), Thea, Joyce, Rithira, Reuben (Beech), Erin, Arwin, Nik, Hazel (Oak), Rona, Ben, Olive, Joe (Willow), Mahtab, Scarlett, Darcie, Ella (Chaffinch), Yashvan, Isaac, Nuala, Nyah (Swift), Ariadne, Zayan, Wilbur, Roy-Nihal (Woodpecker)



Dentist visits

Reception had a dentist in to talk to us about good oral health. We sorted food and drinks that are healthy for our teeth and not healthy for our teeth. We then put a tablet in our mouth that made our mouths purple. The dentist showed us how to clean our teeth carefully and we had to see if we could make all the purple disappear by cleaning thoroughly around each tooth for two minutes.



Year Two had a visitor from Plymouth University to learn some top tips on how to look after your teeth including not brushing too hard and making sure your toothpaste has the special ingredient fluoride in it. The children were all given special kits with a book, toothpaste, toothbrush and a timer to help them look after their teeth.



Year 1 Space Dome

Year 1 welcomed the Space Dome to school to help support our learning about significant historical figures. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about our solar system, key astronauts in early space travel and the moon landing. We also looked at the 10 astronauts currently in space and discussed the missions currently being planned.



Year 2 History visit

Last week the Year 2 children welcomed some visitors to their History lessons. Emily in Woodpecker Class's parents came into our classrooms to talk to the children about what it was like to be a Doctor many years ago. The children prepared some questions for them and were interested to find out how things have changed over the years. Thankfully, medicines and technology are much more advanced nowadays so the equipment they brought in to show us is no longer used. Many thanks to Greg and Claire for sharing their time and knowledge with us all, it was fascinating!



Reception Sports Days

Reception children showed off the results of their throwing, hurdles and running practise last week during their sports days. They each participated in three separate activities and then a running race. Well done to everyone for your resilience, determination and enthusiasm!



School Office Notices

Class Photographs—you should have received information via SchoolComms to tell you that class photographs are now ready to view and purchase. The individual link you need is in the SchoolComms message. Tempest offer a free “deliver to school” option that is open for approximately 14 days, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing. If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the “contact” button on the Tempest website home page (hitempest.co.uk) where the photography team will be happy to help.

Gate—If you visit school during the school day e.g. to pick up from Nursery or to collect an ill child, please make sure you always shut the gate behind you.

Planned absence—if you know your child(ren) will be off school, please make sure to tell us. We should receive an S2 form, available from the website for all family holidays.

Helpful Resources



Wellbeing

With the summer break fast approaching it may offer some families a little more head space and time for wider a reading, and a great opportunity to take care of one's mental health and wellbeing. Why not check out some of these resources and guides online to support with new ideas and strategies to support young learners.

Community

We would like to share with you an event which has been organised by one of our Year 1 parents:

Kaleidoscopic Minds, The Festival of Neurodiversity, is a one-day event designed by, and for, neurodivergent people and their families and will be held at Exeter Phoenix Arts Centre on Sunday 13th July. It is a festival to celebrate the neurodivergent community, to inspire creativity, and to explore new connections, as well as discover support tools and regulation strategies.

From 11am - 4pm there will be activities for all ages, including arts and movement workshops. There will also be family quiet play and sensory areas, conversational crafts, and a family disco. There will also be local neurodivergent charities on site providing information and support on their services. Tickets are 'pay what you can' and are available to book via the Exeter Phoenix website here - <https://exeterphoenix.org.uk/events/kaleidoscopic-minds/>



The poster features a light blue background with stylized clouds. At the top, a string of red, yellow, and blue triangular bunting flags hangs across the frame. In the center, there is a silhouette of a fairground with a Ferris wheel, a roller coaster, and a circular ride. A large, dark blue banner with a white border is draped across the middle of the fairground silhouette. The text on the banner is white and bold. Below the banner, the text 'WE NEED YOU!' is written in a large, bold, dark blue font. Underneath this, a paragraph of text in a smaller, bold, dark red font asks for volunteers. Below that, a list of activities is provided in the same dark red font. The bottom section of the poster has a solid orange-red background. On this background, the text 'FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!' is written in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below this, a list of activities is provided in a smaller, bold, dark red font. At the very bottom, the email address 'STOKEHILLPTFA@GMAIL.COM' is written in a large, bold, dark blue font.

SATURDAY 5TH JULY / 11AM TO 2PM

**JOIN US
FOR THE STOKE HILL**

SUMMER FAIR

WE NEED YOU!

**PLEASE CONTACT US ON THE EMAIL ADDRESS
BELOW IF YOU CAN HELP NO MATTER HOW BIG OR
SMALL!!**

**VOLUNTEER TO RUN A STALL
FACEPAINTERS
PERFORMERS
RAFFLE DONATIONS**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**BOUNCY CASTLE | RAFFLE | GAMES | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD | ICE CREAM | PIMMS**

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