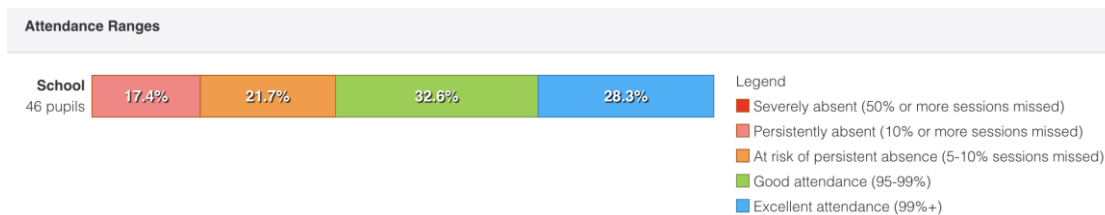




Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely half term? It was great to see the children come in last Monday morning, ready for learning and smartly dressed for their photos. We look forward to sending the photos home to you soon, especially as they can make lovely Christmas gifts for friends and family members!

Attendance – Well done 61% who have achieved Good or even better attendance, last term!



Remembrance Service

We were honored that some of our children from Stoke St Michael school participated in a Remembrance Service in collaboration with other schools within the Wessex Learning Trust. This solemn event took place at Kings of Wessex, where we collectively honored and remembered the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in service to our country. In addition to this we held an observance at school today, November 11th, at 11:00 a.m. Pupils and staff paused to reflect on the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served, ensuring that their memory and legacy live on in our hearts and minds.

iPads

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for their support in updating our IT by purchasing the school some new iPads. The children cannot wait to use them! Dotty, our Digital Leader spent time sorting these into order for the classes to use and numbering them so that we all know where each iPad belongs.



Cross-country

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Willmotts Transport for the generous donation and sponsorship of our newly formed Cross Country Team. The new shirts look fantastic, and the children were thrilled to wear them on Tuesday at our first cross country race. Miss Grainger, our school PE Lead at Stoke St Michael Primary School and the cross-country team's coach said "Their sponsorship has provided our children with fantastic new running tops, fostering a greater sense of team unity and pride as they represent our school in the league. I am also incredibly proud of our pupils, whose team spirit and personal commitment embody our school motto: Together We Are Proud. Together We Are STOKE – with STOKE standing for Successful, Trustworth, Original, Kind and Equal! Go Team STOKE!"





Celebration – thank you

Over halfway through the Autumn Term and the children continue to take a step up in their learning this year. They are working very well in their classes and so many children have earned house points this half term. We always celebrate the children's achievements in our assemblies on Friday and it has been noticeable how many children have produced exceptional work across the curriculum. Thank you for all of your support in making this happen.



Family Forum

During the 'Meet the Acting Head of School' event held at the beginning of the academic year, parents responded positively to the idea of regular 'Family Forum' events to find out more about aspects of school life. One of the topics of interest, reflected by parents attending, was to find out more about what it actually means to be part of the Wessex Learning Trust. Our first two Family Forums will cover this topic with our planned meeting in a couple of weeks looking at an introduction to the Trust and a second meeting in January welcoming Wessex Trust Director of Primary Education & Deputy CEO, Libby Fiddock.



Children in Need

This Friday, we are inviting the children to wear spots or anything yellow to celebrate Children in Need. We kindly ask for a small donation to help support this wonderful cause. <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Class Fundraising

We are pleased to announce that the Class Fundraising shop will be reopening before Christmas. If you missed out last time, this is your chance! The shop will open on Friday, 15th November and stay open until midday on Monday, 25th November. This will be the final opportunity to purchase your child's artwork in the form of Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, magnets, baubles, tea towels, and much more. These unique items make wonderful Christmas gifts and keepsakes, so don't miss out!

Odd Socks Day

On Tuesday 19th November, as part of Anti-Bullying Week, we're inviting all students to participate in Odd Socks Day! This fun and colourful event is a chance for us to show off our uniqueness and celebrate what makes each of us special.

Wearing odd socks is a simple way to stand out, embrace individuality, and remind ourselves that differences should be celebrated, not mocked. So, dig out your brightest, most mismatched socks and join us in making a statement against bullying!

Let's unite in support of kindness, acceptance, and respect for everyone. We can't wait to see all the creative sock combinations!



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The weekly Newsletter from Stoke St Michael

Monday 11th November

Office Updates

Over the half term, we changed our e-mail address so if you need to get in touch with the office, please note our new e-mail Office@stokestmichaelprimary.co.uk.

Term Dates

November	
Monday 11th	Remembrance Day Partners (Governors) Meeting 6pm Stoke St Michael
Tuesday 12th	Theatre Experience Day - Owls
Monday 11th – Friday 15th	Anti-Bullying Week and Mock Assessment Week
Friday 15th	Pudsey Day / Children In Need
Tuesday 19th	Family Forum 2:50pm in the school hall
Friday 29th	Christmas Bingo - doors open 6:30pm / eyes down 7:00pm
Saturday 30th	Stoke St Michael Church Christmas Fayre in Stoke St Michael Memorial Hall
December	
Thursday 12th	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13th	School Nativity 2:15pm in the school hall
Thursday 19th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January	School Holiday



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Please look out for some posters we will be displaying around the village to promote our school!