



Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Percentage

The purpose of sharing our **weekly Attendance Percentage** is to highlight the importance of attendance and punctuality. As a school, we have been working really hard to raise attendance levels and to reduce the instances of lateness. This is being monitored very closely—by us a school, our partners and by the Wessex Learning Trust Central Team. The expectation is for school attendance to be 97%. Currently our school attendance—at 95.5% - falls below this. Although this does actually sound like quite a high percentage, this actually equates to 2 whole weeks of learning lost. The vast majority of our families achieve an attendance level of at least 96%, however, where families do not achieve a satisfactory level of attendance, we will discuss this with you and see how we can support you to improve. We do appreciate that children get ill from time to time – but there are primary schools in the UK achieving an overall level of attendance as high as 98% - well above the national average. We hope you can support us in achieving our target — we can only do it with your support!

Attendance percentage	
School	95.5%
National	96.2%
Local Authority	95.7%

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Festival on Friday 4th October, it was lovely to see so many parents there and we know the children enjoyed performing their harvest songs to you. We have also had a lovely thank you letter from the Salvation Army, who welcomed the donations from the children, for their Food Bank in Shepton Mallet.



Parents' evening

Times for parents' evening have been sent out via ParentPay, if you have not received your time, please contact the office who will be able to help. Please can we ask that if you are wishing to put your child into After School Club for parents' evening that this is booked on via ParentPay in advance so that we are aware of how many children we will be expecting that night.

Permission for Photos

We are in the process of updating our social media with photos of school activities and events. These photos may be used in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, the school website, Dojo, Facebook page, and Twitter account. We have recently received permissions from you regarding the use of your child's image, however, as we move our procedures and policies to be in-line with the rest of the Wessex Learning Trust, we need to update our photo consent form wording. Please lookout for a Pupil Image Consent Form in your child's bookbag this week. Please return this to the school office as soon as possible to ensure we have the most up to date information regarding the use of your child's image. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support as we continue to adjust to life within the Wessex family.



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Lunches

We would like to inform you that there have been a few changes to the school menu. These updates have been reflected on ParentPay. Please could we kindly ask you to review your future bookings to ensure that they align with your requirements.

Facebook

The PTA has asked us to let new parents know about their Facebook page: Friends (Parents/Guardians) of Stoke St Michael Primary and Pre-School. This group is a great way to stay updated on PTA events, share your thoughts on upcoming activities, and suggest new ideas for us to explore. We encourage you to join and get involved!

Halloween Disco

The Halloween disco is next Friday 6pm -8pm all children must be accompanied by an adult. 🍷👻
Refreshments, Bar, Raffle, & Boo Baskets for the best fancy dress with a prize for each class!



Term Dates

October	
Wednesday 16 th	Reception parents' maths workshop – more information to follow
Friday 18 th	Halloween Disco 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Parents' Evening - Please contact the office if you have not received a slot
Thursday 24 th	Owls trip to Wells Literature Festival Halloween Cake sale and lucky dip from 3:20pm Last day of Term 1
Friday 25 th	Inset Day
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	School Holidays
November	
Monday 4 th	Start of Term 2
Monday 4 th	School Photos - AM
Tuesday 5 th	Flu Vaccinations - Please complete permission form by Midday Monday 4 th November - School code SM123662 https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu
Monday 11 th	Remembrance Day
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief



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Friday 29th	PTA Christmas Bingo - doors open 6:30pm / eyes down 7:00pm
December	
Thursday 12th	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13 th	School Nativity – 2:15pm
Thursday 19th	Christmas Lunch (TBC)
Friday 20th	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January	School Holiday

Open Autumn

Please share the news about our **OPEN AUTUMN** – leaflets in the office, this week, if you know of any groups or places we can advertise – thank you!

**Stoke St Michael Primary
and Nursery School**




OPEN AUTUMN

Any week day, Anytime between 9am-4:00pm



Come and have a guided tour of Stoke St Michael Primary & Nursery School. We have opened our doors for the entire Autumn Term. Please get in touch to arrange a tour of your local village school. We look forward to seeing you!

Together we are proud. Together we are Stoke

www.stokestmichaelprimary.co.uk

More information

Stoke St Michael is where individuals are valued and helped to achieve their personal best. Children are supported in becoming confident and independent young people, who thrive on challenge, and are motivated to learn. Our school has its own distinctive 'feel' which makes us unique. We believe that the special 'feel' of Stoke St Michael comes from our caring, supportive and friendly environment.

Our purpose is to provide a broad, rich and exciting curriculum which strives to achieve excellence.

I am extremely proud to lead an ambitious team that is committed to children's well-being, achieving high standards and providing the very best opportunities for all in our care. The experienced Leadership Team, supported by staff and parents, work hard to deliver a rich and challenging curriculum, to prepare children for future education, and to help them acquire the skills and enthusiasm needed to embrace the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

Game and we are in action!





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