



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our NEW weekly newsletter. The children continue to settle well into the new academic year, and Mrs Massey-Sturgess and I have been so impressed when walking around the school by how enthusiastic they are about their learning and how much they are all enjoying play and lunch times with their friends.

Chris Partridge – Executive Headteacher

Attendance

One of the areas the school is working hard to improve is the attendance of children at Stoke St Michael Primary School. The United Nation Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops below 95% this results in children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success, as well as potentially affect any future Ofsted judgement for our school. Please help us to continue the upward trend by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

The overall school attendance to date is 95.59% - Thank you!

Head of School NEWS

Last week the Wessex Learning Trust held the interviews for our new Head of Schools. We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Massey-Sturgess was successful and will move from Acting to Permanent Head of Schools!

Well Done Mrs Massey- Sturgess, we are all so proud of you and look forward to seeing this role develop! Mrs Massey-Sturgess will also continue to be our dedicated SENDco at both schools.

New Branding

We are really pleased to share with you our new branding for Stoke St Michael Primary School. Letterheads and other paperwork will change shortly but uniforms will gradually be phased in. We will let you know once the new uniform is available to purchase from our supplier in Wells.



Stoke St. Michael
Primary School

Together We Are Proud, Together We Are STOKE

Apply to start Stoke St Michael Primary in September 2025

Apply to start school for the first time. If your child, or a friend or family member's child, is due to start school for the first time in September 2025 you can apply for a place here.

[Apply to start school for the first time \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk) We will also confirm our OPEN days soon!



Harvest Service

We shall be holding a Harvest Festival Celebration Assembly on the morning of Friday 4th October, at St Michael and All Angels Church instead of our usual Friday afternoon assembly in school. All parents/carers are welcome to join us!



Please can your child bring in a food donation (vegetables, pasta, cereal, tins) as a contribution for the Harvest Festival. Please bring your child to school as usual, where we will register them before walking down in classes to the church for about 9:15am. The church will be open from 9am for parents, ahead of children walking down from school. It might be advisable for parents to drop off any heavy food items direct to the church if they feel that their child would struggle to carry them down.

The fresh produce donations will be auctioned off on Sunday 6th October at the Harvest Supper in Stoke St Michael school, whilst the dry goods, tins, etc will be donated to the local food bank. If you would like to buy tickets for the supper, please contact Janet Gilham on 01749 840671.

Bags2School



Our Bags2School collection is on Thursday this week, please can we remind you to bring in all your unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, jewellery, paired socks and belts. Please put all goods in a bag and leave outside the staff car park gates. Please note they do not duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs, mats, soiled clothing, corporate clothing, batteries, textile cut offs, or school uniforms (if you have any spare, please donate to the office). Please ensure the items are not left un-bagged in the rain as they will also not collect them if they are wet! All funds raised by this collection go to the PTA and help them to support the school.

Asda Fundraising

Did you know that, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop in store or online with Asda you can choose Stoke St Michael Primary School to receive a percentage of your spending? You may have seen the TV adverts recently featuring Joe Wicks! To get started you will need to have the Asda rewards app on your phone to link your shop to Stoke St Michael Primary. Every time you choose us, Asda will donate £1 to our school's Cashpot.

Some Images from Dojo





Term Dates

October	
<i>Tuesday 1st – Thursday 31st</i>	<i>Black History Month</i>
<i>Wednesday 2nd</i>	<i>Reception parents' phonics workshop</i>
<i>Thursday 3rd</i>	<i>Bags2School</i>
<i>Friday 4th</i>	<i>Harvest Festival - 9:00am in Stoke St Michael Church</i>
<i>Sunday 6th</i>	<i>Church Harvest Supper – contact Janet Gilham to book: 01749 840671</i>
<i>Wednesday 16th</i>	<i>Reception parents' maths workshop – more information to follow</i>
<i>Friday 18th</i>	<i>Halloween Disco 6:00pm - 8:00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 23rd</i>	<i>Parents' Evening - Please return completed slips to school office by Monday 14th October</i>
<i>Thursday 24th</i>	<i>Owls trip to Wells Literature Festival Halloween Cake sale and lucky dip from 3:20pm Last day of Term 1</i>
<i>Friday 25th</i>	<i>Inset Day</i>
<i>Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November</i>	<i>School Holidays</i>
November	
<i>Monday 4th</i>	<i>Start of Term 2</i>
<i>Monday 4th</i>	<i>School Photos - AM</i>
<i>Tuesday 5th</i>	<i>Flu Vaccinations - Please complete permission form by Midday Monday 4th November - School code SM123662 https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu</i>