



# Stoke St. Michael Primary School

Together We Are Proud, Together We Are STOKE

The weekly Newsletter from Stoke St Michael

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to share some important news about a valued member of our school community. After many years of dedicated service, Elaine will be retiring at the end of this term.

Elaine has been an integral part of The Federation for many years, especially Croscombe Primary, making a lasting impact on countless children, families, and colleagues. Her unwavering commitment, humour and dedication for education have helped support the many school leaders over the years. Most recently, her dedication during our transition to the Wessex Learning Trust was invaluable, ensuring continuity and stability for both staff and pupils during this important period of change. Over the coming weeks we will be working with the Trust to help ensure a smooth transition as Elaine departs.

We are incredibly grateful for everything Elaine has contributed to our school community. While we will certainly miss her, we wholeheartedly wish her all the very best in her next chapter and hope it is filled with relaxation, adventure, and time with loved ones.

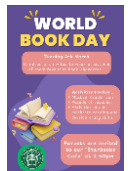
Thank you, as always, for your support.

Chris Partridge  
Executive Head

Tracy Massey-Sturgess  
Head of Schools

## World Book Day

We are looking forward to seeing all the children coming in on **Tuesday 4th March** dressed up (if they choose to) as their favorite book character. We will be holding a special assembly for the children in the morning and there will be activities during the day to celebrate reading. We are inviting Parents to attend our 'Starbooks Café' at 2:50pm on Tuesday afternoon.



*"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." Walt Disney*

## Family Forum

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Family Forum on **Wednesday 5th March**, which will be led by Mrs. Wyatt. The Forum will take place in the school hall, starting at 2:50 pm.

The focus of this session will be on the pleasure of reading at home. It promises to be an informative and engaging discussion, and we hope to see many of you there to share ideas and insights.

Family  
Forum



### **Gardening Club**

We are thrilled to announce that starting on Tuesday 11th March, Mrs Miell will be running a Gardening Club as part of our Afterschool Club.

If you would like your child to join in the fun and get their hands dirty, please be sure to book their spot via ParentPay. We cannot wait to see our budding gardeners in action!



### **How we support Children's online Safety**

As we continue to use the internet more than ever, it is essential that we remember the importance of keeping our children safe in the online world. The digital landscape can be overwhelming, and at times it is easy to feel unsure about the best way to protect our kids.



Fortunately, there are resources available to help guide us in this journey. One of the best places to start is [Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org), a website dedicated to helping parents and caregivers navigate the challenges of online safety. Understanding how to lock down and protect the technology our children use is key. Sometimes, it just takes a little extra support and information to make sure our children are safe and secure while they explore the digital world.

Please take a moment to visit the link above and learn more about how to keep your family safe online. It is an important step we can all take together.

Stay safe, stay informed!

### **Message from the School Office**

Please note that the **school office will be closed** for staff training between **10:00am -12:30pm** on the following days:

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



We are delighted to let you know that we now have an Instagram page, so if you want even more ways to keep up to date with our latest school news you can do so by following us on Facebook or Instagram!

- <https://www.instagram.com/stokestmichaelprimary>
- <https://www.facebook.com/StokeStMichaelSchool/>



**Term Dates**

March	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day  'Starbooks Café': 2:50pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Family Forum - A Love of Reading 2:50pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Family Forum with Libby Fidock 8:45am
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnuts School Trip – Earth Science Centre (More details to follow)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Make the Sunshine tech rehearsal at St Paul's - (More details to follow)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Make the Sunshine Performance Show - (More details to follow)
April	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Cake Sale  Last Day of Term 4
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Term 5
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and Year 6 – Height and weight checks

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

Tuesday 4th March

Children are invited to wear a costume of their favourite book character.

Activities involve...

- Masked Reader quiz
- Parade of costumes
- Activities in class to celebrate reading and develop oracy skills

Parents are invited to our "Starbooks Cafe" at 2:50pm

The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.

