



Dear Parents

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and managed to enjoy some of the lovely sunshine, as well as an Easter egg or two! It was a real pleasure to welcome all the children back last week—they've returned full of energy and ready for the term ahead!

### **Swimming - Acorns and Chestnuts**

The children in years 1, 2 3 and 4 will be going swimming every Tuesday for 10 weeks during the summer term at the Fusion Lifestyle Leisure Centre in Wells. The swimming sessions will begin on Tuesday, 29th April, and continue weekly until Tuesday, 8th July. The children will travel by coach to and from the leisure centre and will need to arrive at school in their PE kits as usual, bringing their swimming kit (labelled) to change into at the leisure centre. The swimming session will take place from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM, so the coach will leave the school at 9:15 AM. The cost for the term is £70.00.



During the first session, the children will be assessed and grouped according to their swimming ability. They will be awarded badges and certificates as they complete their swimming levels. Please note that swimming is part of the National Curriculum PE programme and is a vital life skill.

There will be several members of staff present to support the children with changing and other needs.

Please ensure that your child brings the following items:

- Swimming Towel
- Swimming Costume
- Swimming Goggles
- Optional Swimming Cap
- Children with long hair will need to have it tied up.

We kindly ask that you pay for these sessions on ParentPay as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Football**

As we enter a new term, staff have been reviewing our current daily offer of football at both morning break and at lunchtime. We have considered the many pros that football can offer but have also been reflecting on the challenges that it can bring.



Whereas we see the benefits of the directed physical exercise, social interaction, improved mental health and development of skills that football can bring, we are also mindful that overuse of the sport as a key playtime activity can bring interaction challenges, limit space and create over competitiveness.

Please support your children to understand this trial as needed and please let Mrs Massey-Sturgess know if you have any reflections on this yourselves.



**Parent Over-views**

The Parent Overviews for this term are on the individual class Dojo pages. We will be sending home a paper copy with your child this evening, if you have not already received a copy.

**Office**

We wanted to take a moment to update you on some recent changes to our school office structure. As part of our efforts to improve efficiency and ensure the best use of resources, we have recently restructured our office team.

With Elaine's retirement and the transition of our finance operations to the Wessex Learning Trust, we have made adjustments to the staffing and responsibilities within the school office. These changes are aimed at streamlining our processes. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we implement these changes, and we remain committed to maintaining clear and open communication with all our families.



Don't forget that our school now has an official Instagram page! This provides another great way to stay up-to-date with the latest school news, events, and updates. To keep in touch and see what's happening, simply follow us on both Facebook and/or Instagram.

We encourage you to **like, share, and spread the word by sharing our posts** on your own social media pages and groups. Your support helps us reach even more families and keep our community engaged!

- <https://www.facebook.com/croscombecofeprimary/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/croscombecofeprimary>

**HOW TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE COVERED**  
MONDAY  
WEDNESDAY  
FRIDAY

**Thank you**

Stoke St. Michael Primary School

**Using Class Dojo**

If the message is not an emergency - please contact the class teacher on Dojo. Teachers will be asked to check at lunchtime and at the end of the day.

**When the office is not covered**

We have installed bells that are linked to classes. When the office is not being covered, a member of staff will still be available. All we ask, can you please be patient. Thank you.

**EMERGENCY**

The school phone systems will be covered everyday but sometimes, we are busy on another call - so please leave a message. The answering machine will be checked regularly throughout the day.

**PLEASE BE ON TIME..**

Reminder about the gates - staff will continue to be on duty until 8:55, if you are running late and no one is available in the office please ring the bell for assistant by the office window.

**Hot Weather Reminder**

With the weather forecast set to be very hot next week, please ensure that sunscreen is applied to your child before they come to school and that they bring a named sun hat and full water bottle with them.

Thank you for your support.





**Volunteers Needed!**

We're looking for parent volunteers to help make our PTA Family Hoedown a big success! The event is taking place on Saturday, June 7th, from 12–5 PM, and we need your support with set-up, stalls, and clean-up. If you're able to lend a hand—even for an hour—we'd greatly appreciate it. Please let us know if you can help out!

Activities where we need help include:

- Set-up and clean-up
- The Cowboy Castle bouncy castle & Games Area
- BBQ & Bar
- Glitter Tattoos & Fancy Dress Competition



**Term Dates**

April	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Acorns & Chestnuts ( <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b> )
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screening Check Meeting 3:25 - 3:45
May	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Yard Sale 11:00-3:00 - CANCELLED
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	SATs Week
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of Term 5
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Holidays
June	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of term 6
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Multiplication Tables Check
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Hoedown 12:00 – 5:00pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screening
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
July	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Term 6
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July - Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Summer Holidays
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Term 1



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**Primary School**

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# FAMILY HOEDOWN

A FREE family fundraising  
PTA event - *open to Y'ALL!*

**7 JUNE** | **12 NOON**  
**2025** | **- 5PM**

Stoke St Michael Primary School  
Moonshill Road  
Stoke St Michael, BA3 5JR

- LIVE MUSIC: Coyote Country Band
- Line Dancing
- Buckaroo & Bouncy Castle
- Bar & BBQ
- Fancy Dress Competitions
- Plus lots more for a '*rootin'-tootin'* time!

