



Dear Parents,

Having enjoyed a busy and joy-filled term, we felt it was the perfect moment to reconnect with you all. It has been a little while since our last newsletter, and we would like to apologise for the gap. The school office has seen some changes recently as we said farewell to both Tam and Lou, but we are delighted to have welcomed Mercedes to the team. We appreciate your patience during this period of transition

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A message from our Head of School – Mrs Massey-Sturgess

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate our pupils and the way they have worked so hard to bring our school values to life. This term, I have seen children striving for success in their learning, being trustworthy in their words and actions, showing originality through creativity and curiosity, acting with kindness towards one another and treating everyone as equal members of our school community. This would not be possible without the leadership, care and dedication of our staff, who consistently support, guide and inspire our children each day. Thank you also to our families for your continued partnership and support. I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.



A message from our Executive Head – Mr Chris Partridge

A busy term has drawn to a close with a particularly busy, yet very positive, final few weeks.

This time of year is always a special period in school, as we have the privilege of watching children build towards the excitement and magic of Christmas in a way that only they can experience. Organising Christmas lunch, performances, a visit from Father Christmas and so much more is always a challenge, but one that is truly worthwhile. These experiences reflect the way we work throughout the year, ensuring that learning and development go far beyond the everyday routine.

At Stoke St Michael, we firmly believe that education is about more than delivering the required curriculum. By working closely with families, we aim to support our children in becoming strong, resilient, enthusiastic and kind individuals who are confident to challenge themselves and explore the world around them. This commitment often means busier days, but it is a responsibility we embrace wholeheartedly.

Throughout the term, we have been grateful to receive many kind words and messages from parents and carers, expressing their appreciation for the dedication and care shown by our staff.

The sense of busyness I have described will no doubt continue over the next two weeks as our community celebrates the festive season in its own special ways. We hope that the experiences we have provided in school have played a



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meaningful part in your children's Christmas, bringing happiness and positivity as they look forward to the joy of the coming days.

As Executive Headteacher, I would like to thank all our families and staff for their continued support and hard work in always putting the children first. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to working together again in January.

Highlights from around the school



This term has been full of community spirit and generosity. Thanks to your kindness, we raised **£52.80 for Children in Need**, with children donating to wear yellow or spots for the day. Their enthusiasm brought such joy to the school. Well done to all the children who participated in 25 laps around the school and cheering on their friends

We're also happy to announce that our new School Council members have been elected! 🐼 They have already had their first meeting, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and thoughtful ideas. Our council is already eager to share suggestions and help make positive improvements around the school. Their first official job was to choose a festive template for all classes to decorate for our school



Christmas trees 🎄 ✨ and they did a fantastic job!

We're looking forward to a great year of teamwork, leadership, and creativity with our new council.



Fun in December

December has been especially lively. Christmas Jumper Day filled the school with colour and excitement, followed by a festive Christmas Lunch enjoyed by all. The children worked incredibly hard in rehearsals for our nativity, and their performance was truly wonderful — congratulations to every child who took part. We ended the term with our Christmas Carol service and, of course, a very special visit from Father Christmas himself, adding a touch of magic to the final week.



House Point Celebration

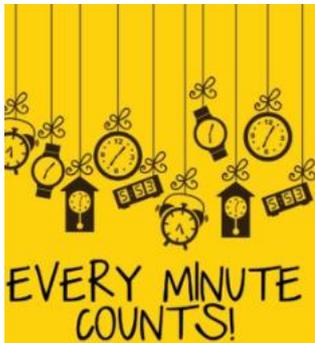
We are thrilled to announce that Maple won the House Points competition this term. As a reward for their fantastic effort, they can celebrate by wearing yellow on Friday 9th January. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the term.

A Huge Thank You to Our Wonderful PTA

Our heartfelt thanks go to our amazing PTA, whose energy and generosity have brought so much to our school community this term. From serving hot chocolate after school on chilly afternoons to organising a wonderfully festive Christmas raffle, their fundraising efforts have created both joy and vital support for our pupils. We are incredibly grateful for the time, creativity and commitment they pour into every event, and we hope they know just how much their hard work is appreciated.

Attendance and Punctuality reminder

Our attendance for this term is **94.10%**. As we look ahead to the new term, we would like to remind families of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Arriving on time helps children settle calmly into the school day and ensures they don't miss valuable learning time. If your child is absent due to illness, please remember that parents and carers must contact the school office **every day** their child is off — not just on the first day. You can do this by phone or email.



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Regular updates help us keep accurate records and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Message from the School Office



Don't forget that our school 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!

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Term Dates

January 2026	
Thursday 1 st	New Years Day – Bank Holiday
Friday 2 nd	Last Day of Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th	First Day of Term 3
February	
Thursday 12 th	Last Day of Term 3
Friday 13 th	Inset Day
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th	Half term
Monday 23 rd	First Day of Term 4
March	
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
April	
Thursday 2 nd	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 3 rd	Easter Holidays Begin