



**Dear Parents,**

*As we come to the end of March, there's a real sense of spring taking hold across the school. The warmer weather, lighter mornings and colourful flowers appearing around the grounds have brought a lovely lift to the term. Classrooms have been full of energy, and it's been wonderful to see the children embracing this fresh, bright season with such enthusiasm.*

*With Easter just around the corner and plenty of exciting learning still happening each day, we're enjoying this hopeful stretch of spring and looking forward to a positive finish to the term.*

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### **A message from our Head of School - Mrs. Massey-Sturgess**

*With the recent improvement in the weather, it has been a real pleasure to see the children making the most of our wonderful school field once again.*

*There is something so special about this time of year, as the space comes back into regular use and pupils are able to learn, play and explore outdoors. We are incredibly fortunate to have the grounds that we do at Stoke St Michael School, and this environment provides invaluable opportunities for children to develop confidence, resilience and strong social skills.*

*It also plays an important role in supporting children's wellbeing. The chance to be active, to work collaboratively and to experience a sense of freedom beyond the classroom all contribute positively to their readiness to learn.*

*I very much look forward to seeing our children continue to make the most of the field as we move into the Summer Term.*



### **A message from our Executive Head - Mr. Chris Partridge**

*As we come to the end of the Spring term, we would like to share an update on what's been achieved this term and, most importantly, to say a heartfelt thank you for all your support.*

*With the help of parents and carers, volunteers, staff, children and our wider community, we've enjoyed some fantastic events and raised funds for the school and charities at the same time. We are so grateful for every bit of time, energy and encouragement you have given, and for the difference it is making to our children's learning and experiences.*

*Thank you for all you have done this term - we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.*



## Highlights from around the school



*It has been a wonderfully vibrant month across the school, with every class diving into exciting learning experiences both indoors and out. Goldfinches have been full of curiosity as they explored their new dinosaur topic, created prehistoric small-worlds and even became palaeontologists during fossil hunts. Their spring welly walk brought beautiful discoveries too, with Year 1 taking on the role of photographers to capture the signs of the season.*

*Woodpeckers have been embracing adventure as well, especially during Space Day, where they explored the solar system and let their imaginations soar. Their forest school session brought teamwork, muddy fun and plenty of outdoor learning, while maths lessons in the sunshine gave them the chance to investigate fractions and shapes in hands-on ways.*

*Ravens have enjoyed a rich blend of science, art and history. They began by planting wildflower seeds to support local wildlife, then immersed themselves in a full day of Space Day activities – from designing nebulas to taking part in quizzes, data challenges and even “planet speed dating.” Their mixed-media pastel planets were a real highlight. Alongside this, the children have been researching influential Ancient Greek Athenians and creating PowerPoints to present their ideas with growing confidence.*

*Across the school, it has been a month filled with creativity, exploration and shared learning – a wonderful celebration of everything that makes our community so special.*

## Easter Celebrations

*We are excited to be holding our Easter Bonnet Competition on Thursday 2nd April, and the children are already looking forward to taking part. Everyone is invited to create their own Easter bonnet at home and bring it in for our whole-school parade. From spring flowers and colourful ribbons to chicks, eggs and imaginative seasonal designs, we can't wait to see the wonderful creations the children come up with. There will be a winner chosen from each class, but above all, it promises to be a joyful celebration of creativity and springtime fun for the whole school community.*





## Red Nose Day and remarkable achievements

We had a brilliant time supporting Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March, with the whole school turning wonderfully red for a great cause. From bright T-shirts and cosy jumpers to red noses, ribbons, hats and even socks, the children embraced the theme with fantastic enthusiasm. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we have already raised £62 towards our £100 target. If anyone would still like to donate and help us reach our goal, please click the link below. It was a joyful day full of colour, kindness and community spirit.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-stoke-st-michael-primary-school-93a80bcd-1040-431e-b6c3-b200afcd7f1f?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-stoke-st-michael-primary-school-93a80bcd-1040-431e-b6c3-b200afcd7f1f?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)



We would also like to say a huge well done to Miss Miell, who completed a half marathon in support of Cancer Research. Taking on such a significant challenge for a cause close to many hearts is truly inspiring, and she showed such determination, kindness and strength throughout. It was a wonderful example of our school spirit in action – We are incredibly proud of her achievement and dedication.

## World Book Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day across the whole school, with children arriving in an amazing array of costumes that filled the classrooms with colour, creativity and excitement. This year, pupils could choose to dress as a favourite book character or as someone who represents a hobby or passion—whether that was a sporting hero, an artist, a scientist, a chef or anything else that inspires them. Throughout the day, classes enjoyed book swaps, quizzes and plenty of opportunities to share stories with friends. It was fantastic to see the pride the children took in their outfits and the enthusiasm they brought to talking about the books, interests and ideas that matter to them. It truly was a joyful celebration of reading, imagination and individuality.





## School Lunches

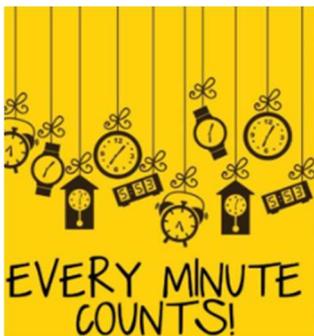
School lunches for Term 5 are now available to order on MCAS. Please note that from 27th April onwards there will be a price increase, as our supplier have raised their prices. The new cost of a school lunch will be **£2.75**

## Supporting every child to look smart and feel confident

At Stoke St. Michael Primary, we believe that looking smart helps children feel confident, focused and ready to learn, and wearing the correct uniform gives every child a strong sense of belonging. We kindly remind families to ensure children come to school in the correct uniform each day. Both the current and previous school logos are absolutely fine to wear. Please click [here](#) to view our full uniform policy on the school website. Thank you for your continued support!

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## Attendance and Punctuality reminder



Our attendance for this month is 93%. 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.

Tel: 01749 343114

E-mail: [office@stokestmichaelprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@stokestmichaelprimary.co.uk)

If there is no one in the office, please leave a message on the voicemail, and we will pick it up

Over the coming months, we will also be taking a more proactive approach to supporting attendance. Improving our whole-school figure is an important focus for us, and we are keen to work closely with families so that, together, we can move closer to the national average of around 94-95%. Our aim is always to support children in being in school, ready to learn, and able to make the most of every day.

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



## 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!*

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

## Term Dates

### April

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Bonnet Competition
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Holidays Begin
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 5
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Spring Trail and Picnic
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – Nursery children

### May

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	SATS Week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term

### June

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	First Day of Term 6
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kilve Court Residential – Year 5 & 6

### July

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sports Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 6
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Days
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer Holidays Begin