



Stoke St. Michael Primary School

Together We Are Proud, Together We Are STOKE

The monthly Newsletter from Stoke St Michael

Thursday 30th April 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 5! We hope you all had a joyful and restful Easter break, filled with wonderful moments spent with family—maybe even a special visit from the Easter Bunny! As we enjoy the warmer weather ahead, we're excited to jump back into learning and all the fun activities this new term will bring. Let's carry that springtime energy with us as we settle back into our school routines.

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Successful, Trustworthy, Original, Kind, Equal



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

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, I want to take a moment to reflect on what makes Stoke St Michael School such a special place to learn and grow. While our curriculum provides a strong foundation, it is the breadth of experiences beyond the classroom that truly enriches school life for our children.

From making the most of our wonderful outdoor environment to taking part in events that bring our community together, our pupils are given countless opportunities to develop confidence, express themselves creatively and build a strong sense of belonging. I was truly deeply impressed by the recent Loud & Proud event; the confidence, talent and individuality shown in the performances were nothing short of inspiring and a powerful reminder of what our children can achieve when given the stage to shine.

It is through these shared experiences that our children create lasting memories and develop the personal qualities that will support them long into the future. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making our school such a positive and inspiring community.

Together, we are proud to be Stoke St Michael



A message from our Executive Head - Mr. Chris Partridge

It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, ready for a new term of learning and growth. There is a real sense of excitement around the school as we continue to develop and improve our environment. Over the break, we have been making a number of updates to our learning spaces to ensure that all children have the very best conditions. We are confident these improvements will have a positive impact on both wellbeing and achievement.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils and the Year 4 the very best of luck as they prepare for their upcoming assessments. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination, and dedication they have shown throughout the year. Their positive attitude and commitment to doing their best and we know they will approach the coming weeks with confidence.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your ongoing support, particularly in helping us to improve attendance and maintain high expectations for uniform and appearance. Your partnership makes a significant difference to the success of our school community.

We look forward to a fantastic term ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Highlights from around the school

It's been a lively start to the new term, with lots of great learning taking place across the school. Ravens have thrown themselves into Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman, using the story as inspiration for some brilliant rap-battle poetry. They've also been working in groups to infer what's happening in the text and why, really using their detective skills to dig deeper. In Science, they've been classifying and grouping materials by their properties, getting hands-on and talking confidently about what they've noticed.



Woodpeckers have made a strong start too. In English, they're beginning to write reports on Anglo-Saxon settlements and have been using atlases to track down different towns on their maps. Next, they'll be exploring where these place names come from and what they mean. In History, the children launched their new topic with great enthusiasm by working in teams to build Anglo-Saxon boats – a brilliant way to imagine what it might have been like as the Anglo-Saxons prepared to invade Britannia.



We're also delighted to welcome Mrs Conolly to Goldfinches, who joined us at the start of this term and has already made a wonderful start with the children. The children have begun their new learning theme, Sunshine and Sunflowers, and enjoyed reading 'Sam Plants a Sunflower' together. The class have been busy creating lift-the-flap sunflower pictures and painting bright garden scenes, filling the room with cheerful spring artwork.

We are also delighted to share some exciting news about developments in our Early Years provision within the Hive for Goldfinches Class.

We have successfully appointed Hannah, a highly experienced Early Years practitioner, who will take on the role of Nursery Room Lead in the Hive. The Hive will become an integral part of the provision for Goldfinches Class. Hannah will be supported by Carol, who also brings valuable experience and will be working as our Nursery Assistant.

This is an important new development for Goldfinches at Stoke St Michael, and we are grateful to the Wessex Learning Trust for their support in making this possible. We will be sharing further details soon about how Goldfinches Class will be organised and how our provision will support all children's learning and development. Mrs Wyatt and Mrs Conolly will continue to manage the curriculum, planning and assessment.

Hannah and Carol will also be in touch shortly with a proposed date for parents of our youngest children in Goldfinches Class to visit the Hive, meet the team, and hear more about the new systems and procedures we are putting in place to support early years development.



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Over the Easter holidays, we checked the wildlife camera set up in the area at the top of the school field. As expected, it picked up plenty of visiting cats – but we were delighted to spot a much more exciting guest. A hedgehog was captured exploring the space, which is wonderful to see. We'll continue to keep an eye on the camera to find out what other wildlife might be enjoying the area.



The holidays also gave us the perfect opportunity to continue investing in improvements across the school. A major focus has been the installation of new fire doors throughout the building, ensuring we meet the latest safety standards while creating a more secure environment for everyone. Alongside these essential upgrades, several interior areas have also received fresh updates, helping us maintain a bright, modern, and welcoming school for our pupils and staff.

Lastly, We would also like to welcome Mrs Jenkins to the Stoke St Michael family. She has joined our Operations Team, and many of you may have already met her or spoken to her on the phone. She is very excited to get to know all our children and families. Mrs Jenkins will be working in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and we are already so pleased to have her supporting our team.



Attendance and Punctuality Reminder



Regular and punctual attendance is very important, and we need all families to make this a priority. Being in school every day has a direct impact on children's learning, confidence, and progress, and even small amounts of missed time quickly add up. Our current year-to-date attendance is 91%, and we must work together to move closer to the national expectation of 96%.

Attendance letters will be sent to families below 90%—these are part of our duty and are intended to address concerns early.

We ask you to please send your child to school even with minor symptoms, contact the school by 9.15am for any absence, ensure prompt arrival between 8.40am and 9.00am, arrange routine appointments outside school hours where possible, and avoid term-time holidays. If anything is affecting your child's attendance, it's important that you speak with us so we can support you.



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If your child is absent, 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@stokestmichaelpprimary.co.uk

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

SATs Week



SATS Week is coming up soon and during the week beginning May 11th, Year 6 students are invited to join us for breakfast each morning from Monday through Thursday.

This optional gathering will be held in the main school building at 8:20.

It's an opportunity for the children to start their day feeling grounded and connected with their peers, providing a calm, supportive way for students to settle in together before their assessments begin.

Free Webinars for Parents & Carers

Somerset's Mental Health Support Team are offering a series of free online webinars this term for any parent or carer in Somerset. Sessions include supporting children through exam stress, helping them manage big feelings, and preparing for school transitions. Each workshop lasts 90 minutes and is available on a range of dates throughout April, May and June. Families simply need to register and provide their child's school name if they wish to join.

Head Lice Reminder

We have been made aware of another case of head lice in our setting. Head lice are very common in children and can affect anyone, regardless of hygiene. They spread through close head-to-head contact and the eggs (nits) can be difficult to spot as they sit close to the scalp. We kindly ask all families to check their child's hair over the next week using a fine-toothed nit comb on wet hair. If you find live lice, please treat promptly and repeat the treatment as advised, and ensure all household members are checked so the cycle can be broken. Regular weekly checks at home are the best way to prevent head lice from spreading further, and we appreciate your support in helping us manage this quickly.



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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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- Navy blue school jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Yellow polo shirt with school logo
- Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore dress or skirt;
- Black or grey socks or tights
- Black school shoes
- Navy blue book bag with school logo (Reception - Yr2)
- Summer Uniform - Term 5 & 6 As above except a blue/white gingham dress or grey shorts may be worn.
- PE Uniform Navy blue hoodie with logo White polo shirt or t-shirt
- Navy jogging bottoms
- Navy Shorts
- Dark coloured trainers



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/>



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Term Dates

May

Monday 4th May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 11th –
Thursday 14th SATS Week

Friday 22nd Last Day of Term 5

Monday 25th -
Friday 29th Half Term

June

Monday 1st First Day of Term 6

Monday 22nd –
Wednesday 24th Kilve Court Residential – Year 5 & 6

July

Wednesday 1st Sports Day

Wednesday 8th Reserve Sports Day

Friday 17th Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 17th Last Day of Term 6

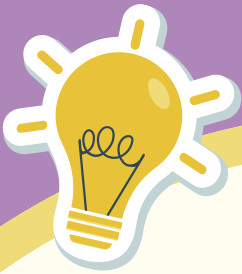
Monday 20th –
Wednesday 22nd Inset Days

Thursday 23rd Summer Holidays Begin

FREE WEBINARS FOR
PARENTS & CARERS

COPING WITH EXAMS

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD
THROUGH TEST STRESS AND
EXAM SUCCESS



In this 90 minute virtual workshop hosted by Somerset's Mental Health Support Team, we will explore...

- ✓ Understanding your child's experience of stress and overwhelm
- ✓ How your child would like you to help them (without having to ask you)
- ✓ Ideas of how to support before, during and after exams and tests



WHEN?

12:30-14:00 9th April 2026 | [Register here](#)

18:00-19:30 30th April 2026 | [Register here](#)

13:30-15:00 13th May 2026 | [Register here](#)



Workshops are open to any parent/carer in Somerset. You will just need to provide the name of your child's school on registration.

FREE WEBINARS FOR
PARENTS & CARERS

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S BIG FEELINGS:

AN EMOTION COACHING
APPROACH



In this 90 minute workshop hosted by Somerset's Mental Health Support Team, we will explore...

- ✓ How to support your child's and teen's emotional resilience in the moment and for the future.
- ✓ Strategies that will help develop emotionally intelligent mindsets for all your family
- ✓ You will go away with a range of tools (including emotion coaching) to boost your child's, and your own, emotional resilience.



WHEN?

13:00-14:30 1st June 2026 | [Register here](#)

18:00-19:30 4th June 2026 | [Register here](#)

13:00-14:30 11th June 2026 | [Register here](#)



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FREE WEBINARS FOR
PARENTS & CARERS

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH CHANGE & SCHOOL TRANSITIONS:

NAVIGATING THE
ROLLERCOASTER OF
STARTING A NEW SCHOOL



In this 90 minute workshop hosted by Somerset's
Mental Health Support Team, we will explore...

- ✓ How we can support our children through their emotional ups and downs when moving schools
- ✓ How we can help our children to prepare for and manage change
- ✓ A range of activities you can do with your child to set them up for school success

WHEN?

13:00-14:30 17th June 2026 | [Register here](#)

18:00-19:30 18th June 2026 | [Register here](#)

10:00-11:30 23rd June 2026 | [Register here](#)



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