



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share that Term 6 has started wonderfully well, with lots of positive activity taking place across the school. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic time on their recent residential trip to Kilve Court. They represented the school brilliantly, showing enthusiasm, resilience and excellent teamwork throughout the experience.

We also saw a fantastic show of support for Collett Park Day. It was lovely to see our school community come together and take part in such a positive local event.

Looking ahead, we would like to remind you that all students will take part in **Transition Day on 1st July**, where they will meet their new teachers and spend time in their new classrooms. Year 6 pupils will spend this day at their designated secondary schools, and we wish them every success as they begin this exciting next chapter. We hope they enjoy the experience and feel confident as they prepare for their new school environment.

‘Together we are proud, together we are STOKE’

Successful, Trustworthy, Original, Kind, Equal



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

“As we move towards the final weeks of the school year, I have been reflecting on the many moments this month that have reminded me what makes our school such a special place. I continually see our children bringing our values to life, and June has provided so many wonderful examples of what can be achieved when we work together.

One of the moments that has made me especially proud was our ‘Splash of Orange’ fundraising day. Inspired and led by two of our pupils, our whole school community came together to support a local family during a difficult time. The compassion, initiative and generosity shown by our children demonstrated so clearly what it means to be kind, trustworthy and proud members of our community. It was a privilege to see everyone unite behind such an important cause.

Our Year 5 and 6 residential was another highlight of the month. Watching the children encourage one another, step outside their comfort zones and celebrate each other's successes was a wonderful reminder that achievement comes in many forms. Whether tackling new challenges, working as a team or simply building confidence and resilience, they represented our school brilliantly and returned with memories that will stay with them for years to come.



As always, I continue to be incredibly proud of the way our children approach school life. They show curiosity in their learning, kindness in their friendships and respect for one another every day. These qualities create a school where everyone feels valued and where every child has the opportunity to flourish.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff and the continued support of our parents and carers. Thank you for everything you do to work alongside us. Together, we are creating a school community where children feel safe, inspired and ready to succeed.

As we look ahead to the exciting events still to come before the end of term, including Sports Day and our celebrations for Year 6, I know there will be many more opportunities for our children to demonstrate just how special they are.

Thank you for your continued support.”



A message from our Executive Head - Mr. Chris Partridge

“As we approach the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to say a huge thank you to our Year 5 and 6 children and staff for an absolutely fantastic camp at Kilve. It was a wonderful few days filled with fun, laughter, adventure and unforgettable experiences. The memories made will stay with the children for many years to come and were a fitting highlight as we near the end of the school year. I would also like to thank all our families for their support during last week's school closure and the period of extremely high temperatures. Throughout these challenges, the children were amazing, showing maturity, resilience and sensible behaviour at all times. We are incredibly proud of them and grateful for the support of our whole school community.

As we move into the final few weeks of term, I would like to remind all our children that our expectations for learning, attendance, behaviour and attitudes remain as high as ever. We have an exciting end to the school year ahead, with several special events and celebrations planned, and we want every child to make the very most of these opportunities. The children have demonstrated exceptional attitudes, kindness and commitment throughout the year, and I am confident they will continue to uphold these high standards right to the very last day of term. We look forward to celebrating their achievements together and finishing the year with the same enthusiasm, pride and positive spirit that has characterised our school community all year.”



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Highlights from around the school

Year 6 Hoodies

We just wanted to say how fantastic the Year 6 hoodies are this year - they look brilliant and have been a big hit with the children. It's such a special keepsake to mark the end of their primary school journey.

A huge thank you to the PTA for generously funding the hoodies. Your support truly makes a difference and is very much appreciated by both the children and families.



COLLETT PARK DAY

Thank you to everyone who came along to support Stoke St Michael Primary School at Collett Park Day on Saturday 13th June. We had a wonderful day, and it was fantastic to see so many members of our local community coming together and showing their support.

A special thank you to Wessex Learning Trust for creating such a fantastic display — it truly helped make the day even more memorable. We are so grateful to be part of such a supportive and welcoming community!





SPLASH OF ORANGE DAY

Our Orange Mufti Day was a smashing success, and we raised an incredible £100 thanks to your wonderful support. The students had a blast wearing their favourite orange outfits, and your contributions made it all possible. We're truly grateful for families like yours who make our School community so special!



KILVE COURT RESIDENTIAL YEAR 5 & 6

The Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Kilve Court,

demonstrating resilience, enthusiasm and outstanding teamwork throughout their stay. Despite the challenge of extremely hot weather, they coped exceptionally well, maintaining a positive attitude and supporting one another every step of the way. The children embraced every opportunity with confidence and determination, taking part in a wide range of exciting activities with great energy and enthusiasm. Their excellent behaviour, willingness to step outside their comfort zones and commitment to working together made the trip a memorable and rewarding experience for all involved. Well done to each and every one of them for representing the school so brilliantly.





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Meet The Teacher - Wednesday 15th July at 3.30pm

We have planned a Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday 15th July at 3.30pm. This will provide an opportunity for parents and carers of children currently in Year 1 and Year 4 to visit their child's new classroom ahead of the September transition. Families will be able to go into their child's new class (Woodpeckers for current Year 1 pupils and Ravens for current Year 4 pupils) and meet Miss Miell (Woodpeckers) and Mrs Bell-Auge (Ravens) ahead of the next academic year.

The purpose of the event is to support a positive and informed transition by allowing parents to become familiar with the new learning environment and to ask any initial questions. This helps to promote consistency between home and school, reduce uncertainty about change and support a smoother transition for pupils into their new year groups in September.

Sports Day Friday 3rd July

A reminder that Sports Day will take place on Friday 3rd July. We warmly welcome parents and carers to join us anytime from 1:20pm to watch their child take part in the races and enjoy the afternoon together. There may even be an opportunity for parents to join in a race, so be sure to come prepared and ready for some fun!



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Below is the registration :
1:10-1:20pm - Arrival, Welcome
1:20-1:30pm - Welcome
1:30-1:40pm - Nursery, Reception and
1:40-1:50pm - KS2
1:50-2:05pm - Three-Le
2:05-2:20pm - Sa
2:20-2:40pm - KS1 Bean Bag Throw
2:40-3:00pm - Egg and
3:00-3:15pm - Leav
3:15-3:20pm - Presentation and Closing



Summer Holiday Club

**Holly & Hawthorn CIC**
A not-for-profit community group
delivering Forest School, Outdoor Play & Education



Wild Wednesdays!



Summer Holiday Club, suitable for children aged 5-10 years old.



Our holiday club is a fantastic opportunity for children to enjoy the outdoors. Run with a forest school ethos, our club encourages children to explore, play, create, learn, and follow their own interests both independently and collaboratively. Activities include den building, natural art and crafts, and campfire cooking.

Every Wednesday throughout the school summer holidays
at the Somerset Earth Science Centre, Stoke St Michael
29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August - 10am- 3pm (5hrs) or 10am-12.30pm (2.5hrs).



5hrs - £25.00 per session, concessions available on a sliding scale.
2.5hrs - £16.00 per session, concessions available on a sliding scale.



For more information or a booking form: Email: admin@hollyhawthorn.org
or 07464766346 (text message is best)



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Attendance and Punctuality Reminder



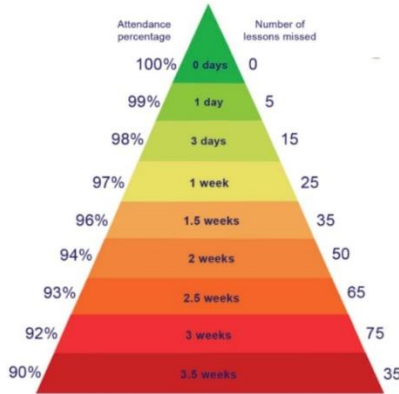
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Regular and punctual attendance is very important, and we need all families to make this a priority. Being in school every day has a direct impact on children's learning, confidence, and progress, and even small amounts of missed time quickly add up. 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.

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@stokestmichaelprimary.co.uk

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

A reminder of the below changes to the PE timetable:

- Monday: Year 5/6 (Lesson 1)
- Tuesday: Reception/ Year 1 (Lesson 1)
- Wednesday: Year 2/3/4 (Lesson 1) & Year 5/6 (Lesson 2)
- Thursday: Year 2/3/4 (Lesson 1) & Reception/ year 1 (Lesson 2)
- Friday: NO PE



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.

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! **Together we are proud, together we are 'STOKE'***



- 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



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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

July

Wednesday 1 st	Transition Day
Friday 3 rd	Sports Day
Friday 17 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17 th	Last Day of Term 6
Monday 20 th – Wednesday 22 nd	Inset Days
Thursday 23 rd	Summer Holidays Begin

September

Thursday 3 rd - 4 th	Inset Days
Monday 7 th	Start of term 1