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Stoke Goldington CE School NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 1 - 2026



Welcome back

Happy New Year to all our children and families, we are pleased to welcome you back after the fun and festivities of Christmas. We are thrilled that the children have returned ready and willing to learn. A big thank you to the Friends of Stoke Goldington School for providing refreshments and organising the raffle after our Christmas Nativity. I am sure you will all agree it was a lovely evening in the church. We are extremely grateful for the help they give and the funds they raise for us.

We have lots of interesting things planned for the children this half term so watch this space!

We hope you'll continue to join us this half term for Family Reading on a Friday morning. We run an open-door policy, so if you need talk to your child's teacher, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Our value this half term: Perseverance



This half term, we'll be learning all about the value of **perseverance** – we will teach the children that when you persevere you stick at something, even if things get hard, such an important value to enable children to reach their full potential.

Great Fires!

In KS1 we will be learning about the Great Fire of London as well as the fires in some of our own local towns and villages! From how the fire started to how it was eventually stopped, we are excited to fire up imaginations using three different texts which explore this event. In science we will all explore the properties of materials and how they change, whilst in DT how to join materials together to create structures. We will all also be learning about the roles and responsibilities that come with belonging to a group and in RE exploring the big question "How do people know how to behave?"



Kingston Gym



During this half-term the children will have two afternoon visits to Kingston Gym, on the **19th January** and the **2nd February**. This is such an important opportunity for the children to experience a fully equipped gym to develop movements and skills

under trained gymnastic coaches. Starting this week, the children will be breaking down and learning the skills to transfer on to the equipment later this month. It's also a super opportunity for the children to learn side by side with friends from Castlethorpe School.



2026 – National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide campaign designed to inspire us all to make reading a regular part of our lives. Everyone know reading expands worlds, sharpens our minds and fuels creativity, but do we make enough time for reading? The tag line for the campaign is GO ALL IN. So, what-ever interests we have as individuals, as families or with friends we are encouraged to read about it and make reading fit how we live not the other way around. Follow the link to read more!

[GO All In - National Year of Reading](#)

Children’s mental health Week

This year’s theme is “*This Is My Place*”.

We’ll be helping children think about where they feel safe, happy, and like they belong - at school and at home.

You can join in by asking simple questions like:

- “Where do you feel happiest?”
- “What makes you feel part of our family?”

Little conversations make a big difference. Together, we can help every child feel they have a special place.



Website – take a look for:

- A calendar of term dates;
- Details about the curriculum and what the children are learning this half-term;
- The children’s timetable;
- Details of staff and governors;
- Safeguarding information
- Links to mental health support
- And much more

stokegoldington.milton-keynes.sch.uk/

Clubs this half term

The children love the after-school clubs and they offer fresh air and fun during the short days of winter.

All clubs run from **3.30 – 4.30pm**.

A reminder of what they are:

Monday – Puzzles, games and colouring

Tuesday – Northampton Saints Rugby

Wednesday – Active Maths

Thursday – Art Club



Dates for your diary

- Monday 19th January – Kingston Gym
- Monday 2nd February – Kingston Gym
- w/c 9th February – Children’s Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 12th February – **Theme day:**
 - Busy Bees – **People who help us**
 - Ladybirds – **Great Fire of London**
- Friday 13th February – Break up for half-term
- Monday 23rd February – Back to School
- Wednesday 4th / Friday 9th March – Parent Consultation Meetings (Friday 9th Ladybirds only)
- Monday 16th March – London trip (Ladybirds only)

A note from Mrs Wallace



Happy New Year!

There’s something lovely about January in school. The children have settled in, the Christmas excitement has passed, and now we can all take a breath and look ahead to what we want to achieve together—without the nerves that September brings.

For many of us, the New Year is about fresh starts and resolutions. This term, our value is **perseverance**, which feels very timely! We’ll be talking with the children about what it means to keep going, even when things feel tricky. It’s such an important skill—one that builds resilience and helps them face life’s challenges with confidence.

We’d love your help in chatting about perseverance at home. Maybe share a time when you didn’t give up, or talk about how you’re sticking to your own New Year’s goals.

Here’s to a happy, successful year ahead for all of us.