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Stoke Goldington CE School NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2 - 2026



Welcome back

We hope everyone enjoyed their half-term break and some days when it didn't rain! I think we are all ready for some lighter and brighter days as we move towards Spring! We have a short but busy half term ahead with lots of exciting events to grow our learning – starting with the KS1 trip to London by train and World Book Day, both next week. We will also be taking part in the National Gallery's 'Take One Picture' and celebrating the festival of Easter.

We look forward to welcoming you in to school for our mid-year parent consultation meetings, a great opportunity for us to talk together about your child's learning and the progress made since November. Please do complete the feedback forms sent before the meetings so we can be as prepared as possible and make the most of the time with you.

Our value this half term: Justice



Justice is such an important value. In our school community this means ensuring that every child and adult is treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. It is about creating an environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard, and where the rules and expectations apply equally to all. Justice also means standing up for what is right, addressing mistakes with honesty and compassion, and working together to resolve problems in ways that help our community grow stronger.

Capital Cities

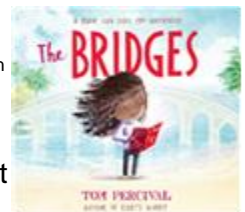
Ensuring the children understand the world around us is really important and so this half term EY will be going on adventures and KS1 will be using our interest in London and



focussing on the geography of the UK. We'll be looking at Capital Cities, naming and locating the different nations within the United Kingdom and identifying landmarks in London. We'll also be writing adventure stories and leaflets from our experiences and through texts on London. In Science, we'll be identifying, observing and describing growth in a variety of plants and trees. As always you will find this half-term planning on the VSF website. [Village Schools Federation Website](https://www.village-schools-federation.org/)

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March 2026. The day continues to emphasise **reading for pleasure and enjoyment**. In school we want to encourage reading by giving



children the time, choice and space to enjoy reading the books they genuinely enjoy! Our chosen text is *The Bridges* by Tom Percival which celebrates the power of books and reading and champions the importance of our libraries. It's always a happy day where we enjoy a day off the usual timetable and enjoy time talking about books and reading as a community.



Take One Picture

We will be taking part in this year's Take One Picture. This is run by the National Gallery and is a programme designed for primary schools, which aims to inspire a lifelong love of art and learning.

This year's focus painting is 'A Muse (Calliope?)' by Cosimo Tura.



The picture was chosen by children and teachers across the country.

They are particularly interested in the painting's striking figure, ornate design and rich colours. We have some exciting lessons planned exploring the painting and look forward to sharing our artistic work with you later in the term!

Attendance

Attendance at school is really important for a child's development. Stoke Goldington School attendance is at 97% for the academic year so far which is well above national average, well done! On top of all the obvious educational benefits to being in school every day they have so much fun, we don't want your child to miss out!

Mother's Day & Easter

We will be having a special Mother's Day family reading session on **Friday 13th March**. We would like any Mums, Gran's, Aunties etc. to join their child for the usual reading time with a few special treats!



Our Easter service, including **Easter Bonnet Parade**, will be held at the Church on **Friday 27th March**.



Clubs this half term

The children love the after-school clubs and now the weather is brightening up we hope they will enjoy an extra bit of sunshine!

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

- KS1 trip to London – **Monday 2nd March**
- EYFS Day @ Sherington – **Monday 2nd March**
- Parents Consultation Meetings - **Wednesday 4th March & Friday 6th March (KS1 only)**
- World Book Day – **Thursday 5th March**
- Mother's Day Family Reading – **Friday 13th March**
- Book and Uniform fundraiser sale - **Friday 20th March** ***No family reading***
- Easter service (including Easter Bonnets) – **Friday 27th March 2.30pm**
- Break up for Easter – **Friday 27th March**

A note from Mrs Wallace



With the lambs starting to appear in the fields and golden daffodils peeking through the grass, this time of year reminds us of nature's ability to reset and renew. We are all hoping that some welcome spring sunshine will follow soon.

As we pass the halfway point of the school year, staff are incredibly proud of how much the children have grown in confidence, resilience, and enthusiasm since September. This half term, as we re-emerge from winter, we will be celebrating the natural world through our much-loved forest school sessions as well as marvelling at the creativity of humans as we visit the City of London.

Our value for this half term is **justice**, and we will be exploring this through the Easter story as well as real examples from school life to help children understand why fairness and treating others with respect matter. If you are able, please do continue these conversations at home.