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Stoke Goldington CE School NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 1 2026



Welcome back

It is hard to believe last half term we managed to fit so much in; enjoying World Book Day, our trip to London and Take One Picture. With the sun starting to appear, we will be staying 'local' in our school and village surroundings this half term. I wonder if the Artemis II moon mission has captured your imagination as much as it has mine? It certainly reminds us that human exploration is full of bold dreams and exciting possibilities! Seeing astronauts prepare to journey around the Moon helps make space feel real and within reach, not just something from books or films. In school we want this mission to inspire our children to look up with curiosity, ask big questions, and believe that with determination, teamwork and learning, they too could one day help shape humanity's future among the stars....



Clubs this half term:

- Monday** – NEW – Mr Piccolo 3.30pm – 4.30pm
 - Tuesday** – Football 3.30pm – 4.30pm
 - Wednesday** – Tennis 3.30pm – 4.30pm
 - Thursday** – Art Club at 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- It's great to see the children enjoy them so much!

This terms topic: South America

While we won't be leaving Stoke Goldington, we will be expanding our horizons and looking abroad with a geographical focus this half term. We will be looking at the Natural World, paying a particular interest to South



America. We'll be comparing hot and cold climates, looking at the continent's physical geography, exploring texts; Paddington and the Marmalade Maze and also the Great Kapok Tree. In Science children will be taught how to observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and what they need to stay healthy. If you would like information do have a look at the VSF website.

Our Value this term: Service:

This term will be teaching the children about helping and supporting others by taking on roles and responsibilities, acts of service. We want the children to understand the importance of giving back and helping others. We will look at acts of service we can carry out in our school and local community. I am sure the children will be keen to get out litter picking again!

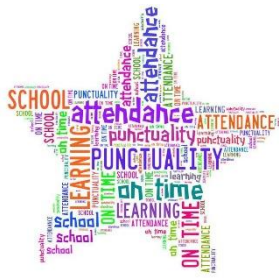




Attendance

School attendance from the beginning of the school year to the 20th March 2026 was 97.2%. Thank you for all you do to ensure your children are in school and on time.

As we move in to the summer thank you in advance for not booking term time holiday so there is no lost learning or social time for your child or their classmates.



Dates for your diary

- School Photos – **Monday 27th April**
- Bank Holiday Monday – **Monday 4th May**
- Break up for Half Term – **Friday 22nd May**
- Back returns – **Monday 1st June**
- Phonics Screening Week – **Monday 8th June**
- Sports Day – **Friday 10th July 2.30pm**
- Leavers Service – **Thursday 16th July 9am**

Health and Fitness Week 2026:

Monday 18th May sees the start of an exciting week which will focus on health, fitness and well-being. The children will learn in a fun and active way what constitutes a healthy

lifestyle and just as importantly, how to maintain it, including the benefits of physical activity, rest, healthy eating and dental health. We look forward to putting the children and staff through their paces with lots of active challenges including some of our club providers doing some special whole sessions, a local ramble and our active starts! We hope you will join us for some family maypole fun instead of family reading on the Friday!



Websites

We are excited to announce that our new school websites will be launching soon, and we look forward to sharing them with parents and our wider community.

The updated sites have been designed to be clearer and easier to navigate, helping parents and carers to quickly find important information, news, and resources. We're confident these new websites will strengthen communication and provide a welcoming online space that reflects our Federation vision and values.

We will let you know the exact launch date in due cause.....watch this space!



A note from Mrs Wallace



With the sun beginning to shine, our school community very much looks forward to spending more time outside as we continue to appreciate all that our wonderful village schools have to offer.

Our value for this term is service. Such an important value, there is so much to be gained by giving our time and talents to others. I see acts of service every day, and I know just how greatly our children benefit from the time, care and commitment that others give in our schools.

Service is at the heart of our small communities – within our villages, community groups, churches and schools. These communities are sustained because people choose to give their time and energy to support them. While life undoubtedly feels busier than ever, it feels more important than ever that we help children to understand, both at school and with your support at home, why giving our energy, time and love to help and support others matters so much. Thank you for all you do in service to support this school.