



Village
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Stoke Goldington CE School NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 2026



Welcome back

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to the new term and school year.

A very warm welcome to all of our new families, we are looking forward to getting to know your child and you better over the coming weeks. The children have been very excited to share their news from the holidays and it is super to see our happy school community back together again.

There is lots going on so please keep an eye on the dates list for more information. Please do speak to a member of staff or call in to the office if you have any questions at all, we are here and happy to help.

Values



This half-term we will be exploring the importance and simplicity of generosity with the children. Through stories, discussions and practical activities, we will be encouraging them to think about how they can do good, show others kindness and to share with others.

SEND coffee and chat

This will be our 3rd year of running federation SEND coffee and chat sessions for our families. Led by Mrs Adey Underwood, VSF SENDCo. Our first date is **Thursday 15th October 9.15-10.30am** at The White House, Olney Middle School. Pre-school children welcome to come along too!

This terms topic: This is me!

What better starting point for learning than the children themselves! In **KS1** the children will study animals including humans, identifying and naming body parts as well as exploring their five senses in science lessons. Closely linked is our history topic where the children will use historical enquiry to learn about significant people who have made a difference to the medical world, including Louis Braille, Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We have chosen four super picture books to ignite our writing of factual descriptions, fairy stories and character settings! In **EYFS** the children will get to know their new friends sharing things about themselves and their families. They will begin to explore feelings and emotions and how we are similar and different. Please see our school website for more curriculum information.



Belonging



In PSHE and RE we will be focussing on what it means to belong and how we help each other belong. We will explore ourselves, what makes us the same and what makes us unique, families, school life, clubs and activities as well as

how people belong to religious groups. We love to involve parents and the community in our learning, so if you'd like to share your experience of belonging please get in touch.



Reading and Phonics

There will be an online VSF reading information evening on **Wednesday 16th September at 7pm**. This will be repeated on **Friday 18th September at 9am**. Please join us to find out how we teach reading and how you can support your child's reading journey at home.



Family Reading

We are excited to welcome families back into school on

Friday 18th September for our family reading time. Please join us each Friday from **8.45am to 9am**. It is a chance to share a book with your child and catch up with any staff if you need to.

Open Days

We will be holding open days for prospective September 2027 starters on **Friday 9th October at 9- 10am** and **Monday 9th November at 1.30 – 2.30pm**. If you have any friends or neighbours with pre-school children please share one of our flyers with all the dates and times. If they can't make that date we are always delighted to show families round and they are very welcome to call the office to make an appointment.

Clubs

We aim to offer a wide range of after school experiences for the children to enjoy. If your child is not currently enrolled on a club but would like to join then please contact the office and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Our current clubs are:

Monday – Mr Piccolo Music

Tuesday – Football

Wednesday – Tennis

Thursday – Art

All clubs run from **3.30 – 4.30pm**.



Welcome back Lucy and Beau!

We are delighted to welcome back Lucy and her gorgeous dog Beau this year. All the children will get the opportunity to spend some time with Beau and enjoy looking at and reading books together. This is a wonderful opportunity that helps develop the children's confidence and supports their wellbeing.



Dates for your diary

- VSF online Reading information meeting - **Wednesday 16th Sept** repeated **Friday 18th September**
- Harvest Festival – **Friday 9th October 2.30 – 3.30pm**
- Open Days – **Friday 9th October 9-10am** and **Monday 9th November 1.30-2.30pm**
- End of half term – **Thursday 22nd October**
- School returns – **Monday 2nd November**

Please note Parent/ teacher meetings will be w/c 9th November

PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**

A note from Mrs Wallace



A very warm welcome to our new families and welcome back to those returning for another exciting year. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school and hear about their summer adventures.

Our value this half-term is **Generosity**, and I am reminded daily of the kindness and support shown across our school communities. Thank you to our staff, parents, governors, volunteers and local communities whose generosity helps make our schools safe, welcoming and inspiring places to learn. Special thanks to those who helped prepare and refresh our schools over the summer holidays.

This half-term, the children will be exploring how small acts of kindness and generosity can make a positive difference to others. We are also excited to continue developing our friendship with Christ Evangelical School in Sierra Leone, helping children learn about each other's lives and experiences. Through this partnership, our pupils will see how even simple acts of generosity and friendship can be valued and appreciated by others.