

Stower Provost School Newsletter

13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another half term has passed by, where does the time go?

There are plenty of plans for the half term ahead, including:

- Chestnut Class – Tokes Farm visits every Thursday morning from 5th March. Please note, if your child has a school lunch, a picnic lunch will need to be ordered for Thursdays on Thurs 5th, 12th and 19th March, as we will be returning after lunchtime, with the children eating their packed lunches in the classroom over seen by myself.
- Our new Therapeutic Thinking Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum shared with parents and carers on 5th March at 14.45.
- Whole School Gym competition 27th March, times to be confirmed for each class.

Bits and Bobs

Lastly, a request from staff – please would all parents and carers remind their children that toys and additional paraphernalia should be kept at home.

Entry at the beginning of the day

Please would all children enter the school via the playground gate entrance, unless specific agreement has been made with myself.

08.30 – 08.50 Games open

08.40 Teachers supervising children arriving on the playground (parents are welcome to leave)

08.45 Staff lead children into classes.

08.50 Registration and gates shut.

If you arrive after 08.50, you will need to sign your child in at the main office and complete necessary paperwork. Children should be in school by 08.45.

THIS WEEK

Reception class took part in the RSPB National Big Bird Watch this week. A certificate of participation will be handed out in our next Praise and Celebrate assembly.

LAST WEEK

PARENT FORUM

A Parent Forum was held last Friday in the hall at 14.20. My thanks to all contributors. Please find below subjects discussed.

- Two parts of the drain are broken at the front of the school. These are due to be fixed over half term.
- Speed of cars driving past the school, and/or pulling away from school, with a request that I send a reminder out to all regarding respect. We all know that the lane is narrow, and we all have places to get to, from drop off or collection of children. I would ask all parents and carers to please be mindful of those walking along the road.

The local residents are requesting a reduction in the speed limit. The school is also supporting this move, with increased signage that there is a school and the increase of the extension of yellow lines in front of the school building.

- School car park. As above please would all parents be mindful of where they park, as there have been some randomly parked cars at times, leaving it difficult for others to utilise the one way system.

- Promotion of the school bus. The school bus is available to all, with those who live in catchment able to obtain a free bus place. Those out of catchment need to pay, however, the bus route can be altered to facilitate new families wishing to use this service.
- Class Dojo – a request that the school utilise the parental communications option on Class Dojo. This would enable parents to sent messages easily direct to class teachers, should the need arise. Information relating to homework and other class messages could also be sent via this method.
- Discussion linked to the PTFA fund raising, including sponsored walks took place.

I outlined that money raised from PTFA events is integral to the school, and is annually spent on facilitating the continued upkeep, use of the swimming pool, including paying for the heating costs, with an annual heating bill of £1500. £1000 is also spent on supporting transport costs, with each class receiving £250, cutting the cost for all. With just these two expenditures a total of £2500 is required to maintain both the use of the pool and support for trips.

Parents and carers, with a show of hands, demonstrated that among ¾ would prefer to make a termly donation to facilitate swimming at school, rather take part in sponsored fund raising activities.

NEXT WEEK

Half term.

Half term events for families

I have been asked to share information on behalf of Dorset’s rural arts charity, Artsreach, about the events that are taking place in partnership with rural community volunteers across Dorset this February half term.

With the support of Dorset Council and Arts Council England, Artsreach provides opportunities for children to experience to professional live performances and creative workshop activities in their local communities. Tickets are available from as little as £6, and events this half term are taking place in:

North Dorset: East Stour, Child Okeford and Sturminster Newton

West and Central Dorset: Cerne Abbas, Litton Cheney and Broadwindsor

East Dorset: Hinton Martell and Sixpenny Handley

You can see all of the events here: <https://artsreach.co.uk/whats-on/category/young-people>

Half term activity clubs with 15% discount currently!

Please find attached flyers to advertise Prime Sports February Half-Term Camps, where they will be running a plethora of new activities. Please see the attached flyers.

Half term swimming at Coombe House

Please find attached a flyer linked to family fun swims, pool hire and lane swimming at Coombe House Leisure between 30th March – 10th April.



Half Term Arts Afternoon

Please see the attached flyer for an Arts Afternoon on Thursday 19th February 2 - 4.30pm, for £15, at The Friends Meeting House, Shaftesbury. This is being run by Jane Pyrgos (Play Therapist and practising artist).

After Half Term Arts after school club

Please see the attached flyer for an Arts after school club on Thursdays from 26th February 4 - 5.30pm, for 5 weeks at a cost of £15 a session or £70 for the programme, at The Friends Meeting House, Shaftesbury. This is being run by Jane Pyrgos (Play Therapist and practising artist).

NEXT HALF TERM

New KS2 sporting activities for the new half term, run by Prime Sports are outlined below. Please book online through Prime Sports.

KS2 ORIENTEERING @ Stower Provost Primary School

Day: TUESDAYS

Cost: FREE! (SCHOOL FUNDED FOR 4 WEEKS)

For: Years 3/4/5/6

Time: 3:30 – 4:30pm

Dates: Tuesday 24th February 2026 – Tuesday 17th March 2026

KS2 TRI-GOLF @ Stower Provost Primary School

Day: FRIDAYS

Cost: FREE! (SCHOOL FUNDED FOR 4 WEEKS)

For: Years 3/4/5/6

Time: 3:30 – 4:30pm

Dates: Friday 27th February 2026 – Friday 20th March 2026

Contact Us: 07714351433 prime-school@outlook.com

SPORTS

A reminder that all children should be wearing school PE t-shirt and school jumper, along with dark leggings or tracksuit bottoms for PE lessons. I have noticed a number of brightly coloured, non uniform tops and t-shirts being worn of late by some.

PE days are:

Oak	Thursday	Friday
Chestnuts	Monday	Thursday (Tokes Farm)
Beech	Monday	Tuesday
Hazel	Monday	Tuesday

CLUBS

Please book slots using the links provided or via the school office

Clubs	Day & Time	Year Group	Led by	Cost
Lego Club	Mondays 15.30 – 16.30		Miss Buxton	Cost per half term (see link for cost) https://kwbclubs.ecwid.com/Stower-Provost-Community-School-Monday-Dorset-Spring-Term-1-2026-Monday-p624603022
SPAG & Reading SATs Club	Mondays 15.30 – 16.30	Year 6	Mrs Clasby	Free
Orienteering Club	Tuesdays 15.30 – 16.30	Chestnut & Oak KS2 children	Prime Sports	Free - school supported
Maths SATs Club	Wednesdays 15.30 – 16.30	Year 6	Mrs Clasby	Free
Tri-Golf Club	Fridays 15.30 – 16.30	Chestnut and Oak KS2 children	Prime Sports	Free - school supported

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

World Book Week Events and Dress Up Day

We are planning a week of activities for the children linked to World Book Day including some Scholastic World Book Day events shown below.

On Thursday 5th March, we suggest children come into school in costume linked to their favourite character from a book. Children should bring the book featuring their character, as there will be time in the afternoon for sharing stories.

Parents would be most welcome to come in and share a book, or section of a book (of their choice) with their child or their child's class between 8.40 - 9.15 on Thursday 5th March.

Monday 2 nd March 10am	KS2	Celebrate 15 Funny Years of Tom Gates with Liz Pichon
Tuesday 3 rd March 2pm	KS1	Double the Drama, Double the Fun: Nora Nightsky with Rebecca Lewis-Oakes
Wednesday 4 th March 11am	EYFS	Squirrel Storytime Fun with Kael Tudor
Thursday 5 th March 10am	EYFS	A super spring story-time and draw-along for The Flower Thief
Thursday 5 th March 11am	KS2	Solve a mystery at the Ivy Hotel with Emily Hourican!
Friday 6 th March 10am	KS1	A slug-tastic time with the creator of Beastie Bros
Friday 6 th March 11am	Whole School	The Velveteen Rabbit with David Litchfield – Story time and draw-along

DIARY DATES

Dates in **red** have been added to the diary list this week.

Date	Time	Information
16 th Feb – 20 th Feb		HALF TERM
23 rd Feb	08.50	First day of second half of term
27th Feb	11.00	Let's Talk Teeth! Dentist visit - Beech and Hazel Class
27 th Feb	14.55	Praise and Celebrate Assembly
4th March	15.30	Orders for Big Bap Friday to be in
5th March	AM	Chestnut Class to Tokes Farm
5 th March	14.45	Parent Forum – Behaviour Policy and Curriculum
6th March	8.30	Big Bap Friday
6 th March	14.55	Praise and Celebrate Assembly
12th March	AM	Chestnut Class to Tokes Farm
13 th March	14.55	Praise and Celebrate Assembly
19th March	AM	Chestnut Class to Tokes Farm
20 th March	14.55	Praise and Celebrate Assembly
27th March	All day	Whole School Gymnastics Competition (class times tbc)
27 th March	14.55	Praise and Celebrate Assembly

Best wishes,

Ailsa B-Hirst

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