

Stower Provost School Newsletter

5th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

My apologies for the need to postpone a couple of events this week – notably the parent forum linked to Therapeutic Thinking and behaviour, as well as the Big Bap Friday.

I would like to suggest the following as revised dates:

Big Bap Friday – 20th March 8.30 – 8.50am

Therapeutic Thinking and behaviour – Friday 20th March 14.20 – 14.50, just before the Praise and Celebrate assembly.

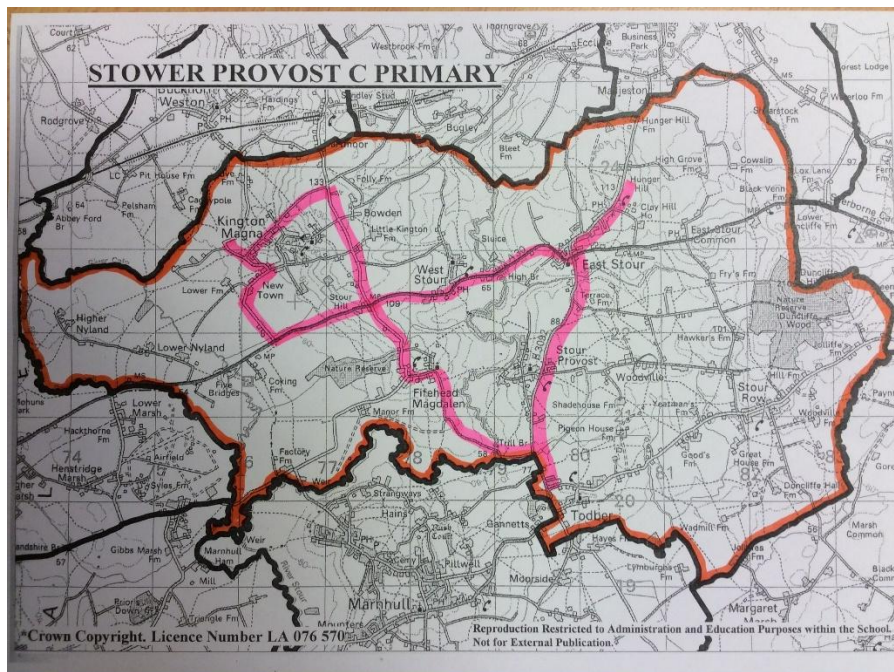
Car park

Just a courteous reminder to all, to consider where cars are parked or left in the school car park, as visitors the school recently have found it difficult to navigate themselves around the central flower bed due to cars parked parallel to the feature.

Please only park in designated parking bays, with the parking spaces immediately in front of the school being reserved for school staff. Many thanks in advance for your consideration in the future.

School Bus

In case you missed it last week! I thought it would also be useful to highlight the school bus option. The current route is shown in pink in the maps below, however this route can be altered to accommodate anyone wishing to use the bus within the catchment area (shown in orange). The school bus is FREE to those living within catchment. Those living outside of catchment can also use the bus, with routes being devised to accommodate collection and drop off, however an annual cost is involved. If you are interested in making use of the school bus, please contact Mrs Pike in the school office.



Governor vacancy

We have one vacancy for a co-opted governor remaining on the board, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, or you are considering the possibility yourself, do please get in contact.

THIS WEEK



Year 3 & 4 Football Festival

According to Mrs Smeeton, great fun was had by all at the Year 3 and 4's Gillingham Primary Schools Football Skills Festival. Great sportsmanship was shown and everyone enjoyed participating in the drills working on shooting, ball control and shielding the ball. There was a friendly tournament at the end of the afternoon, with our players winning three out of their three matches played – well done all,

we are proud of your participation and effort shown.

My thanks to Mrs Smeeton for taking the players to experience this skills festival.

Lego Club

Chestnut Class Tokes Farm visit

Tokes Farm visits started this Thursday and will also occur on the next two Thursday mornings (12th and 19th March). The children had the most amazing experience, orientating themselves with the farm layout and being introduced to the various animals.

Just a quick reminder that if your child has a school lunch, a picnic lunch will need to be ordered for Thursdays on Thurs 12th and 19th March, as the class returns after lunchtime.

Tokes Farm visits will continue into and through the summer term, so we look forward to receiving reports of all the activities and learning that has been achieved.

World Book Week Events and Dress Up Day

Thursday also saw a mass of costumes and activities occurring linked to World Book Day. My thanks to Miss Buxton for organising Scholastic World Book Day events, as outlined below, for all pupils within the school to enjoy and engage with.

My thanks also to parents and carers who gave up their time to come in to school and share a book, or section of a book.

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| 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 Night sky 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 |

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| Friday 6 th March 11am | Whole School | The Velveteen Rabbit with David Litchfield – Story time and draw-along |
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Parents Meeting linked to Behaviour

As outlined above the Therapeutic Thinking Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum was due to be shared with parents and carers this week, however due to illness this will now take place on Friday 20th March at 14.20.

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:

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

CLUBS

KS2 Sports activities

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

Gardening Club

Gardening Club will start on Monday 2nd March for 4 weeks, at a cost of £5 per session, running 15.30 – 16.30. Maximum 6 pupils in the Club, please book via the school office.

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

| Clubs | Day & Time | Year Group | Led by | Cost |
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| Gardening Club | Mondays 15.30 – 16.30 | Open | Mrs Berwick | £5 per session |
| Lego Club | Mondays 15.30 – 16.30 | | Miss Buxton | Cost per half term (see link for cost) https://kwclubs.ecwid.com/Stower-Provost-Community-School-Monday-Dorset-Spring-Term-1-2026-Monday-p624603022 |

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| 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 |

EVENTS OUT OF SCHOOL

Arts Club

An Arts after school club for children aged 8+ will be running on Thursdays for 4 weeks. The weekly cost is £15 a session. The club is held at The Friends Meeting House, Shaftesbury, between 4 - 5.30pm This is being run by Jane Pyrgos (Play Therapist and practising artist). For further information contact: heartsmarttherapy@gmail.com or 07549 020693.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Duncliffe Garden Show – 21st March

Duncliffe Garden Show are having a children's section in the show. There will be 2 age groups - one under 7 and one 7- 11. There are a variety of classes including:

- An arrangement of flowers in a recycled container
- An arrangement of decorated pebbles
- Photograph of Spring in the country side (children and adults) black and white or coloured, unmounted, no bigger than 7" x 5"

All entries to be in by Friday 20th March. Each entry must be clearly labelled, but hidden from the judge!

Easter Holiday Events

Please find attached flyers linked to holiday activities being run by Prime Sports. Please use the QR code to sign up.

Whole School Gym competition

Whole School Gym competition 27th March, times to be confirmed for each class.

Class News

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CHESTNUTS

In English, the children have been mastering the nuances of sentence structure by exploring active and passive voice, alongside the technical skill of using colons to introduce lists and information. Meanwhile, our Art sessions have been full of creativity as we practiced sketching Beaker folk pottery. These sketches as well as working with clay allowed the children to refine the specific techniques they will need for our exciting hands-on project starting next week.

It has been wonderful to see such high levels of engagement across the board. A huge thank you to the students for their consistency—seeing the homework brought in on time and seeing the immense effort poured into each task is truly rewarding. We are incredibly proud of their dedication.

BEECH

HAZEL

We have had a busy week in Hazel class investigating food decay, finding out if we can grow food from scraps and carrying out an investigation into pea germination. We have had lots of lovely wow moments with the children this week with our learning. All the children have planted a vegetable seed which they will be looking after for the rest of the term as we learn more about plant growth. The children made seed shakers and used them to sing along to plant-based songs, and they acted out the story of Handa's Surprise using masks.

Here is a small piece about world book day:

The whole school participated in World Book Day on Thursday and it was a huge success! We had lots of lovely costumes and outfits, and a huge range of books shared. Thank you to the parents who came into school to share a story with their child. The children have also enjoyed the Scholastic World Book Day live events with a range of authors, stories and activities.

Here is a small piece about the football festival:

Year 3 and 4 children took part in the Gillingham Schools Family Football Festival on Wednesday and did brilliantly. The children enjoyed a carousel of football skills activities before playing in and winning three matches! Mrs Smeeton was informed by another teacher that our children displayed exemplary behaviour both on and off the pitch, which is a lovely compliment to receive.

DIARY DATES

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

| Date | Time | Information |
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| 16 th Feb – 20 th Feb | | HALF TERM |
| 23 rd Feb | 08.50 | First day of second half of term |
| 27 th Feb | 11.00 | Let's Talk Teeth! Dentist visit - Beech and Hazel Class |
| 27 th Feb | 14.55 | Praise and Celebrate Assembly |
| 4 th March | 15.30 | Orders for Big Bap Friday to be in |
| 5 th March | AM | Chestnut Class to Tokes Farm |
| 5 th March | 14.45 | Parent Forum – Behaviour Policy and Curriculum |
| 6 th March | 8.30 | Big Bap Friday |
| 6 th March | 14.55 | Praise and Celebrate Assembly |
| 12 th March | AM | Chestnut Class to Tokes Farm |
| 13 th March | 14.55 | Praise and Celebrate Assembly |
| 19 th March | AM | Chestnut Class to Tokes Farm |
| 20 th March | AM | Entries in for the Duncliffe Flower Show |
| 20th March | 8.30 – 8.50 | Rescheduled Big Bap Friday Additional orders to be in from 18th March 15.20. |
| 20th March | 14.20 | Therapeutic Thinking Behaviour Policy and Behaviour Curriculum Parent and Carer Forum. |
| 20 th March | 14.55 | Praise and Celebrate Assembly |
| 21 st March | | Duncliffe Flower Show |
| 27 th 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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