

Stower Provost School Newsletter

17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely start to the term it has been, with a few changes for all, including our Monday and Tuesday sports, lunchtime clubs on Mondays and Tuesdays led by Prime Sports and a new teacher in Chestnuts Monday to Wednesday!

There have been 'make-overs' on the Hazel and Beech patio areas, with new planters for both classes, and a delightful sitting shelter for those in Years 1 and 2. My thanks to Mr and Mrs O'Brien for their creations, along with Mr and Mrs Berwick, and Mrs Halberstadt for their help and support clearing, sorting and filling planters in Beech's area.



Governor vacancy

A reminder that we have two vacancies for co-opted governors remaining on the governing body, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, or you are considering the possibility yourself, do please get in contact.

THIS WEEK

Gymnastics Competition

Postponed from 27th March, the whole school gymnastics competition was held today. Louise and Amelie from Gillingham Gymnastics were very complimentary about the children's skills and performances. Congratulations to all for participating and giving the competition a go!





NEXT WEEK

Friday 24th April - Circus Skills

The Friends of Stower Provost (PTFA) have kindly financed all children to experience a circus skills session throughout the day next Friday. Weather permitting this will be outside on the field, however if the weather is inclement then sessions will run in the Hall.

SPORTS

Further to an email at the start of the week, you will have noticed that there has been a change to our sports provision, with all children participating on a Monday and Tuesday. Prime Sports are now leading sessions, and currently focus on tennis and athletics for children in Oak and Chestnut, and ball skills and athletics for those in Hazel and Beech classes.

Once the pool is up and running, (we are waiting for the pool water to be tested, as well as the temperature to rise a little to aid the cost of heating!), children will also swim on Monday and Tuesday. Children will access an hour of PE on both days, with 30 mins spent in the pool and 30 minutes spent focusing on the a given field or court sport.

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing school PE kit (t-shirt and school jumper, along with dark leggings or tracksuit bottoms) on a Monday and Tuesday, and also has a swimming costume, towel, swimming hat and goggles also in school for both days.

PE & swim days are:

Oak	Monday	Tuesday
Chestnuts	Monday	Tuesday
Beech	Monday	Tuesday
Hazel	Monday	Tuesday

CLUBS

This term a free lunchtime club will run on a Monday and Tuesday lunchtime for children, lead by Prime Sports. This is currently a turn up and enjoy club, however is numbers go over 18 on a regular basis this will become a booked session.

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

Clubs	Day & Time	Year Group	Led by	Cost
Lunchtime sports	Monday 12.30 – 13.00	All	Prime Sports	Free
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
SPAG & Reading SATs Club	Mondays 15.30 – 16.30	Year 6	Mrs Clasby	Free

Athletics Club	Mondays 15.30 – 16.30	Chestnut & Oak KS2 children	Prime Sports	Free - school supported Booking on the Prime sports website (first come first served basis)
Gardening Club	Mondays 15.30 – 16.30	All	Mrs Berwick	£5 per session. Numbers limited. Bookings with Mrs Pike on a first come first served basis.
Lunchtime sports	Tuesday 12.30 – 13.00	All	Prime Sports	Free
Cricket Club	Tuesdays 15.30 – 16.30	Chestnut & Oak KS2 children	Prime Sports	Free - school supported Booking on the Prime sports website (first come first served basis)
Maths SATs Club	Wednesdays 15.30 – 16.30	Year 6	Mrs Clasby	Free

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

An Introduction to Autism

Please find details attached to this newsletter regarding a free parents and carers session linked to – An Introduction to Autism, run by the Sherborne Family Hub Networking Point.

The session will take place on Thursday 21st May, 9.30 – 11 am at The Sherborne Children’s Centre, Tinneys Lane, Sherborne, DT9 3DY. Please click the link or scan the QR code in the attachment to book your place.



Arts and Sports plus

Please see the attached document for half term activities. Bookings by 6th May.

Class News

OAK

This week, we have been preparing for SATs with some focused lessons on reading, including inferenced and deduction. We have also been doing some outdoor learning to get stimulus for a free verse poem about spring using poetic devices. In maths, we have been delighting in how easy it is to work out percentages of amounts and looking at pie charts. Primary and secondary sources of evidence were our focus in history as we begin our Ground-breaking Greeks topic - we also started Sikhism, our RE focus. Next week, we are looking forward to creating a diary for independent writing.

CHESTNUTS

What a lovely start to the term I have had, teaching in Chestnut class, I only hope the children have enjoyed their first few days of term in the same way!

In English we have been focusing on flow diagrams, following instructions and prepositions. Next week we hope to write our own instructions. Place value has been a focus in Maths with a particular focus on learning about tenths, with the children presenting tenths as a fraction, decimal and/or visual representation.

With the broader curriculum we have started looking at where the Romans came from, as part our topic of Empires and Emperors, whilst in design and technology we have looked at cams and the variety of movements cams create, with a view to creating a cam creation next week.

In music the children have investigated the origins of the violin, in preparation for our first whole class violin lesson, led by Dorset Music School professionals where all children will learn the violin for the term.

BEECH

This week's writing focus is Odysseus and the Cyclops, where the children have been writing descriptive pieces of writing about the key figures in this story. In Maths this week, Year 1's have been working on position and direction. Year 2's have been also developing their understanding of fractions of shapes and amounts.

In other learning, the children have been learning about the keyboard and what key buttons are for. The children have also been starting all of our new topics for Summer Term, which is very exciting!

HAZEL

It has been a lovely week in Hazel class, we have enjoyed listening to the exciting things the children got up to over the Easter holiday and we had a brilliant walk around Duncliffe. We started our new topic - Animal Safari, for this half term, talking about our pets and how to look after them. In Maths, we have started looking at the numbers 11-20. If you could practise counting with your child to 20 it would be greatly appreciated. In Literacy, the children have been writing sentences with verbs in them about the Ugly Five (by Julia Donaldson).

DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Information
17 th April	08.30	Big Bap Friday
17 th April	All Day	Gymnastics Competition (see times above – parent/carers welcome)
20 th April		Wheels
23 rd April	13.00	Y3 & 4 cricket festival
24 th April	All Day	Circus skills day
29 th April	15.20	Big Bap Friday orders in
1 st May	08.30	Big Bap Friday
12 th May	All day	Year 3 & 4 trip to the Roman Baths, Bath.
22 nd May	15.30	Half term starts, no After School Club
1 st June	8.40	Second half of term starts
3 rd June	08.20	Big Bap Friday orders in
5 th June	08.30	Big Bap Friday
19 th June	Afternoon	Sports Day – 13.15 KS2 and 14.15 EYFS and KS1
1 st July	15.00	Chestnut violin performance (parents/carers welcome)
1 st July	08.20	Big Bap Friday orders in
3 rd July	08.30	Big Bap Friday
3 rd July	15.00 – 16.30	Summer BBQ (if wet 10 th July)
6 th July	16.00	Summer Play
9 th July	14.00	Summer Play
21 st July	14.30	Leavers Assembly
21 st July	15.20	End of Term (No ASC)
21 st July	15.20 – 16.45	Leavers swim and feast
22 nd July	All day	INSET

Best wishes,

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