

# Stower Provost School Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at school. Read on to find out more.

## **In case you missed it!**

### **RWI Books**

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 then they are likely to be sent home with reading books from their phonic sessions, which are Read Write Inc Books. After completing a 3 or 5 day read of a book, (dependent on their group), the book will be sent home, along with one or two supplementary books which build on known reading knowledge and skills. Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to read daily with their child/children.

Reading is the basis of so much and your help and support is needed, giving all children the opportunity to reach expected reading mile stones. We are noticing a decline in adults reading with their children at home. This is also reflected in national data from the National Literacy Trust whose data states there has been a 19% decline in parents/carers reading to their child, with only 50% reading with their child daily. At the time of setting up our phonic scheme, the programme cost around £15,000, a considerable amount of money for the school. We have noticed that some books are being returned in a poor state e.g. water damaged, creased or crumpled. If books need replacing following their return, I am sorry to say, parents may be charged for replacements, as the school budget cannot cope with multiple replacement purchases. Replacement books will be charged at £5 per book.

### **Sporting Events**

At Stower Provost we try to enable children to compete in a variety of sporting events, however we do rely heavily on parental/carer support linked to transport. It has come to our attention that there is dwindling support volunteering to transport their own, and helping others, with getting to events. School staff are not covered by their insurance to transport children to events.

Should the situation continue, then the school will be forced to either refrain from attending some events, or having to cut free clubs with the finance being directed to hire transport to and from events.

### **After School Club**

Mrs Bewley has been busy in After School Club teaching children how to willow weave. Mrs Bewley will carry out willow weaving on a Wednesday, however booking is required a week in advance, as the willow needs to be soaked for 5 days!

A reminder that booking is also essential both for Breakfast and After School Clubs.

### **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.

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Swimming and PE**

A reminder that children should come into school with a swimming costume, towel, swimming hat and goggles in school, as we hope to have the pool open on Tuesday, for the first time this year.

Children should come to school dressed in PE kit ready to experience a field activity and swimming during their PE lessons.

Children will access an hour of PE on both Mondays and Tuesdays, with 30 mins spent in the pool and 30 minutes spent focusing on the a given field or court sport.

### **Tokes Farm**

There will be NO Tokes Farm visit on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. This is at the request of Tokes Farm.

## **SPORTS**

PE & swim days are:

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

## **CLUBS**

A free lunchtime club runs on a Monday and Tuesday for children, led by Prime Sports. This is currently a turn up and enjoy club, however if numbers go over 18 on a regular basis this will become a booked session, yet continue to be free.

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) <a href="https://kwbclubs.ecwid.com/Stower-Prevost-Community-School-Monday-Dorset-Spring-Term-1-2026-Monday-p624603022">https://kwbclubs.ecwid.com/Stower-Prevost-Community-School-Monday-Dorset-Spring-Term-1-2026-Monday-p624603022</a>
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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> May.

### Tennis

Please see the attached flyer for further information linked to half term tennis coaching.



## Class News

### **OAK**

We have been playing with letters in maths this week - this can only be algebra of course. We have been looking at simple formulae and using bar models to help us. In English, we are continuing our diaries, but also dipping into some daily SPAG too (spelling, punctuation and grammar) - this combines with our Tough Ten work to make our mornings very busy and engaging. In science, we have been completing our scatter graph about a correlation between the mass of a mammal and its gestation period. Thanks to Mrs Rowley and Mrs Hillam, we did spot a correlation after producing a line of best fit. History was producing an Ancient Greece timeline, and PSHE was looking into the qualities of friendship. What an eclectic week - just how we like it. Next week, we are looking forward to finishing our SATs training...

### **CHESTNUTS**

Instructional writing, imperative verbs and gladiators have been the focus of our English lessons this week, with finding out about Roman villas and forts in History. We have continued our learning linked to decimals, including tenths and hundredths in Maths and embedded our knowledge of animal names in French including the phrase 'J'ai' (I have ...). Most in DT have completed their cam creations, and Mrs Ely visited again to teach us violin, where we used our bows, and played along to a chorus, using open string plucking.

### **BEECH**

This week's writing focus is how the zebra got its stripes, where the children have been looking at how animals got their parts. In Maths this week, Year 1's have looking at doubles. Year 2's have been looking at double digit subtraction and addition.

In other learning, the children have been learning about how to classify animals. The children have also been drawing street views (Art).

### **HAZEL**

This week has been an exciting week in Hazel Class, its been wonderful to see how the chicks are growing and the children's growing confidence in handling them. In Maths we have started looking at 5 and a bit more, for example 7 is made up of 5 and 2. In Literacy we have been writing sentences with verbs and adjectives about animals from Rumble in the Jungle. This week has been a creative week with the children creating their own animal masks, listening to music from The Carnival of the Animals and then creating movements for their chosen animal to dance to the music.

## **DIARY DATES**

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

Date	Time	Information
7 <sup>th</sup> May	08.30	NO TOKES FARM (1 week only)
12 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Year 3 & 4 trip to the Roman Baths, Bath.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	15.30	Half term starts, no After School Club

1 <sup>st</sup> June	8.40	Second half of term starts
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	08.20	Big Bap Friday orders in
5 <sup>th</sup> June	08.30	Big Bap Friday
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Afternoon	Sports Day – 13.15 KS2 and 14.15 EYFS and KS1
1 <sup>st</sup> July	15.00	Chestnut violin performance (parents/carers welcome)
1 <sup>st</sup> July	08.20	Big Bap Friday orders in
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	08.30	Big Bap Friday
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	15.00 – 16.30	Summer BBQ (if wet 10 <sup>th</sup> July)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	16.00	Summer Play
9 <sup>th</sup> July	14.00	Summer Play
21 <sup>st</sup> July	14.30	Leavers Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> July	15.20	End of Term (No ASC)
21 <sup>st</sup> July	15.20 – 16.45	Leavers swim and feast
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day	INSET

Best wishes,

*Ailsa B-Hirst*

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