

Stower Provost School Newsletter

15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A small request – if any parents or carers have any small cause and effect toys that they no longer require, the school would welcome them as a donation, for use in our Cedar Room. These toys might include, wind up toys, push and pop toys, pull back and let go toys and/or button pressing causing something to move. Thank you in advance for your help.

THIS WEEK

SATS week

Year 6 pupils across the country sat their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) this week. We are extremely proud of all our Year 6 students who showed great determination, resilience and positive attitude to these assessments. Well done to you all, and my thanks to adults who supported and facilitated the tests.

Roman Baths Trip

The Roman Baths Trip on Tuesday was an incredibly interesting and rewarding day for all involved. The children thoroughly enjoyed the multitude of activities that were put on for us such as: dressing up as Romans, holding real and replica artefacts, creating our own mosaics as well as being archaeologists (seeing what Mrs Whelan's previous job was like and how people find out information about the past through what they find). The children also got the opportunity to go around the baths and although we could have spent another few hours exploring – the children enjoyed meeting a Roman and seeing the bubbles coming from the springs.

NEXT WEEK

Half term starts on 22nd May at 15.20. There will be no After School Club on this day.

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) https://kwclubs.ecwid.com/Stower-Prevost-Community-School-Monday-Dorset-Spring-Term-1-2026-Monday-p624603022
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)

Join your Family Hub and
TRAIN TO BECOME
A volunteer parenting group leader

- The years between two and eleven can be an intense emotional roller coaster for any parent or carer
- Could your parenting journey support other parents and carers?
- We're looking for volunteers to lead Empowering Parents Empowering Communities a course by parents for parents.
- You bring your experience.
- We'll give you the training to thrive as a leader.

Mums, dads and carers can apply

To find out more, please scan the QR code, fill in the short enquiry form and we will contact you for an informal chat!




OTHER NEWS

Volunteer parenting group leader

Please find attached a flyer linked to training to become a volunteer parenting group leader, with a view to empowering parents and communities. Should you be interested please contact Dorset Council or scan the bar code.

Governor vacancy

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

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.



Free Parenting Care session: An Introduction to Autism

Thursday 21st May, 9.30 – 11 am at The Sherborne Children's Centre, Tinneys Lane, Sherborne, DT9 3DY.

Book your place now!




DONHEAD TENNIS CLUB HOLIDAY CAMP

TUESDAY 26TH MAY 9AM-3PM

Sign up now! Tennis fun with coaches and live focus on developing fundamental skills for tennis, net and fun and games.

Donhead Tennis Club Chairman: shirley@donheadtennis.co.uk

www.Live4Tennis.co.uk



Tennis

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

Sensory board craft and paper marbling

Please see attached flyer.

Sensory board craft and paper marbling

In celebrating the National Year of Reading the theme for May at Dorset Libraries is "read, read and explore". The children will be able to explore children's books in braille, followed by the making of a sensory board suitable for visually impaired children to feel. Paper marbling is also included.



Gillingham Library

Thursday 28 May
10:30am - 11:30am

Drop in session suitable for families.
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information
01747 822180
gillingham@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries

Half term Lego club

Come and join in the fun and get creative with our great selection of Lego.



Gillingham Library

Tuesday 26 May
2:30pm - 4:30pm

Drop in session suitable for families.
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Please see attached flyer.

Class News

OKA

Well, they did it - and they did it with resilience, enthusiasm and good humour. The SATs festival is over for another year. The staff always comment on how challenging these papers are. I always try to do the papers alongside them and had to think hard to come up with answers. The reading test had a lot of higher order inference questions which the children attempted with great vigour. Thanks to all members of staff, volunteers and Governors who came in to ensure the smooth running of the tests, with the wellbeing of the children being our top priority, as always. A special thanks goes to Mrs Lewis, who created the most wonderful SATs days breakfast to get the mornings off to a good start - she always makes the children feel supported and as relaxed as possible. Mrs B, too, deserves a big round of applause for all the admin and security arrangements, along with Mrs Pike. A true team effort by all involved.

Talking of team efforts, we need to say a big thank you to all the staff who looked after year five, and an even bigger thank you to all our lovely year fives who worked independently in so many different classrooms this week, to free up the classroom for SATs. Well done and thank you to you all, year 5. Next week, we are looking forward to returning to our full and diverse curriculum. Hoorah!

CHESTNUTS

It's been a week full of adventures and animals in Chestnut Class! We had our exciting trip to Bath, followed by farmyard frolics at Tokes Farm. This week the 3 week old kids, Jam Jam and Pixie, have really found their feet and have started exploring and climbing over the school house, decking and even the children in Chestnut Class! They are utterly adorable and we are loving watching them grow in confidence

and mischievousness. Sadly, in the flock of sheep, we lost a ewe to fly strike so there are two orphaned lambs which the children bottle fed during their 'animal care' rounds. The children were very respectful and careful when handling the lambs and we look forward to seeing how they will re-integrate to the flock. There was great excitement this week when inspecting the chickens, as two of the more shy chickens were handled for the first time by Isaac and Elsie. Patience pays off!

In the Market Garden, the Year 4s broke the record by filling 90 wheelbarrows full of 'black gold' compost to prepare the growing beds. The Year 3s helped to weed the squash beds and we looked at the different types of fibrous and tap roots which linked perfectly with our Science learning from last week. We also learned about companion planting and brought lots of ladybirds into the polytunnel to help tackle the aphid problem. It was another wonderful day full of team work, enthusiasm and outdoor fun!



BEECH

This week's writing focus has been 'How to catch a Dragon', where the children have been looking at imperative verbs and how to use them to command and instruct people on how to catch mythical creatures. In Maths this week, Year 1's have been recapping odd and even numbers and halving and doubling up to 20. Year 2's have been exploring time, looking at o'clock, quarter past, quarter to, half past and telling the time to the nearest five minutes.

In other learning, the children have been learning about how pets are classified (Science) and what Victorian Schools looked like (History). The children have also been colouring in buildings to create a cardboard layering effect in the style of James Rizzi (Art) as well as continuing their swimming week. This week is Mental Health Week and the children of Beech class have been exploring emotions and how it is ok to feel different things through 'Stormbreak'.

HAZEL

This week Hazel Class have been focused on minibeasts. We have been weaving our own spider webs, recreating Matisse's Snail and writing stories about minibeasts. The children have been focused on adding detail to their sentences in Literacy. In Maths, we have been continuing our learning about 10, including looking at the tens and ones columns.

DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Information
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
7 th July	All Day	Yr 6 Transition Day at Sturminster High School
7 th July	All Day	Yr 6 Transition Day at Gillingham Secondary School
7 th July	All Day	Move up day at Stower Provost New Reception children in 09.30- 11.30
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,

Ailsa B-Hirst

Mrs B