

Stower Provost School Newsletter

22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry that children did not get to swim this week. This was due to the heating system going down at some point over the weekend, resulting in the temperature plummeting, just at a time when the outside temperature also fell, resulting in the pool taking its time to reheat. I am glad to say it is now back up to a usable level of heat, so we hope to make full use of the pool after half term. With this in mind, please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on a Monday and Tuesday. This should include a costume, towel, swim hat and goggles.

I have been asked to disseminate the following from Dorset Council to parents and carers – which includes **5x £50 Amazon Voucher Prize Draw**:

‘As part of our Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, we are asking parents and carers about their childcare needs. This work helps us to better understand the current and future demand for childcare across the local area, enabling us to support families more effectively. Thank you in advance for your time and support. The parents survey has a prize draw of 5 x £50 Amazon vouchers.’

Survey link: [Childcare Survey for Dorset Parents and Carers - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#)

Closing date: Wednesday 17th June 2026’

THIS WEEK

Our new website!

If you haven't already logged on, please do and see our new school website <http://www.stowerprovost.dorset.sch.uk>

Half term

Half term starts at 15.20 today. There will be no After School Club today.

FIRST WEEK AFTER HALF TERM

Multiplication check weeks

The two weeks after the half term break is the window for completing the Year 4 multiplication check. My intention is to complete the assessments on a 1:1 on Thursday 4th June. There is therefore time over the half term and a few days at the beginning of the week we return to school to hone skills!



Big Bap Friday orders to be in

Big Bap Friday will be on 5th June, therefore please would all orders be in on Wednesday 3rd June at 15.00.

A reminder that baps cost £2 for a sausage or bacon roll and £3 for a bacon and sausage bap. To reduce wastage, I am cooking to the numbers gathered, so it is unlikely there will be spares on the day – sorry!

Big Bap Friday

5th June is another Big Bap Friday. Orders in by the 3rd June please.

CLUBS

Please note the two new sports being focused on after half term, in the KS2 Monday and Tuesday free sports clubs.

A free lunchtime club will continue to run on a Monday and Tuesday for children, led by Prime Sports. This will continue to be a turn up and enjoy club, unless numbers go over 18 on a regular basis.

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
Rounders Club	Mondays 15.30 – 16.30 1 st June – 6 th July	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
Archery Club	Tuesdays 15.30 – 16.30 2 nd June – 7 th July	Chestnut & Oak KS2 children	Prime Sports	Free - school supported Booking on the Prime sports website (first come first served basis)

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 2 co-opted governor vacancies and one parent governor vacancy. If you know of anyone who may be interested, or you are considering the possibility yourself, do please get in contact.

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

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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, feel and explore". The children will be able to explore children's books to tactile, 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
enquiries@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Facebook Twitter

Dorset Council 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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Half term Lego Club

Please see attached flyer.

Gymnastics Beam Workshop

Tuesday 26th May 13.00 – 15.00 at Gillingham Gymnastics. Please see attached flyer for further information.





Stay and Play Sessions

Various sessions available, do please see the flyer for further information.

Summer Club

Finally one for the future – Stower Vale Summer Club is back, for the first two weeks of August. Again please see the leaflet for further details.



Class News

OAK

We're back! The learning is going really well and the children have worked astonishingly hard this week. We have looked at metric units in maths, and then divided and multiplied by 10,100, and 1000 too. We estimated how many of our pets would fill a one tonne bag, with dachshunds being the clear winner in terms of quantity. A child also volunteered to get into the bag, in order to demonstrate just how *big* a metric tonne is! In English, we finished our diaries based on The Explorer - a challenging task, as ever, but many of the children rose successfully to the occasion. In science, we looked at foetus development - we enjoyed the size comparisons to fruit and vegetables. The art collage and applique projects are going well too. After half term, we are looking forward to further writing opportunities and hearing more about Percy Jackson.

Please make sure you all have a well-deserved break over the half term break!

CHESTNUTS

Sensory descriptions have been the focus in English, as we change tack from instructional writing to developing story writing, with a view to writing a descriptive recount at the completion of the unit of work, which focuses on the story by Christina Balit entitled 'Escape from Pompeii'.

There has also been a new topic in Maths this week, with money being the focus, which builds on the children's knowledge and use of decimals. In History the development of the Roman empire has been explored and discussed, while in Science parts of flowers have been the focus. Science and Art topics complement each other, as the children embark on studying botanical artworks and artists. Tokes Farm was again a real treat on Thursday, along with our group violin lesson.

The next Tokes Farm dates for your diaries are:

- Thurs 11th June
- Thurs 18th June
- Thurs 25th June
- Thurs 2nd July
- Thurs 9th July

BEECH

Happy National Numeracy Day! With it being National Numeracy Day this week, I would like to celebrate all the Maths that has been going on this week throughout school!

Reception have been throwing shapes! They have been exploring 3D shapes and their qualities in order to recognise and name them. GO SHAPES!

Year 1 have been spilling beats! They have been doing quick recall number facts to ten and expanding that to support their number bonds to 20! 5 - 5/ 6 - 4!

Year 2 have been writing off time! Quarter past and quarter to are nothing to quarrel at, they have been exploring telling time to the five minutes.

Years 3 and 4 have been sharing the load! 346 split into 2 EASY PEASY! The children have been exploring division using place value charts to support.

Years 5 and 6. Metric to imperial is like water off a ducks back! Even though the metric is the way of the world nowadays, Oaks have been digging into the past with imperial measure and rocking it.

This week's writing focus has continued to be writing instructions on how to catch a mythical creature, where the children have been using 'bossy/imperative' verbs to tell the reader how to catch something. In Maths this week, Year 1's have been using their number bonds to ten to support their number bonds to 20 calculations as well as starting measurement. Year 2's have been finishing off with time and getting to grips with statistics.

In other learning, the children have been learning about how to classify animals in terms of carnivore, herbivore and omnivore (Science) and how to support each other and embrace the perseverance needed to learn a new skill (PSHE). The children have also been using cardboard layering to support their James Rizzi imitations (Art). Finally, the children have also been given the opportunity to replicate the Great Fire of London which started on Pudding Lane in a little bakery. I apologise (Mrs Whelan) that it has taken so long to do this but I wanted to be the one who completed it with the children, so I would like to thank the children for being patient but also that the children of Beech and Hazel class for being so respectful of the dangers.

HAZEL

Hazel Class has had a busy week finishing off our topic Animal Safari. We have spent time looking at minibests and the different types before making our own minibests out of clay. In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes with the children learning their properties before going on a 3D shape hunt around the school. In literacy we have been writing sentences about the animals from the story Walking Through The Jungle, making sure we remember finger spaces, full stops, capital letters, a verb and beginning to introduce adjectives to describe the animals

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
11 th June	Morning	Tokes Farm visit for Chestnut Class
18 th June	Morning	Tokes Farm visit for Chestnut Class
19 th June	Afternoon	Sports Day – 13.15 KS2 and 14.15 EYFS and KS1
25 th June	Morning	Tokes Farm visit for Chestnut Class
1 st July	15.00	Chestnut violin performance (parents/carers welcome)
1 st July	08.20	Big Bap Friday orders in
2 nd July	Morning	Tokes Farm visit for Chestnut Class
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	Morning	Tokes Farm visit for Chestnut Class
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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