

Stower Provost School Newsletter

19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly my apologies for the mix up in timings linked to Sports Day. To confirm Hazel and Beech classes (EYFS and Years 1 & 2) will start their events at 13.00. Chestnut and Oak classes (Key Stage 2) will have their events 14.00 – 15.00. On completion of the Key Stage 2 events, the whole school will gather on the field, under the Chestnut trees to await the overall results and winning house.

A reminder as well that Praise and Celebrate Assembly will be held at 9.00 on Friday morning, due to the sports day.

RSE

I will also be sending out further clarification of the RSE coverage for each class, with worksheet examples and refined vocabulary lists. This information will be sent via Parentmail, along with paper copies in book bags, and likely to be sent mid to late next week.

Speed Limit

Many of you will have noticed the lovely new speed limit signs up and around the roads around school. You will also have noticed the national speed limit sign on Stour Lane, with no indications of a reduction of speed required when passing the school i.e. 30 mph. I queried the signage with the county council and it appears that the lane, including the road passing the school, is national speed limit. I personally find this ludicrous, as cars can race past the school up to 50mph. In the interest of pupil and family safety, I will be writing to the Parish Council to request a reduction in the speed limit. This is the approach detailed by the council. In the meantime, please could I ask that all individuals linked to the school and preschool, drive with caution and at a significantly reduced speed along the road, particularly when passing school and parked cars. I am aware that walking along the lane is particularly hazardous, due to the currently speed limit. Safe to say, I am on the case!

THIS WEEK

Beech class trip to East Dorset Museum

The East Dorset Museum 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: making homemade lemonade, watching and creating a Punch and Judy show, being a part of a Victorian school room and making peg dolls. The children also got the opportunity to ask questions and immerse themselves in the learning that we have been doing this term. All the staff at the Museum complimented Beech Class on their behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. Well done, Beech Class!

First Nation Indian

My sincere thanks to Colin and Pepe Seaford, who have very kindly donated a First Nation wooden Indian figure, who now resides in our inner courtyard. My thanks also to Ben Ellis for his installation skills!

I hope 'Standing Bear' will oversee activities and powwows in the sheltered outdoor space, between Chestnut and Beech classes.



Sports Day – Friday 19th June

As with the past few years, parents and carers are welcome to picnic at the bottom of the field and by the play trail from 12.15 – 12.45, prior to our school sports day.

Children will have had a play time prior to picnicking, we will then come back into school to gather, prior to Beech and Hazel pupils coming back out for their events. We are aiming for the slightly earlier start time of 13.00. Following their events, parents and carers are welcome to watch the older children, with their

children, should they wish. Alternatively, Beech and Hazel children will have activities in Beech Class, and the opportunity to watch from the patio.

We hope KS2 pupils (Chestnut and Oak) will take part in their events from 14.00.

There will then be a gathering of all children at around 15.00, to hear final results.

Children are welcome to wear a t-shirt of their house colour, or school PE kit.

For those new to the school, our sports days are rotational events, with pupils competing in a variety of athletics skills in small groups and moving around stations.

NEXT WEEK

Year 6 trip to Bristol

Next week sees our Year 6 pupils going on a trip on Thursday to Bristol, where they will visit a science museum, have food at a restaurant and then watch a show at the Hippodrome theatre.

CLUBS

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

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.

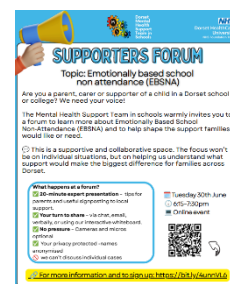
Music Lessons

Please contact the office if your child is interested in music lessons for the Autumn term, at present we have a piano and guitar teacher providing single or group lessons (approx. £7 per lesson although prices vary) Please also let us know if your child is interested in any other instrument, we may be able to find a teacher.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

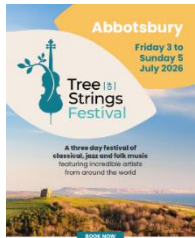
EBSNA Supporters Forum

Please find a flyer attached regarding a Support Forum linked to Emotionally based school non attendance which takes place on Tuesday 30th June 18.15 – 19.30.



School Summer Fete and BBQ

The 3rd July is the school's summer fete and barbeque, running 15.00 – 16.30. There will be a dog show, with Grooming Concepts owner Leanne being our visiting judge, bringing prizes for the best dogs in each category. So get your dogs in trim and we look forward to seeing you all on 3rd July. More information to follow shortly.



Tree of Strings Festival 3rd – 5th July

Please find attached, details of a very exciting new festival that has been founded by Adrian Brendel.

This will be taking place over the first weekend in July at Abbotsbury, there's something for everyone and it is promising to be very special.

There are concerts and workshops, the [website](#) has more information and booking details.



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.



Live4Tennis

Please find attached the flyer for Live4Tennis summer sessions.



Stagecoach Workshop Opportunity

Please see the attached flyer linked to Stagecoach summer workshops.



Summer School Uniform Sales

Although we have a lot of second hand uniform available at school, I know some prefer to buy new. Therefore please find dates linked to supermarket sales on school clothes, in the flyer attached.

Class News

OAK

This week has been a busy one with a variety of topics covered. In English, most have finished their newspaper article based on *The Explorer*. It was a really challenging task, but the children were very pleased with their results. In maths, we revised pie charts, and started to draw them based on some challenging data sets. In science, we asked if reaction times get slower as we age - perhaps a controversial topic for some! The children thought the data might suggest that younger children would actually have slower times than them, then this might occur again in people such as Mrs Clasby (now 63) as we look at the effects of ageing on the body. Obviously, all the children were faster than me! In history, we looked at Influential Athenians (Superdudes - no women allowed then!), including Cleisthenes, Socrates, Plato and Pericles and wrote some information about them. We also discussed the fact that they were just 'us, then.' Next week, we are looking forwards to planning our seasonal soup making.

CHESTNUTS

This week we have immersed ourselves in learning about the Romans. In English our comprehension was based on the Roman army and learning about its structure, hierarchy and life as a soldier. Writing activities have continued to focus on the 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit book, with the children developing description writing, focusing on the scene of the erupting Mount Vesuvius. In History we have considered what life was like in Ancient Britain, prior to the Roman invasion; been Roman spies and made notes, so we

could advise officials back in Roman how to prepare, and the possible riches to be found in England, should it be conquered.

Our focused has moved from money, onto the topic of Time in Maths, and the children have learning how to read analogue clocks using the terms 'past' and 'to', and being accurate to 5 minutes and even 1 minute. A change in topic has also been seen in Art, with our Botanical Art project coming to a close. We have now moved onto the design and technology project of Greenhouses, where we hope to plan and construct a miniature greenhouse, where materials will need to be carefully considered.

BEECH

This week's writing focus has been explanation texts, where the children have been looking at how children can explain to others what we did on our school trip this week. In Maths this week, Year 1's have been looking at clocks and time especially o'clock and half past. Year 2's have been doing consolidation work on place value this week.

In other learning, the children have been exploring different parts of a plant (Science) and thinking about what we would put in a temple like Buddha's Sacred Temple of the tooth casket in RE. The children have also been preparing and experiencing Sports Day activities ready for Sports Day this Friday (19th).

HAZEL

This week has been a busy week with some lovely sentence writing about the Storm Whale and a pirate game of Scrub the Deck. The children received a special letter from Captain Jane who asked them to find the best place to hide her treasure so it couldn't be found by Captain Jack. The children were given a copy of the map she had drawn and then they picked their own hiding places and wrote instructions for Captain Jane. Using Matisse's Beasts Of The Sea painting as inspiration, the children created their own collage versions. We have listened to the Carnival of the Aquarium and moved to the music like different types of sea creatures. And in maths we have been consolidating our numbers to 20, and our number bonds to 10.

DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Information
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	12.15	Parents and Carers are welcome to picnic with their children on field prior to sports day.
19 th June	Timings & groups	Sports Day – 13.00 EYFS and KS and 14.00 KS2
25 th June	Morning	Tokes Farm visit for Chestnut Class
25th June	All day	Year 6 Trip to Bristol
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 09.00- 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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