

Stower Provost School Newsletter

3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the end of term drawing closer, we have a busy couple of weeks. I thought I would therefore send out a reminder with a few key dates:

Friday 3rd July

14.55 - Praise and Celebrate Assembly

15.15 - Summer Fete, with dog events 15.45 - 16.45.

Monday 6th July

16.00 - Summer Play (Year 5 & 6 on stage, and other classes singing)

Tuesday 7th July

8.40 - Move up day for all pupils.

New reception children for Sept 26, morning only until 11.30am

15:20 -15:40: Home time / 'Meet the staff' on the field. An opportunity for parents and carers to meet staff prior to Sept.

Thursday 9th July

09.00 – Last Tokes Farm visit

14.00 - Summer Play (Year 5 & 6 on stage, and other classes singing)

15.00 - RSE explanatory talks to parents in classrooms, while children are on the field. (Letter with further information to follow)

15.20 - Collection

RSE

You will have seen from parent mail, that a letter has been sent out, inviting parents and carers to hear from class teachers the content of forthcoming RSE lessons, and see associated worksheets linked to revised content, based on parent carer community feedback. You are warmly invited into classrooms on Thursday 9th July at 15.00. This is after the school play, with a start time of 14.00. Children will taken for an extra play on the field between 15.00 – 15.15, with collection as normal at 15.20.

THIS WEEK

Chestnut violin performance

On Wednesday 1st July our Year 3 and 4 pupils put on a performance in the school hall, to share their violin learning over the last 9 weeks, with Mrs Ely, from the Dorset Music Service. It was lovely to see so many in attendance to see how well they played.

Big Bap Friday

Today saw the last Big Bap Friday. My thanks to all those who have supported this venture over the last year.

Homework

This week was the last week that homework would be handed out!

NEXT WEEK

Hot weather

As the temperatures rise again next week, please would parents ensure their children:

- 1) Have **sun screen** applied before school
- 2) Have a **water bottle** in school
- 3) Have a **hat**
- 4) Have their **swimming kit**, including 2 towels

5) Wear **PE kit** each day

Summer Play

We have two performances of our summer play next week. All children in Hazel, Beech, Chestnut and Oak classes are involved, with Year 5 & 6 on stage, and other classes singing. Performances are on:
Monday 6th July at 16.00 and Thursday 9th July at 14.00.

Moving Up Day

Moving Up Day is Tuesday 7th July. There will be NO PE and Swim on this day, to allow children to make the most of their time with their new teachers and classes.

Our new reception pupils for Sept 26, will be joining us for the morning.

15:20 -15:40 - At the end of the day, all parents and carers, are invited to a 'Meet the staff' on the field. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet staff prior to Sept.

Tokes Farm

Having thought they could offer an additional session, to make up for the one lost due to hot weather last week, unfortunately Tokes Farm are unable to do so. This means that Thursday 9th July will be last session for those in Chestnut class.

RSE Explanatory talks

Further to the parent mail sent to all parents and carers, there is an opportunity to see and talk through the planned sex education sheets and content. You are invited to view materials in classrooms, and ask any questions you may have on Thursday 9th July at 15.00 (after the school play). The children will be taken to play on the school field. Collection at 15.20, will follow these meetings.

Homework

This week saw the last week of homework!

CLUBS

Please note that next week is the last week for clubs. All clubs will have finished by Friday 10th July.

OTHER NEWS

Signs of Anxiety support



Dorset MHST have recently shared some new webinars on anxiety for parents/carers and school staff. We currently don't have Mental Health Support Team helping us at Stower Provost yet, so I thought this may be a useful resource for all.

"📺 Year 6 and under

This session helps you spot the signs of anxiety in younger children. It also shares simple, practical strategies you can use at home to support your child. There's also a focus on looking after your own wellbeing.

Copy the link and watch: bit.ly/4vle6ly

Please note: you'll need to complete a short form to get the YouTube link for each session. 📄 ⚡ "

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

Prime Sports - Newly re-vamped football development programme - REP: The Football Framework.

Formerly Prime FC, during the offseason Prime Sports decided to revolutionise their offer for local players to provide them the opportunity to immerse themselves in the game and develop their abilities further, like they never have done so before. With this, Prime Sports will now be running single age groups, with every single session being a match day held at Port Regis School. They will be running FREE OPEN TRIALS on select dates too (see attached flyer).

The aim, with the change of direction, is to create an offer similar to that of the JPL - but locally, as Prime Sports understand how many parents are required to travel across the south to attend similar set ups elsewhere.

To ensure as many local players have access to this fantastic opportunity we have been asked to share the information and flyer with pupils and parents.

Website - <https://www.repfootballframework.com/>

Linktree - <https://linktr.ee/REPF>



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 – Stover 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.



Music Culture Quest

This information is being shared from Dorset Music Service , on behalf of their partners Arts Development Company, who are leading on a fantastic initiative this summer to encourage children to explore arts and culture across the county!

Culture Quest is an exciting new summer initiative for children aged 5 - 11 across Dorset.

Culture Quest is a programme taking place during the summer holidays, designed to encourage children to explore arts and culture across the county. Children collect a *Culture Passport* from their local library and take part in a range of activities across Dorset such as arts and crafts, music, dance, theatre, storytelling and more. Each activity earns children a stamp and once they collect five stamps, they can complete their quest, receive a certificate, and enter a prize draw.

Should you wish further information, please see the [Culture Quest Map](#) and [Resource Library](#) or contact the Arts Development Company at: hello@theartsdevelopmentcompany.org.uk

FREE parent and carer course – Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Supporting Healthy Screen Use from FACE - Family Advice, Communication, Education.

16th July, 7 - 8pm - Reducing the harms from screens. Please see the link below for booking.

https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/service-page/free-supporting-healthy-screen-use-1?utm_campaign=a2a313f6-332d-4c0a-90a9-880ea26523ba&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=3edc50b0-6dc2-4e47-ae09-132d23c9076d&referral=service_list_widget



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, we have started to look at the poem 'Faceless' by Benjamin Zephania. It is about looking at the inner beauty of everyone, and not being distracted by appearance and disfigurement. The children were quite moved by the story behind it:

You have to talk to me and not
the skin that holds me in
...It's those that judge me quick you'll find
are those that are unwise
...Look at me, smile, you are now seeing
A great thing called a human being.

In maths, we enjoyed our last tests for this term - our maths (PUMA) and grammar was SPAG (GAPS) - the children rose to the challenge wonderfully. In PSHE, we wrote ten tips to make us feel more positive about ourselves in the face of photoshop, AI and deep fake, just to name three!

Next week, we are looking forward to planning our soup to make with seasonal vegetables. Tasty!

CHESTNUTS

The children have completed end of year assessments this week, on top of other curriculum work. In Maths we have continued and completed work linked to Time, while in DT the children have planned, as part of a group, how they will construct a mini greenhouse. In History, the Roman relationship with the Picts and Scotland as a whole was a focus. Ice creams and their flavours were the focus of learning in French, while in PSHE the children considered what made them special?

Next week see our big write and a focus on statistics in Maths.

BEECH

This week has been very busy again with it being Assessment week and we have written up our Independent Write about our school trip to the East Dorset Museum. Following this, we started to work on next week's book focus of 'The Bumblebear' which the children enjoyed. In Maths this week, Year 1's have started to look at fractions in relation to halving shapes. Year 2's have been recapping previous learning about multiplication and repeated addition with arrays.

In other learning, the children have been exploring the differences and similarities between a seed and a bulb (Science) and learning about Samuel Wilderspin and his importance to schooling (History) . The children have also been preparing lemonade (which we learnt how to make on our school trip) to have a stall at the Summer Fair this Friday (3rd).

HAZEL

This week has been a busy week with the children completing their PIRA (reading) and PUMA (maths) tests and song rehearsals ready for Monday's play performance. In maths we have been consolidating our learning of number bonds to 10 using the rekenrek and 10 frames. In literacy we have been continuing writing sentences using the Commotion in the Ocean story and adding adjectives to our sentences. We have also been looking at their transition into Year 1, talking about friendships, what we are looking forward to and what we may be apprehensive about.

DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Information
3 rd July	15.15 – 16.45	Summer Fair and BBQ
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
9 th July	15.00	RSE (sex education) explanatory materials and talk in classrooms
10 th July	15.20	Last day of clubs running
16 th July	CANCELLED	NO Tokes Farm visit
16 th July	09.00 – 14.30	SEN Trip for specific children
17 th July	All day	Beech Class Trip to Salisbury
17 th July	All day	Hazel Class Trip to Charmouth
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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