

Stower Provost School Newsletter

10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Summer Fayre last Friday, and at the play this week. Well done to all the children who faced the heat so stoically on Monday, and performed so well on Thursday morning.



As with the last spell of hot weather, we have made the most of our pool, with classes swimming 3 to 4 times a day.

Summer Fayre

Thank you to all those parents who both set up and cleared the Summer Fayre. I thought the event was well supported by families, with bouncy castles, barbeque, face painting, delicious lemonade made by Beech class and a very popular dog show. Congratulations to Mocca, Ozzy, Harley, Maple and Teazle who were all winners in their classes.



School Council

As some of you will know, the School Council drafted and wrote letters because they are worried about the speed limit past our school - which is of course, 60 mph. They wrote to the Highways department at Dorset Council, as well as Simon Hoare MP and Cllr Jane Somper, also at Dorset Council. Jane Somper is coming to talk to the School Council on Monday about the problem and she seems very keen to help us. We will let you know what she says!

Speed Limit

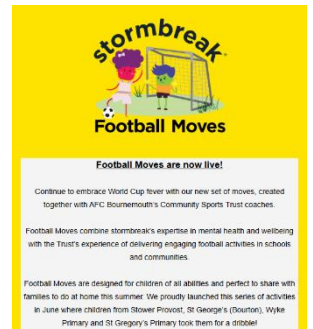
I am pleased to inform you all that Emma Selway, Road Safety Officer from Dorset Council has written to say that the Parish Council are in full support of the proposal for a reduction in the speed limit passed the school, and have agreed to fund the necessary traffic survey work required to progress the scheme.

Stormbreak Newsletter

Stower Provost is mentioned in the Stormbreak June Newsletter!

'Football moves are designed for children of all abilities and perfect to share with families to do at home this summer. We proudly launched this series of activities in June where children from Stower Provost, St George's (Bourton), Wyke Primary and St Gregory's Primary took them for a dribble!'

Please find a copy of the activities attached to this newsletter.



THIS WEEK

Summer Play

We had two performances of our summer play this week. The children 'melted' on Monday in the heat of the afternoon for our first performance, hence the change of time to 9am on Thursday.

I am so pleased we changed the timings. Those who attended both performances, will certainly have noticed the difference between the Monday and Thursday performance! The children sang their hearts out, and the adults didn't too badly either, when we all joined in with a rendition of 'Rocking all over the world'!

Moving Up Day

Moving Up Day took place on Tuesday 7th July, with all children spending time with their new teachers, some in new classrooms. It was lovely to have our new reception pupils for Sept 26 join us for the morning.

At the end of the day, parents and carers, were invited to a 'Meet the staff' on the field. This was 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 meant that Thursday 9th July was the last session for those in Chestnut class.

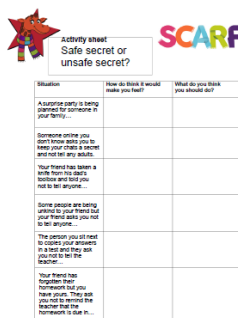
The children have thoroughly enjoyed their experience and have loved working with the animals, in the market garden and generally have a superb hands on learning experience, which has supported topics within the class, linked to Geography and Science. My sincere thanks to Tokes Farm for offering the school this wonderful opportunity, which has been supported by grants, including the transport, meaning this has been a completely FREE learning experience for all.

RSE Explanatory talks

Parents and carers were given the opportunity to see and talk through the planned sex education sheets and content. Should you have miss this, do please send an email to office@stowerprovost.dorset.sch.uk, and Mrs Pike will ask your child's class teacher to make contact.

The following

Class	Day	Time
Hazel	Tues 14 th July Reception Where do babies come from? Getting bigger Me and my body – girls and boys	pm
Beech	Weds 15 th July Y1 & 2 Keeping clean & staying healthy Y 1 & 2 Body parts	am pm
Chestnut	Weds 15 th July Y3 & 4 Staying safe Y3 & 4 Secret or surprise Thurs 16 th July Y3&4 My changing body Y4 All Change! Y4 Preparing for changes at puberty.	pm am
Oak	Weds 15 th July Y5 & 6 Growing up and changing bodies Y6 Is this normal? Y6 Helpful or unhelpful? Managing change.	am pm



NEXT WEEK

School Council Fundraiser – Wednesday 15th July

On **Wednesday 15th July**, it is our Hat n' Hair day to raise money for the charity the school voted to support, World Vision UK. The children are welcome to wear an outrageous hat or hairstyle for a donation of **£1 per family** if possible. **Also on that day, the School Council will be having a cake sale**, so if you could supply a cake or biscuits, they would much appreciate it. They will be having a stand in the hall from 15.10. Please support our School Council if you can!

World Vision information from their website:

World Vision has a long history of taking action that transforms the world. Our focus is on helping the most vulnerable children, in the most difficult places, overcome poverty and experience fullness of life. For 75 years, we've partnered with millions of children and families to find a way out of poverty, and we're often among the first to help when a crisis strikes.

If anyone out there is happy to provide cake/cakes we would be very grateful.
Please also come with coins for purchases – from 10p - £1 for items.

FINAL WEEK OF TERM

Leavers Assembly

Please note that the leavers assembly will now **start at 14.15**.

CLUBS

No clubs run this week, only After School Club.

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

Cricket Invitation

Dorset Cricket have sent an invitation to all pupils at Stower Provost, to an exciting celebration of women's cricket this summer as Dorset Cricket takes on Hampshire in the Women's Showcase Game on **Friday 31 July 2026**.

Ahead of the match, they are hosting a **FREE Girls' Skills Activation Morning** for girls aged **8–15 years**, giving the chance to step onto the outfield, develop their cricket skills and be coached by professional players and some of the local heroes of women's cricket.

To make the day even better, **all Under-18s can attend the Showcase Game for FREE**, making it the perfect opportunity for families to stay and watch some of the region's best players in action.

Event Details

-  **Date:** Friday 31 July 2026
-  **Venue:** Canford Magna Sports and Social Club
-  **Ground opens:** 11:30am
-  **Skills Activation registration:** 11:45am
-  **Skills Activation:** 12:00pm – 1:00pm
-  **Open to:** Girls aged 8–15 years

The Skills Activation Morning will feature fun cricket games, skills and activities in a welcoming environment for players of all abilities. Alongside the session, there will also be a variety of stands and activities celebrating everything Dorset Cricket.

Whether your child is already playing cricket or trying it for the first time, this is a fantastic opportunity for girls to be inspired, meet role models, and experience the excitement of representative women's cricket.

To register for the FREE Girls' Skills Activation Morning, please complete the registration form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HRaZm89q5Q>

Dorset Cricket hope to welcome lots of young people from across Dorset for what promises to be a fantastic day celebrating girls' and women's cricket.

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

Formerly Prime FC, during the off-season 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/REPFF>



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.



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 there has been a lot of swimming - generally the children have behaved really well when getting ready and being in the pool. They seemed to have appreciated this aspect of the week a great deal. In English, we have discussed the idea of a poem about diversity and

inclusion, and had a quick foray into problem solving in maths. More of both of these next week! In history, we concluded our look into the role of the Parthenon, and then started to investigate Greek Gods and Goddesses, which was great. The children loved being in the play, and I was very proud of them indeed. They really appreciate the bespoke scripts which Mrs B thinks up, too so a big thankyou to her from everyone.

CHESTNUTS

This week Chestnut class have completed their Time topic in Maths and started Statistics. We have looked at the weather and created pictograms of Wednesday's temperatures. Children used suns or other symbols to represent quantities of degrees. We will be moving onto bar graphs and other ways of representing data next week.

The children have also focus a great deal on their group greenhouse constructions, which require measuring, sawing, construction and gluing. Models are nearly complete, just requiring suitable materials to act as the glass.

This week also saw the last visit to Tokes Farm, with children enjoying homemade pizzas with ingredients harvested from the market garden. Last week we made the dough and this week the children worked in teams selecting delicious, organic vegetables and herbs from the 'no dig' garden and some even chose to add eggs from the Tokes chickens! The children also learned to felt by creating a pile of sheep fleece and adding water, soap, and friction/heat. They each came away with a felt memento and a happy tummy full of pizza!

BEECH

That is 2026 Summer Play all done! Well done to all children for how well they did with singing despite how hot it has been in the hall. Our book focus has been 'The Bumblebear' this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the story and I have even passed it onto Mrs B to read. We have done character descriptions and even come up with our own amalgamation of animals to create a comic strip. In Maths

this week, Year 1's have started to look at fractions in relation to halving amounts. Year 2's have been recapping previous learning about division and the commutativity of division as well as how using counters and pictorial representations can help us with those.

In other learning, the children have been exploring the parts of a leaf (Science) and creating their own sandwiches which we are going to make next week (DT). We have also enjoyed lots of time in the pool this week with the rising temperatures.

HAZEL

We have had a busy week in Hazel Class finishing off lots of learning. In maths we have finished consolidating number bonds to 10, doubles, odds and evens. In literacy we have been writing our own version of the rhyming story 'Is it a plum?'. In our topic we have been working on transition with the children making a booklet about their year in Reception, and making a jigsaw with pictures of themselves and the things they like. Transition Day was a great day with the children enjoying activities using the book 'Oh no, George'. The children made their own lift the flap book of what George might do next, they worked together to make collages of the characters from the story and enjoyed listening to stories written by the same author. The children have enjoyed being in the pool this week, it's lovely to see their confidence in the water.

DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Information
15 th July	All day	Hat and hair day – for World Vision (school charity)
15 th July	15.10	Biscuit and cake sale – please bring change!
16 th July	All day	Beech Class Trip to Salisbury
17 th July	All day	Hazel Class Trip to Charmouth
21 st July	14.15	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