

Stower Provost School Newsletter

17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe this is the last newsletter for the academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank one and all for their support of the school over the past year.

We have a thriving school, with so many activities that continue to enrich the lives of our children. Read on to find out about a few that have, (or are), occurring even as the term draws closer.

School Council

The School Council were pleased to talk to Cllr. Jane Somper from Dorset Council as they expressed to her their worries about the 60mph speed limit outside the school and raising the need for a 20 mph one instead. Ms Somper was very impressed by our passionate children! The School council also ran a cake sale as well as a weird and wonderful hair and hat day to raise money for our chosen charity, World Vision. Sometimes it has been a challenge fitting in time for meetings between lessons and staff absences, but they took it all in their stride. Well done them for a good year overall and thank you, all of you, for your hard work, and being such good ambassadors for the school. Cllr Somper also visited the Pre School, while she was on site.

LAST WEEK

SEN Trip to the Sea Life Centre

We started off the day with 5 of us in a 52 seater coach, which the children thought was hilarious. The children were so well behaved in the heat and thought the fish and all the attractions were fascinating. We enjoyed sitting in the glass bowls to watch the fish swim around us and see the seals getting fed their lunch. We enjoyed an ice cream in the sunshine after the Sea Life Centre and on the way home the bus driver took us along the Weymouth promenade so that we could see the beach and the Ferris wheel which the children enjoyed. Thank you to the children and staff for a fantastic day!

THIS WEEK

School Council Fundraiser – Wednesday 15th July

On Wednesday 15th July, it was Hat n' Hair day, to raise money for the charity the school voted to support, World Vision UK. The children wore a range of hats and/or hairstyle for a donation of £1 per family. Thank you so much to all for their support of this venture.

The School Council also held a cake sale, which was well supported. My thanks to all who supplied cakes or biscuits for the occasion. A total of £110 was raised.

RSE Explanatory talks

Children received their RSE talks this week, with the following themes covered:

Class	Day
Hazel	Tues 14 th July Reception Where do babies come from? Getting bigger Me and my body – girls and boys
Beech	Weds 15 th July Y1 & 2 Keeping clean & staying healthy Y 1 & 2 Body parts



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.	
Oak	Weds 15 th July Y5 & 6 Growing up and changing bodies Y6 Is this normal? Y6 Helpful or unhelpful? Managing change.	

Beech Trip to Salisbury

The children from Beech Class went on the South West Train from Gillingham to Salisbury and back. The children thoroughly enjoyed the train journey there, and I must admit (like the train conductor) were absolute superstars on the train journey back where there weren't available seats for the children to sit on and there was no air con – they powered through beautifully! The walk around Salisbury was great – looking at all the main street has to offer (restaurants and shops, etc). In the cathedral, the children were respectful and fascinated with the beauty of the building. A lovely lady also showed the children the water under the cathedral which without it would mean the cathedral could collapse. Well done Beech Class and thank you to the adults!

NEXT WEEK

Leavers Assembly

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

CLUBS

After School Club will run on Monday after school, but not Tuesday.

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.

Free School Meals

Please see important changes to Free School meal provision attached.

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 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>



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 we have been using our typing and word processing skills to write up some memories of our time at school. The class have enjoyed sharing these. It is lovely that they have these memories together. In maths we continued to look at word problems together. In science we looked at puberty and aspects of getting older. We have also enjoyed some enjoyable cool down swims too!

CHESTNUTS

This week graphs have been the focus in Maths, with the children learning how to create pictograms and bar graphs, as well as interpret information from these. In English, the children have written their 'Escape from Pompeii' stories, which were varied and included sensory descriptions, powerful verbs, descriptive passages linked to erupting volcanos and exciting story ends; not all happy! Next week I hope the class will create a class book of their stories which can then be shared with others.

In PSE we have discussed online safety and the differences between a secret and a surprise, while in DT green house creations have been completed, and the Vindalanda tablets explored in History.

In Science, the children investigated how shadows change shape and size depending on the position of the light source. We drew around our shadows every hour of the school and watched our shadows stretched and shrank as the sun rose higher in the sky. There were some great observation and measuring skills on display. Super science work, Chestnuts!



BEECH

This week has been very busy again with our SEN trip last Friday (10th) to the Sea Life Centre and our trip to Salisbury Cathedral Thursday (16th). This week's book focus has been 'What if, Pig?' which the children enjoyed and have written a variety of different pieces in relation to the story. In Maths this week, Year 1's have been continuing their learning on fractions specifically halves and quarters. Year 2's have been recapping previous learning about measurement and reading different types of measurements.

In other learning, the children have been learning the scientific names for the different parts of the body (RSE) and making/ eating the sandwiches they designed last week (DT) . The children have also been enjoying our reading of various Roald Dahl books so to celebrate the end of year we will be watching Charlie and the chocolate factory as we won't be able to finish reading the book that we have started.

HAZEL

This week has been a culmination of a term's work. We have recapped all our number work, including our work on tens and ones, odds and evens, and part wholes. In literacy, we used the book The Sea Beneath My Feet to write sentences about sea creatures using adjectives and verbs. In PSHE we learnt the names of our body parts and which parts are private, which was helped by the NSPCC's PANTS song. We also talked about how we have changed from babies to now, and what changes we might see as we grow older (apparently, we will all have beards). The week finished with an excellent trip to Charmouth to hunt for fossils and have an ice cream!

DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Information
17 th July	All day	Hazel Class Trip to Charmouth
21st 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,

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