



Newsletter 9

20th 21st March 2026

Dear all,

The Spring term continues apace and what a relief it is to have some sunshine. This week we've even managed to get out onto the field at playtimes. After months of being restricted to the playground, this is great news for the children!

In the four weeks since half term we seem to have managed to cram in a term's worth of activities: egg shackling, decorated eggs, World Book Day, swimming and a theatre trip - amongst a hundred other things. As we race towards the Easter holidays, the children are busy completing their Spring term assessments and we still have a book fair, two assemblies in the church and a non-uniform day to go! If you can, join us in the church at the start of the day on the next two Tuesdays for Kingfishers' class assembly (24th) and our Easter Service (31st).

Egg Shackling

It seems like a long time ago already, but Stoke's wonderful tradition of egg shackling was alive and well on the Tuesday following half term. Thank you to everyone who turned out to witness the event and well done to Violet (3rd), Harley (2nd) and Megan (1st) whose eggs proved to be the most resilient.



As part of the event, the annual decorated eggs competition was also once again a resounding success. We have some very creative children and families! The theme of this year's competition was 'Heroes and Villains'. Like a true coward I passed over the responsibility for judging the entries to others – any entry would have been a worthy winner. However, the judging panel awarded the prizes to (in age order): Alfred, Jemima, Dorothea, Grace, Isla, Mima and Ellie. Well done to you all. [The Gazette article is here.](#)

World Book Day

Following hot on the heels of our annual Eggs-travaganza was World Book Day. Books and reading are a huge part of school life at Stoke from the moment they enter into Reception to the day they move onto secondary school. All children are read to every day and there are moments every week when children are reading to one another or engaged in book chat. This was really evident to see in the range of costumes and 'favourite books' that children brought with them to school. We had fiction and non-fiction, classics and contemporary numbers, those that have been adapted into films, graphic novels and picture books. It was great for the children to see the different genres that their peers enjoy and what it says about each of us. Oh, and the dressing up was good too!

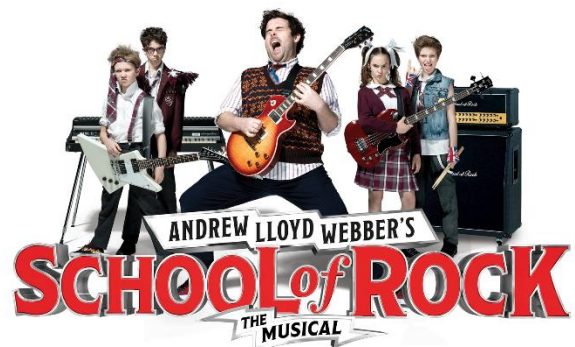


Family Learning

Thanks goes to Lucy Lawrence who led another lovely Family Learning session last week. The theme was 'Hop, Skip and Jump' and as well as allowing children to engage in fun activities in school with parents, all children left with an 'old-school' piece of play equipment – skipping ropes and bean bags for example. Sadly we forgot to take any pictures, but look out for the last Family Learning session of the year in the summer term

School of Rock

Year 4 and Year 5 were treated to a wonderful performance of 'School of Rock: The Musical' at Wells Cathedral School this week. There was some excellent musicianship and acting on display and the children came away having also had an education in the history of rock music! Who knows what inspiration that will prove to be for some of our budding musicians and actors?



PE – Inspired Sports

A change to let you know about for after the Easter holidays. As a school we will be aligning ourselves further with the Oak Partnership’s PE curriculum which will mean that our association with Inspired Sports will come to a close at the end of term. At the time of writing we are not anticipating a change to PE days, just the personnel. Information about sports clubs in the summer term will follow soon.

Book Fair

Lastly, our Book Fair returns next week, running from Tuesday 24th – Friday 27th every afternoon after school. If the weather is good enough it will be on the front playground; if not, then in the hall. Please remember that World Book Day book tokens are accepted so bring them along.

On Tuesday, FOS will be running a stall alongside the Book Fair selling fruit cups and drinks. Thanks FOS!



David Rowland

Headteacher

Key dates:

Tuesday 24 th March	9.10am Kingfisher class assembly
Tuesday 24 th March – Friday 27 th March	Book Fair after school (FOS stall on Tuesday)
Tuesday 31 st March (REVISED!)	9.10am Easter Service in the church
Thursday 3 rd April	FOS non-school uniform day
Friday 3rd April – Sunday 19th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th April	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 21 st May	Maypole
Friday 22nd May	INSET day
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	Half term
Monday 1st June	INSET day
Friday 3 rd July	Sports Day
Thursday 16 th July	Summer Show
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Service and last day of the year

Safeguarding Information:

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please direct to one of our safeguarding team members: Mr Rowland, Mrs Anderson or Mrs Daniels.

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm or in danger, please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or by email at: childrens@somerset.gov.uk



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WE'RE HAVING A

NON UNIFORM DAY

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

EACH CHILD MUST KINDLY BRING £1 DONATION

 FRIENDS AT ST. GREGORY PRIMARY SCHOOL  1941978



Could you tell if your child was being exploited?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

18 March 7:00 - 8:30pm **30 March 10:30am - 12:00pm**

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

18 March **30 March**



CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?

There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

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