



Newsletter 13 – The Lisa Daniels Edition
5th June 2026

Dear all,

After 38 years at Stoke St Gregory Primary School, Mrs Lisa Daniels has announced that she will be retiring at the end of this academic year.

Thirty-eight years of unwavering service, beginning straight from college and spanning her entire professional career, represents a rare and exceptional commitment. Lisa has not simply worked at Stoke; she has helped shape its identity, its culture and its enduring sense of community. Generations of children, families and colleagues have benefited from her care, professionalism, high expectations and fierce loyalty to the school. Her roles as teacher, senior teacher, leader, governor, mentor and protector of “Stokeness” have left an indelible mark that will continue to be felt long after her final day.



Lisa’s impact extends far beyond classrooms, curriculum or buildings. Through times of growth, challenge, uncertainty and change, she has been a constant and steady presence, holding the school together with resilience, humour and an unshakeable belief in what Stoke stands for. Her willingness to adapt, to step forward when needed, and to put the children and community first – particularly during some of the more difficult periods in the school’s recent history – speaks volumes about her character. While we will miss Lisa enormously on a daily basis, her legacy lives on in the strength of the school today and in the countless lives she has touched.

Lisa leaves with our deepest respect, admiration and very best wishes for a happy and well-deserved retirement. And we will, of course, always keep the door open and the coffee machine topped up.

I am sure there are many members of the school and wider community who will be keen to join the staff and me in wishing Lisa well. Please keep your eyes peeled for opportunities over the coming weeks for all to do so.

Staffing

Mrs Rachel Webber has worked alongside Mrs Daniels in Kingfisher class this year and we are also sad to be confirming that she will be moving on at the end of this year. Rachel is a natural 'Stoker', has been hugely popular with staff, children and the wider community and has brought a considerable amount of experience and passion to the school. Thankfully, Rachel is not going far – she will be taking up a full-time position at West Monkton Primary School within the Oak Partnership Trust so we look forward to staying in touch, particularly at Trust choir events.

Arrangements for a new class teacher in Kingfisher class for September are in the final stages and we will share this news with parents in the next couple of weeks.

Pyjamarama

Next Friday, we are excited to be taking part in Pyjamarama!

Pyjamarama is a national reading event run by the charity *BookTrust*, encouraging children to come to school in their pyjamas to celebrate reading for pleasure, while helping to raise funds so that every child can enjoy a bedtime story.

Children are invited to:

- **Come to school in their pyjamas in exchange of a gold coin.**
- Bring a **book to swap** with a friend
- Bring a **teddy bear** if they would like
- Bring **slippers** to wear in class (please ensure your child also has trainers for outdoors and PE)

The ideas above have come from the School Council and they have also planned a range of activities for the day, including:

- Extra time in the library
- Buddy reading sessions
- Teddy bear show and tell

You may also see posters around school sharing more details!

We're looking forward to a cosy and fun-filled day celebrating the joy of reading.



Family Picnic – Friday 17th July

A(nother) date for your diary – on Friday 17th July we would like to invite all parents and carers for a family picnic from 1pm on the school field. All children will eat lunch outside (weather permitting) and we would like to encourage picnic rugs, packed lunches and a whole school community feel. More details will come as we get closer.

Miss Andrew - Buckingham Palace Gold DofE

We are so proud of our wonderful Miss Andrew who was invited up to Buckingham Palace just before half term to celebrate the completion of her Gold DofE. This marks the end of two years of hard work, dedication and community service. She is a shining example to all of our children.



David Rowland
Headteacher

Key dates:

Wednesday 10 th June	Whole school trip to Coates English Willow
Friday 12 th June	Pyjamarama Day
Monday 15 th June	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 19 th June	FOS Father's Day stall
Wednesday 24 th – Friday 26 th June	Ravens Activity Week
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition/Moving up Day
Friday 3 rd July	Sports Day (times tbc - afternoon)
Tuesday 14 th July	Summer Show in The Williams Hall (afternoon and 6pm)
Friday 17 th July	Family picnic from 1pm (details to follow)
Tuesday 21 st July	Whole school trip to Magdalen Farm
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Service (9.15am) 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 or Mrs Anderson.

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

CHOICE ADVICE

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.

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

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

Somerset Choice Advice is a free and impartial service which supports families with advice and practical support through the school admission and appeals processes.

This service exists to ensure that parents can play an active and informed role in securing a school place for their child

Call us on **01823 356 903**

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