



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



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Welcome

We are already over half way through this half term and it feels like we have only just returned from Easter! Children have been busy with new learning:

Pre-school children have been completely immersed in pets and learning about how to care for all kinds of animals - Arthur here is checking JJ's bear is well after it was run over by a trike!

Year R are unlocking their imaginations and learning how to tell and write their very own stories.

Redbridge & Horsebridge are learning all about plants and how things grow.

Mottisfont and Clatford are learning about rivers, as well as creating some fabulous art pieces (they're hanging in the classrooms as they're being created if you want a sneaky peek)!

What's really great about all of these topics is that they're rooted in the things immediately around the children; things that are in their lives now and they continue to explore the world around them in a practical, focused manner.

SATs tests, times tables tests, Early years baseline and more government data gathering are all very important parts of school life but the rich diet of learning your child receives here on a day to day basis is our bread and butter.

Mrs Jefferies, Headteacher



Coming Up!

Mon 13th May	All week	SATS week / Bikeability week for Year 5 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar test today
Tues 14th May	09:00	Reading SATs paper today
Wed 15th May	09:00	Maths papers 1 & 2 SATs today
Thurs 16th May	09:00 12:00	Maths paper 3 SATs today Treat lunch for all Year 6 on the High Street
w/b Mon 20th	All week is walk to school week – see leaflet This week is also parent lunches week	
Wed 22nd May	All day	Mrs McClue is unavailable in her role as SENCo
Thurs 23rd May	11:00 16:00	School dentist in to see 10 random children KS2 Rounders competition at Test Valley School
Fri 24th May	09:00 15:00 15:15	Mrs Hughes' & Redbridge class sharing assembly (in school hall) All KS1 SATs will be completed by this date. £5er challenge goes home to parents.

Welcome Miss Palk!

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff to our team. Miss Palk, who joined Sprat & Winkle class this Tuesday, is an experienced Early Years Learning Support Assistant who joins us from an Andover Infant school. I'm sure many of you will get to know her in the coming months, we're very excited to have her as part of the team.





DIARY DATES

New dates are added each week in bold.

*means further details will be sent.

Date	Time	Event
MAY		
13 th – 16 th	SATS week – Year 6 only	
13 th – 16 th	Bikeability – Year 5 only (info to follow)	
20 th – 24 th	Parents lunches week	
20 th – 24 th	Walk to school week (info to follow)	
Fri 24 th	09:00 15:15	Mottisfont sharing assembly £5er challenge home (Y5/6)
WHITSUN HALF TERM		
JUNE		
Tues 4 th	09:00	Parent forum
Thur 6 th	09:00	Church assembly
10 th – 14 th	Phonics check week / sex education week	
Tues 11 th	Class photos	
Fri 14 th	09:00	Sprat & Winkle sharing assembly
17 th – 21 st	Parent lunches week	
Fri 21 st	Yr 3 camp	
JULY		
Thur 4 th	09:00	Church assembly
Fri 5 th	09:00	Redbridge sharing assembly
Fri 5 th	Reports out	
Mon 15 th	09:00	Sports Day
Fri 19 th	13:00	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		
SEPTEMBER		
Wed 4 th	08:50 10:00	Autumn term begins Y5 at Calshot
30 th Sept – 4 th Oct	All week	Y6 residential in Brecon Beacons

Calshot residential - transport

Due to extortionate costs for transport to get a school group to and from Calshot, I'm afraid we won't be able to provide transport there or back. Historically, parents have made arrangements for support with lifts between themselves and, whilst school cannot do this directly for insurance purposes, we are able to gather names of families who need support and link you with someone who has made an offer of support. Please do let Mrs Hughes or I know if this may apply to you & we'll do our best to help.

New Vicar

WE are delighted to announce that St Peter's has a new Vicar! Rev. Philip Bromiley takes up his post in due course and we are looking forward to meeting him and welcoming him to our school as well as seeing him during our monthly church assemblies. We maintain strong links with the church because it's so central to life on the High Street here in Stockbridge as well as giving children knowledge of a broader section of society within which they function. Knowing a few more friendly faces on the High Street or knowing where to go to seek peace and calm is an important strategy in life. We are so grateful to the church wardens who switch everything on for us and have it all prepared and ready.

SATs week for Year 6

Next week is the one week of the year that Year 6 children are tested on their knowledge and skills acquired throughout their primary years. Best of luck all of you, we know you'll smash it! Life is about so much more.....

Parents & school in partnership

Earlier this year, you may remember completing a parent questionnaire about the school. The responses were great and we were generally very pleased with the outcome but of course, there's always something to work on.

One of the things that a few parents reflected was they weren't sure about the progress their child was making and a few wanted more help at home with homework, routines, behavior and sleep. As a result, we put on a series of workshops, some run by us and some run by an external consultant.

The external consultant workshops were largely well received and feedback has been very positive. They are not cheap and I was disappointed to hear that only 6 parents took up Thursday's sleep & routine workshop – this makes it a cost of £58 per child for the ones who attended. A disappointing return on the money spent given that so many of you, when we talk to you individually, mention issues with routines, getting your child to do things and settling them for sleep – we certainly see many more than 6 sleepy children every day and this has a huge impact on their learning.

In addition, Miss Broadhead, Mrs Hughes and I have stayed late in recent weeks to host sessions for you on times tables and spellings – two of the bug bears that many parents have at parents evening about how to help their child.

Many of you said you can't make daytime sessions so we opened late ones. No one turned up to the evening sessions for either topic and only a handful to the day sessions.

We have a number of forthcoming dates for things to involve you in school, please do make a note of the dates on this newsletter on your calendars and phones, it really would be great to see more of you there.

Sport round up

Year 4 & 5 children spend Tuesday morning at Test Valley School undertaking fitness lessons.

'We had a great morning at Test Valley with the sports leasers, who had set up a fitness circuit for us. There were lots of different activities to test our agility and coordination.

The sports leaders were very encouraging and helped us. We were tired when we finished by had enjoyed it very much'.

By Mary and Arabella