



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 1

5 September 2025

### It takes a village!

At the end of the leaver's assembly in July, I reflected on the contribution of all of the staff, parents, volunteers and peers that it takes to make school a successful and happy place for children and their community – it really does take a village to raise a child!

We welcome new staff faces to the team this year having bid fond farewells to long serving staff at the end of last year and Miss Aplin & Miss Mobley-Down have really worked so hard over the summer, along with their parents, to make their classrooms their own. My own family have been involved in this and in remodelling the office space so that hopefully, there is more room for buggies and people as we continue to grow.

Thank you to those who took time to reply to the parent questionnaire in July – there was clear support for the smartphone ban which comes into force this week as well as lots of ideas about how best to keep you informed in your child's learning. There is more information in next week's newsletter on what they will be learning this side of Christmas as well as some dates in this week's diary section for you to bookmark ready for face-to-face events over the next few weeks.

As we all take time to settle back into the routines of school, I want to take a moment to welcome our new families – we have new faces in Year 4 & Year 6 with Emilia and Estella joining us after their 'unschooling' adventures. We also have 20 new children in Year R with many new names and families to get to know. We all welcome you to our special school and hope that you find 'your people' here. In addition to Miss Aplin (year R & Miss Mobley-Down in year 1/2, we are also joined by Mrs Measham who will support Year 2/3 and Mrs Freeman has moved from pre-school to year 4/5. Exciting times.

**Welcome back!**

Mrs Jefferies

### Polite parking & neighbourly love

We have lots of space in our school but just not much parking! As it's the beginning of the year, I thought a timely reminder of where to park would be helpful as well as a few guidelines to help us and our neighbours get along – it takes a village after all!

Where to park	Requests
Along Old London Road (OLR)	NOT in front of driveways, dropped curbs and not in front of the hairdressers
In the White Hart car park	The pub request that families do not walk through the pub garden at pick up times as it is usually full with diners/drinkers
Along the A30 in the layby	Cross the road at the island near the roundabout
On the High Street	Be careful when crossing the roads! Steer clear of dropped curbs and driveways

Access to neighbour's driveways should be maintained AT ALL TIMES. The Hub hairdressers salon should not be parked in front of; not only does this limit minibus access to our car park but it is a functioning business even if you are 'only stopping for 2 mins'!

*Thank you so much for your support with this. If we all stick to these guidelines, it will make life so much better for all of us.*



### Nut free & snacks

We are a nut free school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please check snacks and packed lunches are totally nut free.

Packed lunch boxes will be kept in the hall throughout the day to free up space in the cloakrooms. Children will therefore need to take their snack out of their lunchbox at morning registration and place it in the snack basket in their classroom. They will be shown the routines for this in this first week.

Every child is welcome to bring in a snack from home for break time. Break is at 9.45am daily. This snack should be a healthy choice and crisps and chocolate bars will be returned to families at the end of the day should they be provided for snack. Free, fresh fruit is freely available in school.

Water bottles should contain exactly that! Not squash please.

# Communication

We have many ways that you can communicate with school to keep us in the loop of what's going on for your child or family or to query events or plans in school.

We realise that each year group has a Whatsapp group and, whilst these are helpful, they can also become a bit of a burden and are regular sources of misinformation!

## To check events, trips, what to take or dates

[School calendar](#) on the website

[Letters section](#) on the website

Call the school office 01264 810550

Email [adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk)

## To speak to a teacher or Mrs Jefferies

Call or email the school office

Catch us on the playground (we may have to book a time but we'll know you need to chat)

**DO NOT message on Dojo**

## To speak to our SENDCo

Mrs Dodman is our SENDCo. She is released on Wednesdays to undertake this role. Please either catch her on the playground or email: [sendco@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk](mailto:sendco@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk)

**NOTE: We run a wi-fi based phone system so our number may not show on your phones when we call.**

# What's my child learning?

50% of questionnaire respondents said they were happy with what they currently received, 50% would like more! We're going with the 'more' option!

We would like to invite all parents to attend an in person or online event to share what we are teaching your child this term on the following dates.

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

**9am – school hall, face to face.**

You will get to meet all teachers teaching your children then.

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

**6.15pm and 7pm online.**

You will need to attend both times if you have 2 children in school in different classes. There will be time for a comfort break in between!

Please ensure someone from each family attends one of these meetings, they will all have the same content so pick a time to suit you!

*There will be resources, handouts and links to helpful videos shared that will only make sense if you have attended!*

# REGULAR



# UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



## Year R

We have welcomed 20 amazing children this week who have settled in brilliantly to their new environment and routines. Sprat and Winkle earned the first lining up award of this school year!



## Lower School

Routine, routine, routine has been the name of the game in Years 1, 2 & 3.



## Upper School

It has been a pleasure to welcome back the children to Mottisfont and Clatford this week. We have started our topic 'Adventurers Ahoy!' by defining what an Explorer is. Year 5 are excited for Calshot next week!

# PE

All children have PE from Monday next week. Please ensure they have a fully named kit in for then. This should comprise:

- Red logo PE t-shirt
- Black shorts (no logo)
- Trainers (not plimsolls)
- Spare jumper as the weather gets colder
- If they have pierced ears, please provide some micropore tape to go over earrings.
- If hair is below shoulder length, please tie it back or provide a hair bobble for this.

As the weather cools down across the term, we'll let you know when they need tracksuit bottoms/leggings and other bits. This is usually immediately after October half term.

In addition, children will do PE during the week in the hall or more outside. PE kits should therefore remain in school throughout the week and either come home on weekends or at the end of each half term.

## Uniform

Thank you for getting things all up together for the start of term.

We wanted to ensure the message was clear about polo shirts as I think it may have become muddled over time.

Day to day: white poloshirts or shirts – can be with or without the logo (without is cheaper!!).

PE: red round neck t-shirt with logo

Red poloshirts are NOT school uniform – they are for pre-school children only. We have asked Skoolkit to remove them from their website and they will be removed from the grownoutofit website too.

Thanks for your support!

## Pupil endeavours

Well done to Phoebe and Posy who were so inspired by fiver challenge and selling their own bracelets and bands that they took it to Trout n'About and sold them there too! What budding entrepreneurs we have!



Libby in Year 5 would love your help!

Please save your shoeboxes and next week, she'll write to you all to explain why you need them and what to fill them with.

## Diary Dates Autumn term 2025-26

These are diary dates for parents for the next fortnight until the next newsletter is out.

Our website is also updated with all of these new dates and will now be up to date as we've bravely moved to an online diary for all staff!

### INSET dates for 2025-26 are:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

These are days when staff are undertaking training and children are not in school.  
Breakfast club nor Clubhouse run on these dates either.

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	Drop off 10.00am	Calshot – Parents to take children
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>		9.00am	Guitar – Kev is back in for lessons
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	9.00-10.30am	Parent info session
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y4, 5 & 6	9.00am	Trip to Portsmouth Docks – letter to follow.
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	All	9.00am	Individual photos
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Y6	9.00am	Brecon Beacons
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>		4.00pm-5.30pm	Cross Country at Wallop Primary School – Letter to follow
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1, 2 & 3	9.00am	Trip to The Living Rainforest – Letter to follow
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>		4.00pm – 5.30pm	Girl's football competition – individuals will be chosen nearer the time.
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	ALL		INSET DAY
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	ALL		OCTOBER HALF TERM