



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 6

17 October 2025

8 weeks long!

We've almost made it! This very long 8 week term is almost at its conclusion and we have some very tired children in school at the moment. I know that you probably have plans for the weekend and holidays but please do ensure they include lots of sleep and downtime that doesn't involve a screen!

Forthcoming events

Catering change

When we return from holiday, we will be using our new caterers. Next week, you will be sent a link to download their app. You will only be able to order their lunch online, not in school, from November. **LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS.**

Remembrance Day

Our Y6 children have been invited to read in church on Remembrance Sunday – a separate letter is coming to them tonight. In addition, Years R-3 will attend the short service at the war memorial on Tues 11th Nov at 10.50am. The oldest Y3 (Daisy) and youngest child in school (Harry) will lay a wreath on our behalf. You are welcome to come along.

Christmas events

I feel that I've opened the flood gates by mentioning this now but the diary dates have been fully updated to take account of all Christmas dates here in school. Please do transfer them to your calendars. This year, we are only having ONE nativity performance in the church for Years R, 1 & 2 so that we don't peak too soon! Year 3 have been invited to open the light switch on outside of the church on Fri 5th Dec – they're already rehearsing!

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

Grounds working party – SATURDAY

Please, please come and help out for just 2 hours (or part thereof) on Saturday this weekend between 10am – 12noon.

Weeding, planting, trimming and relaying paths and tackling nettles are key jobs to keep us safe and ready for winter.

We really, really need help clearing the pond and setting the safety grids back in – this requires waders so anyone with these would be very much appreciated.

Children may bring bikes and scooters. Treats available to keep us going!



Pumpkin party



CLUBHOUSE PARENTS:

- Please ensure you purchase your child's ticket using the QR code here.
- Please provide change in a named wallet or envelope for the games and stalls.
- We will take your children around the party.
- For those staying after 5pm, we will provide supper as per the menu choice for next week.

ALL PARENTS:

Please note that you will need to accompany your child at the pumpkin party – FOSS are NOT responsible for your child.



Uniform change – winter uniform

We are entering into winter months but it's very mild so unless we return to very cold weather, we will delay the winter uniform of no shorts and trousers instead, until the end of November. We'll keep you up to date in the newsletter.

Winter PE kit though will be important.

Please make sure your child returns from half term with:

- Jogging bottoms or long leggings (black)
- Hoody or spare jumper reserved just for PE
- Gloves

Sports

Following a superb start to the school year's Sporting competition, our Y6 girls kept a clean sheet at the Girls' football competition on Tuesday which resulted in a superb win of the tournament.



The girls played brilliantly and were commended on their team spirit and sportsmanship with other teams.

Special mention also to Maxi H & Caspian for their accomplishments in fencing – bronze and gold respectively – great job boys!

Reading

The library team are keen and opening the library at lunchtimes to allow children to browse and indulge in a love of books as well as supplying boxes of books for outside at playtimes and lunchtimes.

BOOK FAIR!

In the week after half term, we will be holding a book fair, available for you to come and buy from after school each day Tues – Friday.

Scholastic, the national book shop are running it and there will be a chance for children to browse during the afternoons and for you to come and purchase books (perhaps getting ahead for Christmas?) from 3pm onwards each afternoon for an hour.

A % of what we make is then given to us in book vouchers to enable us to add to our school library.

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UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



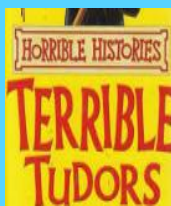
Year R

In Maths we have enjoyed building and creating patterns with objects as well as creating movement patterns with our bodies using claps, jumps and stomps.



Lower School

In Lower School we have been building our knowledge of Harvest in RE using the Harvest Loaf, we have talked about bread as a symbol and what it means to us. The Living Rainforest school trip was fantastic, the children enjoyed using their science knowledge in context and loved seeing the animals up close!



Upper School

As we come to the end of our History topic, we have been demonstrating our knowledge and understanding of the Tudors in the form of Top Trump cards and a Horrible Histories articles. Thank you for the wonderful topic homework so far.

Mobile phone workshops

We have invited Papaya in to undertake some workshops with our children in years 3-6 about the safe use of mobile phones and social media.

We have done this as they are specialists in delivering training for children on this topic but also because it's a different voice from yours and ours about the need for safety and awareness on this crucial issue.

This follows on from our earlier letter linked to [smartphonefreechildhood](#) where we have asked you NOT to purchase a smartphone for your child and that we will not be using them in school.

We also have a workshop for parents, delivered by Papaya, after half term on **Wed 19th November at 6pm.**

This will help you set up security settings, set healthy boundaries and make informed choices on use of phones and online gaming for your children. We are paying for this so it's completely free to you!

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 days on
Fri 24 Oct and
the first Monday
after ½ term**

INSET dates for 2025-26 are:

Friday 24th October
Monday 3rd November

Monday 23rd February
Tuesday 24th February
Monday 15th 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
OCTOBER			
Tues 21 st	KS2 Y3-6	Daytime	Mobile phone workshops – keeping ourselves safe – with Papaya expert speakers
Thurs 23 rd	ALL	4pm	Pumpkin party – adults to stay with children
Fri 24 th	ALL		INSET DAY
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st OCTOBER HALF TERM			
NOVEMBER			
Mon 3 rd Nov	ALL		INSET Day – no school or pre-school
Tues 4 th Nov	ALL	3pm – 4pm	Book fair – come and purchase Xmas presents, birthday presents and help us raise money for school books too!
Sun 9 th	Year 6	9.45am	Remembrance Day Service in St Peter's Church, High St, Stockbridge
Mon 10 th	ALL	ALL DAY	Drop off for Bags2School
Tues 11 th	Upper School YR, 1, 2 & 3	ALL DAY	Trip to INTECH Science Museum – letter to follow. Bags2School pick up 11am – Year R & Lower School to war memorial.
Thurs 13 th	Years 4-6	10am	INFilm event at Town Hall
Tues 18 th	Year 2/3 team	4pm	Team TBC – Kurling competition @ Danebury School
Wed 19 th	ALL PARENTS	6pm	Mobile phone workshop for parents
Thurs 20 th	Lower School	ALL DAY	Visit to Hindu temple
DECEMBER			
Mon 1 st	ALL		12 Days of Christmas begins
Fri 5 th	ALL	3.30pm 5.30pm	Carols around the tree Light Switch on with Year 3 choir outside St Peter's Church, High St
Sat 6 th	ALL	9am – 1pm	Christmas tree sale outside St Peter's Church, High St
Fri 12 th	Year R & Lower School	6pm	Nativity in church NO MATINEE THIS YEAR
Wed 17 th	ALL	10am	Annual panto trip at Watermill Theatre, Newbury – letter to follow
Fri 19 th	ALL	1.15pm	Finish for Christmas holidays
Mon 22 nd December – Fri 2 nd January DECEMBER HOLIDAYS			
JANUARY			
Mon 5 th	ALL	08.50am	School starts for 2026.