



Summer term

Well, we've certainly packed a lot into our first week back in school after Easter, starting the summer term as we mean to go on! I hope that you all enjoyed some of the sunshine over Easter and had a break, if only for the long bank holiday weekend. It's lovely to see the summer uniforms out in force!

Summer term is always a 'big one' with lots of activity both in our curriculum learning and the rich and varied opportunities children at our school experience. We've a packed trips schedule for the term for each class, fiver challenge to lead and take part in for the whole school, sports day, secondary school transitions for our eldest children, swimming lessons and of course, our transition IN to school for our newest children who will join us in September.

I am delighted to report that we have a full cohort of 20 again coming in September with many new faces. This flies in the face of the national declining picture of school admissions and is a real boost for our school as it means we continue to grow; the 12th year we have been full and oversubscribed.

With this week's newsletter, you are receiving a paper copy and e-copy of the parent feedback from your questionnaires which were completed back in February. The governors and I reviewed them carefully and we're keen to feed back to you the kind of things we are working on based upon your feedback. Thank you to all who took the time to complete the questionnaire. We'll keep you updated with our actions as we progress through this term.

Staff and I are just reviewing the field risk assessment and will share with you all on Monday next week so that you too as parents are aware of the hazards and mitigating actions as I know so many of you stay and play on the field after school.

Mrs Jefferies
Headteacher

Building community links

This week Upper school reached out to a new community link and we are hoping to build on this fledgling partnership as the years progress.

Lockerley Farm opened their doors and guided children through the various, complex aspects of farming. Our children were lucky enough to witness the birth of not one but two lambs, explore polytunnels and see vegetable growing on a commercial scale, even packing a few veg boxes to go out to customers and see how the farm is run at scale with crops, composting and more. HUGE thanks to the team at the farm for putting on such an entertaining and informative day – we'll definitely be back.



Governors

Each Governor brings a certain set of skills to the table and this week, we're focusing on someone who is from outside our school community but adds massive value to our strategic thinking.



Andrew O'Brien

I am the least local governor, living over in Amesbury with my wife and young daughter. Growing up in Bicester (now well known for its shopping village, but back then mostly fields), I moved across a range of areas before ending up just across the border from Hampshire, in Wiltshire. I am eager to give back and leapt at

the opportunity to help Stockbridge, which is a fantastic school at the heart of a wonderful community.

My long experience of the Civil Service across a wide range of corporate services and governance functions in both operational delivery and the more strategic/political space gives me a deep respect for how schools like Stockbridge manage. My current focus is parliamentary engagement, however, my key contribution at Stockbridge comes from my background as risk manager and later portfolio manager for a £300 million per year delivery portfolio.

Andrew is our key safeguarding governor along with Richie Holliday and visits the school regularly to oversee our safeguarding provision. He also takes a keen interest in early years as his daughter is in Year R in a school nearer his home. Andrew also oversees the headteacher performance management and is working with Mrs Jefferies on creating a risk register so that the school is proactive in managing risk.

Sport

What's coming up?

This half term we have a lot of exciting opportunities to compete in Cluster competitions. To start with, 8 Year 2 children will be taking part in a Tri Golf competition.

We then have the rematch for our Boys football competition for Year 5/6.

This term we have two sports clubs on offer. KS2 children have a rounders club on offer, getting ready for our rounders competition in the second half term. The KS1 club is athletics in preparation for our competition after summer half term.

In our P.E lessons, we are focusing on Athletics. All classes will be learning the skills needed for our sports day at the end of the summer term

Well done to Ben Stephens in year 4 too for being selected for Saints Development Programme in football – great job!

Garden Gang

Across the school our older children have multiple responsibilities and garden gang; a 4 strong team who have 'adopted' 3 or 4 extra members (!) have made a cracking start to the spring growing regime.

Over half term, Jacob took home runner beans which grew like tryphids on his windowsill and are now safely planted in the warm polytunnel beds.

Jenson took home corn and broccoli and has now potted on his broccoli as it grew nice and strong – the challenge will be keeping the butterflies from munching on it!

Henry, an honorary garden ganger joined in and crew very healthy sweetcorn which, along with a few that Jenson also grew on, have been planted in a grid in a polytunnel bed.

Aside from this, the OG gang of Thomas, Arthur, Jenson and Jacob also planted up in the polytunnel: Courgettes, melon, peppers, onion, garlic, radishes, tomato seeds, carrots and, due to go in today, cucumbers. We're chitting desiree potatoes too!

PLEASE THEREFORE, ENSURE CHILDREN ARE NOT PLAYING IN THE POLYTUNNEL AT THE END OF THE DAY – this is a working space with tools and baby plants.

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UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

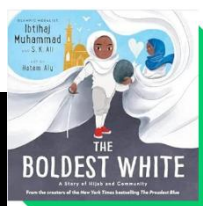
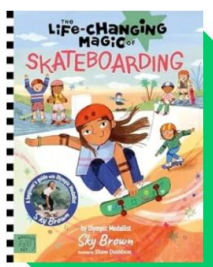
Reading

This year is the National Year of Reading and the government are encouraging us to 'Go All In'.

Love football?
Love athletics?
Love rugby?
Love skateboarding?
Like reading about sporting heroes?

The National Year of Reading have a whole page dedicated to books linked to sport to inspire and enthuse children to read.

Click the picture below to access some fabulous texts!



What is your child learning...

In **Maths** this half term?

Sprat & Winkle	This half term starts with us exploring 3D shapes. The children will learn the names of 3D shapes and explore their properties. We will then move onto the 'To 20 and beyond' unit before ending the half term with the start of addition and subtraction topic.
Redbridge	This week we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties. We will soon be moving on to a new unit about money, where we will also be revisiting our addition and subtraction skills. We will finish off the half-term with a unit on fractions.
Horsebridge	This week we have finished off our fractions unit with year 2 counting in fractions over a whole and year 3 have been adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. Next week we begin our time learning so any exposure at home would be fab!
Mottisfont	For the first two weeks, Year 5 will be learning about decimals and retrieving their knowledge on fractions. They will then apply this knowledge to money. Year 4 will focus on decimals for the whole half term but alongside will be focusing on Times Tables due to the fast approaching multiplication test.
Clatford	At the start of this half term we will be learning about Ratio. The children will revise additive and multiplicative relationships before learning how to find and express ratio. We will then move onto learning about Algebra. We will then revise fractions, decimals and percentages before learning to convert units of measure.

Learning this week

Year R



This week we have been settling back into school and revisiting all our routines that we know so well. We read Rapunzel in Drawing club and have been drawing the Witch and the dingy tower as well as writing sentences about these. In Maths we've been learning about 3D shapes and the children in SPW loved going in a shape hunt around school.

Lower School



In lower school we have begun this half term with science. We have recapped our animals and the different animal types and begun to look at food, why it is important to eat a balanced diet and how our digestive system works. This links into our new topic Watch Me Go all about how we move our bodies and fuel ourselves.

Upper School



This week started on the farm! Upper School enjoyed learning about where our food comes from, what is in our soil, how to become a farmer and the running of a market garden. We were also lucky enough to watch a lamb being born! The knowledge the children learned on this trip will be used for our next Science learning journey about the circle of life.

Clubhouse

For the summer term, we have a revised menu on a 3 weekly cycle which complements the school lunch menu so that children are eating a varied and balanced diet.

Next week's food is listed below (this is week 2 of the 3 week cycle).

In week 1 we have:

Monday	Mac n' cheese with garlic bread & carrots
Tuesday	Spuds; with beans, cheese, tuna & salad
Wednesday	Croissants (ham and cheese) & crudites
Thursday	Mezze: salad, meats, cheeses and crackers
Friday	Hot dogs & wedges

In week 3 we have:

Monday	Salmon & noodles
Tuesday	Chicken korma (veggie alternative)
Wednesday	Spaghetti Bolognese
Thursday	Cordon bleu chicken (ham & cheese stuffed breaded chicken)
Friday	Children made pizzas

If you need a clubhouse session in an emergency or haven't been able to book the ones you need in advance, please email the admin team early. adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk

Activities this week are specific to each day



The Clubhouse

Summer 1 week 2: 20th - 24th April 2026

	Monday 20 th April	Tuesday 21 st April	Wednesday 22 nd April	Thursday 23 rd April	Friday 24 th April
Snacks	Fresh fruit is readily available plus a selection from toast to crumpets to rice cakes and more!				
Outdoor play	We are blessed with waterproofs and huge space - outdoor play is downtime after the school day for about 45mins. It might be on the field, in the polytunnel, in forest school, with KitCamp , or on the playground.				
Homework	Each night, we will read with the youngest children and support Years 2-6 with their homework whether it be spellings, reading or times tables rock stars. Years 4-6 topic homework still needs to be completed at home with you.				
Main activity This week's theme is 'Spring has sprung'	Daffodils We're keeping this perennial spring flower going by junk modelling our own and planting our own summer gladioli	Sunflower collage As well as planting our sunflower seeds, we'll be making them too! Prepare to be dazzled!	Spring scavenger hunt Forest school will be in full bloom by now and we'll be exploring and hunting using the outside space.	Leaf rubbings Trees are in full greenery by now and children will create their own green man	Minibus outing Pick up only from 5.15pm tonight as we're off to Longstock park for a spring walk in the park (& a play!)
Supper	Mexican boats Soft tortilla boats (stuffed with veggies & cheese in Mexican lightly spiced sauce), nacho crisps and veggie rice	Pastry parcels At the children's request, pastry parcels with ham and cheese served warm with a crispy salad	Chicken wraps Homemade chicken wraps with a light mayo, served warm with corn on the cob and wedges	Toasties A perennial favourite and made by the children before going out to play. Choice of fillings and crudites	McMichelle Chicken burgers in a soft bun, little gem lettuce, waffles and sweetcorn - our own healthy McChicken sandwich!

Themes this half term:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
13 th - 17 th April	20 th - 24 th April	27 th April - 1 May	4 th - 8 th May	11 th - 15 th May	18 th - 22 nd May
National pet week	Spring has sprung	People who help us	London Marathon week	Mental Health week	National walk to school week

Diary Dates Spring 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:

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
APRIL			
Fri 17 th	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
Mon 20 th	All	3.15pm	All teacher run clubs begin for the summer term this week
	All	All day	Wonka bar tickets start
Wed 22 nd	Upper School	All day	Trip to Watercress line
Thurs 23 rd	Year 2 team	4pm	Tri golf tournament
Thurs 23 rd	YR	9.30am- 2.30am	Year R Marwell trip
Wed 29 th	Parents	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parent teacher meetings (optional) – see separate email from office this week
MAY			
Fri 1 st	All	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage
Mon 4 th	All	All day	Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	All	PM	Book week
Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th	YR 6	AM	KS2 SATs
Thurs 14 th	YR 6	PM	Year 6 Lunch out
Fri 15 th	All	All day	Non-uniform day – Roald Dahl character
	All	PM	Wonka Bar sale
Mon 18 th - Fri 22 nd	All	AM & PM	Walk to school week
Monday 25 th – Fri 29 th	All		MAY HALF TERM
JUNE			
Mon 1 st – Tues 2 nd	YR 6	AM	Bikeability – please complete the online consent form.
Wed 3 rd	TBC	TBC	Cricket, Broughton Sports Field
Fri 5 th	All Year 6	9.30am – 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage Launch of 5er challenge for Year 6 only
Thurs 11 th	KS1	AM	Athletics at Kings Somborne
	KS2	PM	Athletics at Kings Somborne
Fri 12 th	All	All day	Bags2school – drop your bags off at school. Also available to drop on Sunday 14 th 11am – 12noon
Mon 15 th	All	All day	INSET DAY
Mon 22 nd - Thurs 25 th	YR 4	PM	Swimming lessons at Farleigh School
Tues 23 rd , Wed 24 th & Tues 30 th	Year 6	Pm	Fiver challenge days – selling after school
Thurs 25 th	TBC	TBC	Hampshire School Games
Fri 26 th	KS2		Lepe Beach
JULY			
Fri 10 th	All	9.30am – 11.30am 2pm & 6pm	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage Upper School play
Mon 13 th	All		Last week of teacher run clubs and Integr8
Thurs 16 th	YR 6	PM	Year 6 Treat Day
Fri 17 th	All	3.30pm -6.00pm	Summer Sizzler