

## Resilience

I promised, some while ago now, to publish some of the most powerful speeches written by our children for the Oratory cup. I thought Amelia's was particularly appropriate after this week of SATs tests where our oldest children have shown great tenacity and resilience.

*Have you ever wanted to try something new, but felt too scared to even begin?*

*Maybe it was putting your hand up in a lesson, trying out a new sport or learning something difficult. That feeling of "what if I fail?" can be really powerful but today, I want to tell you something important; it is always better to try and fail than to never try at all.*

*Why? Because when we don't try, we miss out completely. We never find out what we're capable of. We stay stuck in the same place, wondering "what if?" and that feeling of regret lasts much longer than any failure ever will.*

*When we do try, even if we fail, something amazing happens. We learn. We grow. We become braver. Every mistake teaches us something new and every attempt makes us stronger. Think about learning to ride a bike. Did anyone get it right the first time? Of course not! You wobble, you fall, maybe even scrape your knee but eventually you succeed and you only succeed because you didn't give up.*

*Failure isn't the end, it's part of the journey. Even the most successful people in the world have failed many times but what makes them different is they keep trying. So next time you feel scared to try something new, remember this: failing means you were brave enough to try and that is something to be proud of. In the end, it's not the failures we regret, it's the chances we never took.*

SO  
Be brave  
Take the chance  
Try.

**Amelia Curtis**

## Book week fun

Whilst we do celebrate World Book Day in March, we prefer to have a whole book week during SATs week with Year 6 having the opportunity to get stuck into something fun linked to reading on the afternoons. This week we have explored The Twits, The BFG, Danny Champion of the World, Matilda and today, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory. It also coincided perfectly with the Wonka bar releases today – well done to FOSS for securing so many fantastic prizes.

Thank you for all of your support for the character dress up day today – they look amazing! I hope your child has been full of tales of the fun things they've done – a central display in the corridor celebrates just some of their work and the children love looking at it!



## 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.

### Michele Ward



I moved to Stockbridge 18 years ago with my son. He was six years old when he joined Stockbridge Primary School. An obvious choice as we live on the same road and had heard good things about the school. A decision I have never regretted.

During Covid I was around the school again, this time delivering food hampers to support struggling families with young children at Stockbridge and King Sombourne Primary School. Some of you may remember me from that project.

I've been retired for two years now from a long career in business. My first Governors Meeting was a training session on the changes introduced by Ofsted for the monitoring and inspection of schools. It reminded me of board meetings and how data and statistics are used to drive improvement and inform continuous development. There are many similarities with how businesses develop and improve using data that I'm used to compared to school.

I am excited to be part of the group, supporting the school leadership in their efforts to face new challenges and achieve their aspirations for every child to reach their full potential. I share those goals.

# Safeguarding

By way of a reminder, if there are ever any concerns about a child or family's wellbeing, our Designated Safeguarding team are: Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Dodman and Mrs Evans.

If you have any concerns about the behaviour of a member of staff towards a child, please speak to Mrs Jefferies in the first instance.

## e-safety

We teach e-safety throughout the year, dedicating the first Monday back after each half term to new learning and then drip feeding this through daily access to the tablets and chromebooks we use.

## Road safety

Individual year groups, across the course of the year, engage with the road safety team at County through webinars and workshops as well as our older children taking part in the forthcoming bikeability learning so that they are safe as they begin to venture out and about on their own.

## Personal safety

This is a golden thread through all learning but particularly in our PSHE lessons where children learn about what is and isn't safe behaviours.

# Forthcoming events

As we close off the first part of summer term, the next one is looking very busy at the start.

## KEY EVENTS BY CLASS

<b>Sprat &amp; Winkle</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 9am – Year R nurse for height & weight
<b>Redbridge &amp; Horsebridge</b>	w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 phonics check week 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Y3 trip to Bath via train 11 <sup>th</sup> June – am – Athletics @ King's Somborne 19 <sup>TH</sup> June – 6pm Y3 campout
<b>Mottisfont &amp; Clatford</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> May 3pm – upper school museum under the station about WW2 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Y6 Bikeability 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Y6 5er challenge launch day 5 <sup>th</sup> June – 2pm Y5&6 road safety workshop (virtual) w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Y4 tables test week 11 <sup>th</sup> June – pm – Athletics @ King's Somborne

# REGULAR



# UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

## Reading

We have LOVED our Roald Dahl week and know you've all made a massive effort to turn out in Roald Dahl costume today, thank you!

Our display in the corridor has been steadily building over the week with work from all around the school as we've explored The Twits, The BFG, Matilda, Danny champion of the World and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Many families feel the pressure to get children reading and I want to encourage you to get your child reading for pleasure. Literally, read anything!



Read cereal packets!



Read a magazine article with them!



Read a newspaper article – even better, buy 'The Week or First news – written for children

## What is your child learning...

In **topic NEXT** half term?

<b>Sprat &amp; Winkle</b>	Next term we will be learning all about food. We will be exploring where different foods come from and why some food is grown in different parts of the world. We will also be designing and making our own pizzas!
<b>Redbridge &amp; Horsebridge</b>	Next half term lower school will be learning about the Romans! We will be diving into this in History learning about who the Romans were and the invasions. We will also be creating roman inspired mosaics in Art.
<b>Mottisfont &amp; Clatford</b>	Next term we are going to be learning all about the seaside. We will look at the geographical features of the coast line and enjoy a trip to Lepe Beach. We will also take part in a creative art piece learning about collage.

# Learning this week

## Year R



This week the children in Sprat and Winkle Class have been exploring different Roald Dahl stories. We began by drawing portraits of the Twits, before planting runner beans to stop the giants in the BFG eating humans. We thought about our kind actions and made trophies to celebrate this as well as building Miss Trunchbull and obstacle course.

## Lower School



After a wonderful trip to the Winchester Science Centre, to finish off our half term lower school will be finishing off our cob loaves, the children have practiced making bread multiple times and are so ready to make their final one! In RE we will finish learning about the concept of story telling and its connections to Christianity.

## Upper School



This week the Year 6 children bravely took part in SATS. We are incredibly proud of the children's effort throughout the week. Throughout the rest of the week we have enjoyed book week where we have created chocolate, made tricks for our siblings and enjoyed pond dipping. It's been a busy week!

# Clubhouse

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

Clubhouse have been very busy over the past couple of weeks, we have all been getting involved with our recent themes particularly our 'London Marathon' week and 'Mental Health' week. We created our own medals/banners and took part in a mini-Marathon ourselves out on the field. Mental Health week we made our very own colour monsters and create positive posters.

Next week is our 'National walk to School' theme. We will be learning about road safety, playing our traffic light game and going on a walk around Stockbridge.

Activities this week are specific to each day!



The Clubhouse

## Summer 1 week 6: 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May '26

	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Snacks</b>	Fresh fruit is readily available plus a selection from toast to crumpets to rice cakes and more!				
<b>Outdoor play</b>	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.				
<b>Homework</b>	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.				
<b>Main activity This week's theme is 'Walk to school week'</b>	<b>Road safety</b> Using bikes, trikes and road signs, create their own role play for road safety	<b>Map of Stockbridge</b> A walk down the High Street to look at crossings and road signs, recreate back at school	<b>Traffic lights!</b> Playing traffic light games outside linked to road safety	<b>Routes to school</b> Using maps and small world to recreate journeys to school - children will map out their route.	<b>Sustainability</b> Children will explore different ways of getting to school that are environmentally friendly and make a poster to encourage others.
<b>Supper</b>	<b>Salmon &amp; Noodles</b> Noodles with rainbow stir fry, bean sprouts and an (optional) salmon fillet	<b>Korma</b> A mild chicken korma in a homemade sauce with naan breads, peas, carrots and rice	<b>Spag bol</b> Homemade spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread and salad	<b>Cordon bleu chicken</b> Chicken breast, panko breadcrumbs stuffed with ham & cheese. Mash & broccoli	<b>Pizza</b> Children make their own pizzas, choosing from a range of toppings. With salad

### Themes this half term:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> April	20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> April - 1 May	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 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>MAY</b>			
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	AM & PM	Walk to school week
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4-6 parents Year R	3pm 8pm	Upper school museum on WW2 set out under the station. <b>Year R parent briefing about assessments at the end of the year.</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	All		MAY HALF TERM
<b>JUNE</b>			
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> - Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	YR 6	AM	Bikeability
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	All Year 6	9.30am - 11.30am	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage Launch of 5er challenge for Year 6 only
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	8.30am - TBC	Roman Baths trip - letters to follow
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1	AM	Athletics at Kings Somborne
	KS2	PM	Athletics at Kings Somborne
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	All day	Bags2school - drop your bags off at school. Also available to drop on Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> 11am - 12noon <b>WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	All day	INSET DAY
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	YR 3	6.00pm	Year 3 Camp Out - please send back permission slips
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	YR 4	PM	Swimming lessons at Farleigh School
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	Pm	Fiver challenge days - selling after school
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	TBC	Hampshire School Games
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	KS2	9.00am - 3.00pm	Lepe Beach
<b>JULY</b>			
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	9.30am - 11.30am 2pm & 6pm	PEAS Parent support gp at Andover Community Engage Upper School play
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	All		Last week of teacher run clubs and Integr8
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	YR 6	PM	Year 6 Treat Day - letters to follow
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	All	3.30pm -6.00pm	Summer Sizzler
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	All	AM	Sports day