



stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 1

4 September 2026

Welcome back!

Well that was a quick summer holiday wasn't it?! The sun shone endlessly and I hope you all managed to have some family time as well as balance work and other commitments through the holidays. It has been lovely to see the children all back happy and healthy and raring to go!

We began the week with our whole school assembly, thinking about how the start of new things can be exciting but also a bit daunting and uncomfortable – a bit like a pair of new shoes! We ended the week thinking about the role of a school councillor and what that might entail and this weekend, I'm asking EVERY child in years 1-6 to think about whether they'd like to be a school councillor this year or which person in their year group, they would like to represent them and then make a poster either for themselves or the other person. Our school councillors last year have made a lasting impression with the introduction of the 'snack shack' which is up and running already.

Posters must be in by Monday and we will vote Tuesday so that we have our council in place before Year 5 go on their Calshot residential on Wednesday next week.

I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families – We have 20 new faces in Sprat & Winkle who have had a flying start to their week. In addition, we welcome the following new families throughout the school;

- Maverick (year 6) and his family who are here from Canada on an army posting
- Helena (year 5) and her family who have joined us with the hope of her big sister joining year 6 should a space arise.
- It's great to have Harry S (year 5) & family back from their sojourn in New York – he's settled in like he's never been away!
- In addition, Edith (year 3) and her family have joined us from Portway Infants who finish in year 2.
- To round it off, Daisy (year 3) and Jenson (year 2) and their family have joined us after travelling around the world for the last year.

You are all very welcome and I know our community will welcome you with open arms; very soon, it'll feel like you've always been here!

Mrs Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Food in school

We want our children to be healthy & happy. Our school offers free fruit for all children at breaktime and milk for under 5s. All ages may bring a snack from home. This should NOT contain nuts or be crisps or chocolate. Items containing these will be handed back to you at the end of the day and your child will be offered fruit from the basket.



Snack options	Allergens – leave at home!
Fruit Veg sticks Fruit winder Carton drink Crackers Yoghurt	Sesame Tree nuts Peanuts Avocado



Water

Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school every day. These should be filled with water, not squash please. Bottled need to be NAMED.

Snack shack

Run by school council, originated from children's requests, it's back open!

40p = Pink lady apples, mini cucumbers or satsumas

50p = fruit winders, 2 TUC cheese sandwiches or 2 digestives

70p = fruit smoothie, yogurt, sreen loaf or Cawston press juice



Birthdays

We celebrate these with great gusto but please, no cakes or sweets are necessary. We don't like the pressure this puts on families and I'm sure your child have these treats at other times too. Less sugar the better!

Calshot & Wales

Quick reminder for Year 5 parents: Calshot is NEXT Wed – Fri. We'll meet you at Calshot on Wed 9th from 10.30am (not before please) and see you there again for collection at 1.30pm on Friday. Children will need a packed lunch for the first day.

Wales is at the end of the month 28th Sept – 2nd Oct.

Kit lists for both trips are attached by way of a reminder although some children are already packed I hear!

Must-have apps & online learning

As the years have ticked by, we have all moved to digital communications and now many of our functions have moved online. I know you're busy and this is our way of getting the important bits to you in the palm of your hand. Please take a moment this weekend to make sure you've got all of these apps downloaded on your phone with their notifications switched on so that you don't miss anything.



WE DON'T OPERATE A TEXT SERVICE – all of our important comms are via ARBOR so if we need to let you know about a head bump, a school event, a reminder or comms about anything as well as the newsletter, you need this platform. Have this one on your home page of your device! Make sure you enable notifications so you get the red dot when there's something for you.



Trips, visits, permissions, clubhouse bookings, breakfast club payments – this is the crucial for payments and permissions.

If you google Scopay and go through a web browser, this is also a reliable way to access info.



ClassDojo

Pictures of your child's learning, comments and crucially, when on residential, updates each day on what we've been up to go on here.



CleverChefs app

This app is to book & pay for lunches.

Kanpla@kanpla.io or support function on the app or call them on 0808 1607050

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UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

RECEPTION PARENTS

We are keen for you to understand how our phonics and reading scheme works as well as what maths your child will be embarking on and where we hope for them to be at the end of the academic year.

Phonics lessons will begin on 14th September so your child will really quickly be coming home with sounds that they can blend together and read which is so exciting!

The following dates are for your diary as they are workshops and a chance for us to meet and cover what will be happening and how you can support your child at home, we hope to see you all there!

We also know that lunchtimes can be the biggest unknown and we would like to invite you in to have lunch with your child so that you too can experience a lunchtime and know what the routines are as well as try some of our food.

Phonics workshop		
Thurs 17 th Sept	9am face to face	8pm virtual
Parent lunch		
Thurs 17 th	12noon	
Maths workshop		
Wed 23 rd Sept	9am face to face	8pm virtual
Reading workshop		
Wed 21 st Oct	9am face to face	8pm virtual

Links for the virtual meetings will be sent on the day so that they don't get lost in your inbox!

Music

playlist which will build across the year.

This half term, we're listening to

DOLLY PARTON

How could we not choose Dolly? An inspiration for all generations with her charity work and commitment to getting children reading through her 'Imagination Library' as well as a music legend who has influenced so many.

We have begun a playlist of our musician of the year on Amazon music which, as we build it, I will share with you all in case your child is inspired by our music choices or enjoying particular tunes.

Through our exploration of Dolly's music including, **9 to 5, Love is like a Butterfly, Here You Come Again and Coat of Many Colours**, we will be learning about pitch and dynamics. Pitch is how high or low a note is and dynamics are how loud or quiet the instruments are playing and how this changes. The children will be learning terminology about singing types e.g., Bass, Alto and Soprano for pitch and crescendo, diminuendo, forte and piano for dynamics. What a lovely way to start the year celebrating Dolly!

Parking

We all know that this is a recurring theme so, by way of reminder:

- ✓ Please use all the parking available to us to avoid congestion on Old London Road; the pub car park, layby on the A30, High Street and Trafalgar Way are all accessible and a short walk away
- ✓ Avoid parking across neighbour's driveways – this is the single most frustrating thing for them and is impolite on our behalf. **DO NOT PARK OUTSIDE THE HUB HAIRDRESSERS.**
- ✓ Park and stop away from the zig zags.
- ✓ Scoot or cycle in – we have 2 huge cycle and scooter pods to use and paths to our school from the pub, High St and layby
- ✓ Come straight onto the school grounds rather than waiting by the gate – this congestion forces people onto the road which isn't safe.

New Governor needed

Many thanks to Vicky Venables, Max & Iris' mum, who has stepped down from her role as Vice Chair of Governors after many years of very dedicated service. We will miss your rational, logical and quick brain, especially when it comes to finance and pupil outcomes Vicky.

Could you, or someone you know, be the new Vicky?

Vicky was an LA governor who brought solid accounting experience to our Governing Body and we need a replacement. Can you help?

We really need someone with financial acumen and an interest in support and challenge as well as some time to ensure they are in school, quality assuring what's going on to make us the best we can be.

Do you or a neighbor or colleague think you could help us look strategically at the future of the school? If so, please pass on my email:

headteacher@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk



Dates for the year

Dates for the year are now uploaded onto our website calendar which updates in real time.

WEBSITE CALENDAR

Next week, we will publish a list for the autumn term on the last page of this newsletter but, for now, please do check them out on the calendar and get them in your diaries too!

Reminder of INSET dates for next year so you can book holidays around these:

Day 1	Monday 21 st Sept
Day 2	Monday 25 th Jan
Day 3	Friday 28 May
Day 4	Monday 7 th June
Day 5	Tuesday 8 th June

Please remember that holidays in school time are not approved unless for exceptional circumstances. In the past year, these have been R&R for army families or a day or two before or after a deployment begins or concludes, family funerals, medical operations for which we have a doctor letters. Holidays being cheaper in term time will never be approved, regardless of circumstance.

PE

Our PE lessons for every child in the school are ALWAYS on Wednesdays. We use an external coaching company to provide these lessons and then children have other PE lessons throughout the week with their class teacher.

PE Kit is essential for PE as it means children have clothing that allows them to move freely and get a bit hot and sweaty without having to then sit in this kit all day long!

PE Kit consists of:

Summer kit March – October	Winter kit November – end February
- Black or navy blue shorts – lycra shorts also allowed - Red logo t-shirt - An unlabelled t-shirt in their family colour - Socks - Trainers – no plimsolls please	- Black or navy jogging bottoms – plain - Red logo t-shirt - An unlabelled t-shirt in their family colour - Spare logo red jumper - Gloves, hat, scarf – we are out in all weathers and temperatures! - Socks + a spare pair - Trainers – no plimsolls please

PE Kit should be brought into school on a **Monday morning** in a **small** named bag and hung from your child's coat peg. It should remain in school until **Friday afternoon** to return home for washing.
Please remember to clearly label all of your child's clothing.

Diary Dates Autumn term 2026-27

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!

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 9 th – Fri 11 th	Y5	10.30am	Calshot – Parents to take to the activbity centre for 10.30am and pick up at 1.30pm
Tues 15 th	All	8.50am	Individual and sibling photos
	KS2	4.00pm-5.30pm	Cross Country – Danebury School – letters to follow
Wed 16 th	KS1	8.50am – 3.00pm	KS1 New Forest Wildlife Park trip - letters to follow
Thurs 17 th	Year R	9.00am – 10.00am	Face to face - Phonics workshop
	Year R	12.00pm – 1.00pm	Year R Parent lunch - letters to follow
	Year R	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Virtual - Phonics workshop
Mon 21 st	All	All day	INSET DAY
Wed 23 rd	Year R	9.00am-10.00am	Face to face - Maths workshop
	Year R	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Virtual – Maths workshop
Thurs 24 th	KS2	8.50am – 3.00pm	Ancient Greek Workshop – letters to follow
Fri 25 th	All	3.15pm- 4.15pm	Macmillan Pop-Up Cafe
Mon 28 th Sept– Fri 2 nd October	Year 6	8.50am	Year 6 Wales trip
OCTOBER			
Thurs 8 th	Year R	08.50am-11.30am	Minibus trip around local area
Fri 9 th	All	08.50am-3.15pm	Dress down day
Tues 20 th	Y4/5 girls	10.00-11.30am	Girls football Competition - Danebury
	Y4/5 boys	1.00-2.30pm	Boys football competition – Danebury
Wed 21 st	Year R	9.00am- 10.00am	Face to face Reading workshop
	Year R	8.00pm – 9.00pm	Virtual Reading workshop
Thurs 22 nd	All	3.30pm – 5.30pm	FOSS Pumpkin Party
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	All		HALF TERM