

STOKES WOOD

PRIMARY

October newsletter



As we move into October, it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into the new school year. Classrooms are buzzing with learning, routines are firmly in place, and there is a real sense of energy and enthusiasm across the school.

This month brings with it the excitement of autumn—shorter days, cooler weather, and of course, plenty of opportunities for rich learning experiences. We are looking forward to celebrating the season together through upcoming events, curriculum highlights, and opportunities for our pupils to showcase their hard work.

I would like to thank you for your continued support. The strong partnership between home and school is at the heart of what we do, and it makes a real difference to the children's learning and wellbeing.

Wishing you all a successful and enjoyable October.

Mrs Liz Christensen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 6th Oct to 10th Oct - Harvest Festival
- 16th Oct - Reception Teddy bear hospital
- 17th October - Diwali Celebratory dress day
- 20th - 24th Oct - Half term
- Friday 7th Nov - Stokeswood Fireworks event

A BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of everyone at Stokes Wood, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Roberts family for their generous donation of plants for our school grounds. Their kindness and support will help us create a greener, more vibrant environment for our children to enjoy and learn in. The new plants will not only brighten our outdoor spaces but also provide wonderful opportunities for pupils to engage with nature and take pride in their surroundings. Thank you for helping our school grow—literally and figuratively!



We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Osmond family for their generous support in helping us enhance our school grounds. Their kind contribution of chippings has played a key role in developing our new garden spaces, making them safer, more accessible, and visually appealing for our pupils.

Thanks to their generosity, our outdoor areas will become vibrant learning and play environments that children can enjoy for years to come.

We truly appreciate their commitment to supporting our school community!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



We invited parents and the community to join us on Friday 26th of September to raise money for Macmillan. We welcomed all the parents and for a small donation they helped themselves to a selection of all the fantastic donated cakes and biscuits we had available. We also had a small bric-a-brac pile that they were able to browse. So far we have raised a whopping £215 so thank you all for being so generous. If you would still like to donate please follow the QR code above to the just giving page.

GENES FOR JEANS DAY

On Friday 19th of September we asked all the children to come dressed in jeans for our fundraising non-school uniform day. Jeans for genes is an amazing charity raising awareness of genetic disorders and how they impact the lives of those suffering with them. So far we have raised £196, if you would like to still donate please make your payments through ScoPay.

**JEANS
FOR
GENES**
30 Years

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL GAMES – THURSDAY 11TH SEPT

A group of ten enthusiastic Year 4 children had the fantastic opportunity to attend a Multi Skills event at New College, where they took part in a variety of engaging activities including football skills, tag rugby, teamwork challenges, problem-solving tasks, and archery. The event was a brilliant way to develop physical confidence, collaboration, and resilience in a fun and inclusive environment. A huge thank you to Inspire and the dedicated leaders at New College for hosting such a well-organised and inspiring day — the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment!



RECEPTION BIKE DAY - 30TH SEPT

Our reception children had a fantastic time developing their confidence and coordination during a Bike Skills Day led by Aasiya from Sustrans. Riding on balance bikes, the children practised gliding, steering, and stopping safely, all while having lots of fun outdoors. It was wonderful to see their independence and enthusiasm grow throughout the session. A big thank you to Aasiya and Sustrans for delivering such an engaging and supportive experience for our youngest learners!

A VERY SPECIAL FOOTBALL CELEBRATION AT STOKES WOOD

Our boys' football club had an unforgettable afternoon when Filbert the Fox paid a special visit to celebrate his birthday with us! The excitement didn't stop there — two Leicester City Footballers also joined the celebration, making it a truly inspiring experience for our young players. After school, the children took part in a range of fun and energetic football activities, learning new skills and enjoying the chance to train alongside professional athletes. A huge thank you to Filbert, the LCFC players, and the team at Leicester City in the Community for making this event so memorable. The smiles said it all!



Our boys' football teams demonstrated fantastic resilience and determination throughout a challenging tournament. With many new players joining the squads, both teams rose to the occasion, showing steady improvement and strong teamwork in every match. They faced strong opponents and played with heart and commitment, never losing their spirit or drive. Each player gave their all, learning and growing with every opportunity on the pitch. We're incredibly proud of their effort, attitude, and sportsmanship. This tournament was just the beginning—these boys have laid a strong foundation, and we're excited to see how far they'll go. Keep believing, keep training, and keep pushing forward!

BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT NEW COLLEGE – 22ND SEPT



CROSS COUNTRY EVENT AT VICTORIA PARK – THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

36 children from across Key Stage 2 proudly represented Stokes Wood at a recent Cross-Country event. The children showed outstanding determination, perseverance, and team spirit as they tackled challenging courses with enthusiasm and resilience. For many, it was their first time competing in a cross-country race, and they rose to the occasion brilliantly. Many achieving personal bests, supporting one another, and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. A huge well done to all our runners—you were fantastic ambassadors for the school! Thank you also to the staff and families who supported the event and cheered the children on.

GIRLS FOOTBALL FIXTURE AT NEW COLLEGE – MONDAY 29TH SEPT

Stokes wood blues	1v0	Christ the King
Stokes wood Whites	0v3	St Marys
Stokes wood Whites	0v1	Braun Com
Dovelands	0v0	Stokes wood blues
Stokes wood Whites	0v0	Heatherbrook
Stokes wood Blues	1v0	Stokes wood Whites

We are incredibly proud of all the girls who took part in the recent football tournament, especially those playing competitively for the very first time. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination were truly inspiring. Both our Stokes Wood Blues and Whites teams showed remarkable progress throughout the day, with performances improving from game to game.



The Blues remained unbeaten, securing two wins and a draw, while the Whites demonstrated outstanding resilience, bouncing back after early defeats to earn a hard-fought draw against Heatherbrook. The final match between our two teams was a close and exciting encounter, with the Blues narrowly winning 1–0. Well done to all the players for their commitment and sportsmanship!

Attendance at Stokes Wood:

Our school attendance target is 96%. Our current school attendance is 95.3% which is below target. Well done to the following classes who are above the target:

Dillon -
100%

Bestwood
- 100%

Amhurst -
100%

Darwen -
100%

Copeland
- 98.8%

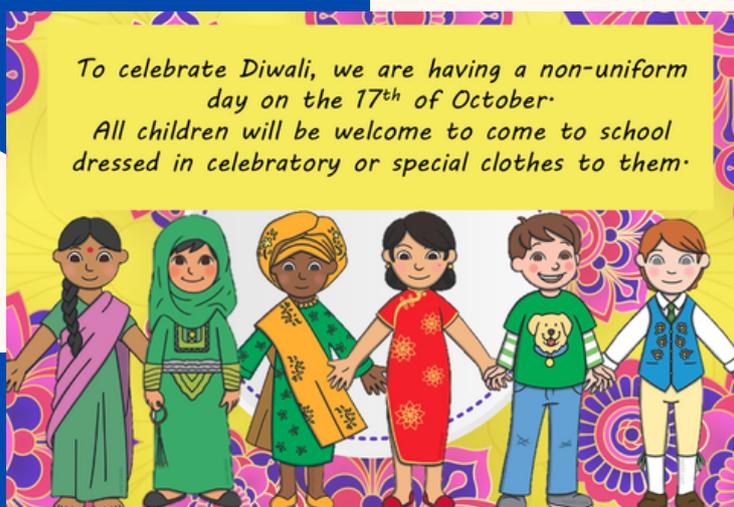
Birkensha
w - 99.1%

Darlington
- 96%

Sandhurst
- 97.6%

Chettle -
96.4%

Events happening at Stokes Wood this month!



FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

STOKES WOOD PRIMARY COMMUNITY FIREWORK EVENT

Price includes arts and crafts, hot drinks and squash, face paint and henna, numbers permitting

Gates open at 6:15pm
Event Finishes 8pm

Bring cash on the night for food, tuck shop and glowsticks

More information to follow

Prices:

Family of 4 - £25
Adults - £8
Children - £5
Children under 3 - Free

Tickets must be purchased in advance of the event at the school office, cash only.

All tickets are non-refundable unless the events company cancels for health and safety reasons.