

# STOKES WOOD

## PRIMARY

### December Newsletter



Oh, the weather outside is frightful... but inside our school it's set to be truly delightful!

December brings a flurry of celebrations, starting with our Christmas Tree Assembly on 1<sup>st</sup> December to officially launch the festive season. Throughout the month, we'll enjoy St David's Day activities, Christmas Dinner Day and Jumper Day, the EYFS Christmas performance and - if we're lucky - a special visit from Santa himself. We'll also be celebrating Hannukah as part of our commitment to recognising and valuing all traditions in our community.

Enjoy the festive period, however you may celebrate it.

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## RECEPTION TOILETS

Exciting news!!!! From Monday 1st December, Reception are having NEW children's toilets installed!! For children in Bestwood Class, drop-off and collection will take place at the Dillon classroom door until further notice. As both classes will be dismissed together, the doors will open at the slightly earlier time of 3:10pm.

For children in Dillon Class, please come to the classroom door as normal.

We will be dismissing the children in small groups so your patience and cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support and flexibility.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December - St Andrew's Day, Wear blue
- 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper day & Christmas dinner
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Rock Steady concert
- 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December - Hannukah
- 16<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS Nativity 2pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> December - Y6 going to the Panto
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS nativity 9:15am
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas club

# ARMISTICE DAY

As part of our Remembrance/ Armistice Day, all children were invited to create a poppy. Well done to all our children who sat beautifully for the 2 min silence and to Mr Hill for his musical tribute with **The Last Post.**

Our Remembrance Day poppy display has already been mounted in the school hall.



# ODD SOCK DAY

To celebrate world kindness day and promote inclusivity and individuality, we invited the children to wear odd socks for the day. It was lovely walking around school and seeing the children and staff taking part with their awesome odd socks.



# CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Children in Need by having the children and staff come in their PJS. The children had an amazing time doing Pudsey-themed activities and learning about why Children in Need is important. We have raised £162 and if you would still like to donate, you can pay via the Scopay system.

We have raised £162 so far!!!



# ANTI-BULLYING

# DRAMA WORKSHOP

Year 5 were lucky enough to be invited to take part in an Anti-bullying drama workshop where they explored the earlier performance in more detail. They had great fun freeze framing into different parts of the story and working with peers to discuss the impact of bullying. They also thought carefully about their voice and the impact speaking clearly has when responding to incidents of bullying.



We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to Leicestershire Cricket Foundation for working with our Year 3 and Year 6 pupils. Through engaging sessions, the children learned new skills, developed confidence and enjoyed the excitement of cricket in a fun and supportive environment.

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO LEICESTERSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION!

## DETERMINATION EVENT – PERSONAL BEST – WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Year 3 pupils showed fantastic resilience and determination at the Personal Best Festival. They tackled challenges like Speed Bounce, Rugby Run, Shuttle Run, and Tennis Bounce, aiming to beat their own scores and celebrate progress over competition.

Their effort and positive attitude earned them the Spirit of the Games Trophy, recognising teamwork, respect and determination. Well done, Year 3!



## BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Both of our boys' teams delivered an exceptional performance at the recent football tournament, showing great teamwork and impressive progress. Our White Team displayed incredible resilience and fought brilliantly, with a stunning goal securing their first win.

Well done to all the boys for their determination and sportsmanship. We are so proud of you!



## GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

The girls proudly represented our school at the recent football tournament and showed fantastic teamwork from start to finish. Their determination, skills and positive attitude were evident in every match and they played with great sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they supported each other throughout the day!

Stokes Wood Blue	0 v 0	Parks Primary
Stokeswood Blue	1 v 0	Parks Primart
Christ the king	0v1	Stokes Wood Blue



Our fantastic team of gardeners celebrated their amazing achievement of winning the Mealbarrow and Menu Competition! KS2 joined the fun with an enthusiastic assembly all about vegetables - full of colour, creativity, and excitement.

To mark the occasion, the gardening team planted three fruit trees in our school grounds - a lasting reminder of their hard work and success. What a brilliant way to celebrate!



## GROW YOUR OWN GRUB CELEBRATION – FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

## GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Both of our girls' teams delivered fantastic performances at the recent football tournament, showing great progress and teamwork. Strong defensive play and an incredible save kept the pressure off, while their determination and positive attitude shone through in every match.

Well done to all the players!. You made us proud!



## RICE BOWL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 31ST OCTOBER

Well done to our Rice Bowl Football team, who travelled to Glen Hills Primary for Round 2. The boys faced tough competition but stayed positive and played with great energy and teamwork throughout. Their high spirits and determination made us proud. What a fantastic effort, team! Congratulations to Glen Hills on their victory and thank you for hosting such a great match.



31 of our Year 6 children jumped straight into action at our Welcome Back to School Games event and what a way to start the term! From speedy relays to laugh-out-loud team challenges, the morning was packed with energy, smiles and a few friendly rivalries. It wasn't just about winning - it was about teamwork, fun and shaking off those summer cobwebs. A brilliant start to the year. Well done, Year 6!



## YEAR 6 WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL GAMES – TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

### JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY RUN FOR LIFE LEAGUE, YEAR 3 AND 4 – SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER



Some of our Year 3 and 4 children braved the elements on Saturday to compete in a cross-country event. Despite battling high winds and leaping over haybales, they showed incredible determination and resilience.

A special congratulations to Renn who placed in the top five - a fantastic achievement! Well done to all the children for their amazing effort and sportsmanship.

### VIRTUAL CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS – FOOTBALL AWARDS – 2025

Many children took part in the recent Virtual Challenges, competing against schools from across the city and what an incredible effort from everyone! We're thrilled to announce that Stokes Wood stormed to the top, placing **first** in their categories with outstanding performances.

A huge well done to all the children for their energy, determination and competitive spirit. What a fantastic achievement!

### NEW AGE KURLING AND BOCCIA FESTIVAL – WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER



Five of our children attended the recent festival, taking part in a mix of friendly and competitive activities. They embraced new challenges, learned fresh skills and showed fantastic enthusiasm throughout the day.

Highlights included trying Boccia and New Age Kurling—two exciting, inclusive sports that tested accuracy and teamwork.

Well done to all for representing our school so brilliantly!

### SPORTS HALL ATHLETIC COMPETITION – FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER



What an incredible day for our children at the Sports Hall Athletics! They sprinted, jumped and threw their way through a series of thrilling events - bringing energy and smiles all around.

Competing in groups, they didn't just participate; they dominated, securing plenty of **first and second places!**

It was a fantastic mix of determination and fun, with moments that had everyone cheering. Well done to all for making it a day to remember!

# Attendance at Stokes Wood:

Our school attendance target is 96%. Our current school attendance is 93.2% which is below target. Well done to the following classes who are above the target:

Birkenshaw -  
96.3%

Darlington -  
96.8%

## Events happening at Stokes Wood this month:

### Stokes Wood Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

It's time for our christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day!!!!  
If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December,  
**please order this before the 25<sup>th</sup> of November by emailing the office.**  
Christmas Dinner will be £2.81 and if your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper, we ask for a donation of £1 via Scopay.  
Children who are free school meals or in Reception to Year 2 do not need to pay for a dinner.

**Menu:**  
Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet  
Roast Potatoes and seasonal veg  
Jelly or an Arctic Roll



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## Coffee Morning

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 9:00-9:45am

**Come join us for a coffee, cake and conversation!**

Whether you're new to the school or a familiar face, it's a wonderful opportunity to connect and chat with school staff. You'll also have the chance to share your ideas for themes for future coffee mornings.



### Stokes Wood Primary Christmas Raffle

Our annual christmas raffle is back again!!  
We will be drawing prizes on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.  
Tickets are available to purchase from the office:

1 strip - £1  
6 strips - £5

We have some fantastic prizes already so make sure you purchase your tickets to be entered into the draw!

**RAFFLE**