

# STOKES WOOD

## PRIMARY

### February Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and our Stokes Wood Community,

As we step into March, there is a real buzz of excitement around school—especially as we look forward to celebrating World Book Day. We can't wait to see children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters; it's always a wonderful reminder of how magical stories can be. We're also hoping the weather begins to brighten, bringing a little more sunshine to our days as we move further into spring.

Nursery have had an especially joyful week with the arrival of five newly hatched chicks. The children have been absolutely delighted, and it has been lovely to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they welcome the newest members of our school community.

Thank you to all those who responded to the Family Trip Day. We have had a large number of responses, and we're hopeful that, come July, we will be waving off several coaches heading to Twin Lakes and The Snowdome for what promises to be a wonderful day out.

Finally, look out for updates on our Facebook page. We will be posting lots more photos and snapshots of the children at work and play so you can see what we are getting up to. We're looking forward to a fantastic Spring 2 term. It is a short one, but we have lots packed in.

Mrs Liz Christensen - Head teacher

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to 5<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - St David's Day - wear yellow accessories
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Coffee morning and Year 1 live lesson
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - KS1 going to Beaumanor Hall.
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's day celebratory dress day - wear green accessories
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Eid-ul-Fitr celebratory dress day



Mr Hill is taking part in the Great Tommy sleep out to raise money for homeless veterans by sleeping in a tent in the car park for the whole of next week!

If you would like to sponsor him, please scan the QR code, any donations are appreciated.



### STOKES WOOD PRIMARY WORLD BOOK DAY!!!! Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character! Your costume doesn't need to be expensive, be sustainable and use household items. We also invite them to bring their favourite book or borrow it from the library so we can start our day with a whole school reading session.

Parents are also invited to come and read with their children in the classrooms from 2:45pm



# VALENTINE'S DISCO

The children had a lovely time dancing the night away at our valentines disco. They decorated biscuits, had thier face painted and did some amazing valentines crafts. Well done to Anannya who won our name the bear competition and got to take home Wiggles the bear.



# NURSERY AND THE CHICKS

Our Nursery children as part of their curriculum have been learning about Life cycles. To aid in this we have had some visitors! These chicks have been monitored by the students and staff and the children will continue to watch them develop over the coming weeks. What an amazing learning experience!



# Y6 INTERNET SAFETY DAY

During Safer Internet Week, Year 6 took part in some awesome, creative workshops teaching us how to be safe online. We had a selection of online scenarios that we had to perform. Additionally, we had an amazing time watching our online safety performance! By Year 6



# Attendance at Stokes Wood:

Our school attendance target is 96%. Our current school attendance is 93.6% which is below target. Well done to the following classes who are above the target:

**Birkenshaw**  
- 96%

**Glazebrook**  
- 97%

**Brunel -**  
96%

**Chettle -**  
96%

## Events happening at Stokes Wood this month:



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Two teams from across KS2 proudly represented Stokes Wood at the Leicester City Indoor Athletics Competition. Our pupils took part in a wide range of events, including speed bounce, javelin, high knees and target throwing. We were incredibly impressed by the outstanding effort shown by all our young athletes, whether they were experienced competitors or trying these activities for the very first time. Out of 16 teams across the city, Stokes Wood secured 11th and 6th place — a fantastic achievement and a testament to their hard work. A special well done to Cruz, who earned a well-deserved bronze award for his performance in the event. Brilliant effort from everyone involved!



## LEICESTER INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION – 13TH FEBRUARY

## LEICESTER WEST BASKETBALL COMPETITION – 28TH JANUARY

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented Stokes Wood brilliantly at the recent basketball competition. We had a fantastic mix of children — some already confident with the game and others giving it a go for the very first time. Every single child showed clear improvement as the competition went on and gave their absolute best throughout.

A special congratulations goes to Kirils, who was awarded Best

Player for his outstanding performance and much-deserved recognition during the event. Well done to the entire Stokes Wood team and a huge thank you to Inspire for hosting such a wonderful competition.



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This March our whole school is taking on the Move It March challenge — a brilliant month-long focus on getting active, building healthy habits and celebrating movement in all its forms. Each child will be tracking their daily activity, whether that's walking, scooting, dancing, running around at playtime or simply choosing to move a little more than usual. We can't wait to see how the children rise to the challenge and cheer each other on throughout the month. Let's get moving, Stokes Wood!

## MOVE IT MARCH AT STOKES WOOD

## YEAR 3 STEP INTO BALLET: STRENGTH, CREATIVITY AND PERFORMANCE

All of Year 3 took part in an exciting live lesson with other schools and the Royal House of Opera, where they explored the world of ballet. The children learned what it truly takes to become a ballet dancer — from the strength, discipline and athleticism required and the dedication behind daily training. They also discovered how costumes are created, how sets are designed, and what happens behind the scenes to bring a grand performance to life. The session highlighted that ballet is for everyone and that professional dancers train at an elite level, showing incredible fitness, focus and commitment. The children even had the chance to try some ballet themselves, expressing ideas through dance and enjoying the creativity of the art form.



Our two boys' football teams shone brilliantly during their second round of the tournament. Both teams demonstrated real determination, teamwork and resilience throughout each match. We saw some fantastic moments of skill, great decision-making under pressure and a level of sportsmanship that truly reflected Stokes Wood at its best. Every player gave their all, and their progress from the first round was clear to see. A huge well done to all involved – we are incredibly proud

of you.

## BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – 2ND FEBRUARY



## CROSS COUNTRY QUALIFIERS

We are thrilled to share that Stokes Wood has an impressive number of pupils who have qualified for the upcoming city cross-country event. Their determination during trials was fantastic to see – from steady pacing to those final powerful sprints that showed just how much they wanted it. Each child pushed themselves, supported one another and showed real resilience out on the field.

Although the big race is still ahead, qualifying alone is a huge achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of every runner who earned their place. Below is the full list of our qualifiers – a huge well done to all of you. Stokes Wood will be cheering you on every step of the way for those who will be attending on the day.

Renn Mason	Hannah Lucas Malek Jones
Roux Roman	Elwin Nathan Kirils Sarah

## KS2 LEICESTER CITY ELEMENTS DANCE COMPETITION

Our dance group have spent the past few months perfecting their routine – and honestly, the journey has been just as entertaining as the final performance. From dramatic hair-flicks to last-minute "Wait... which way are we turning?" moments, they've thrown themselves into every rehearsal with huge enthusiasm and a brilliant sense of humour. Their confidence has grown massively, their timing has sharpened, and their stage presence has gone from "a bit shy" to "full-on superstar mode."

This week, they took all that hard work to the Elements Dance Competition in the city and absolutely smashed it, securing an impressive 5th place. Stokes Wood couldn't be prouder of this group – their passion, personality and pure joy for dance lit up the stage. What a team. What a performance. What a result.

