

# STOKES WOOD

## PRIMARY

### February Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to February! It promises to be a busy and exciting month, with lots of events for our children to enjoy, and we are already looking ahead to March and the much-loved World Book Day, when both children and staff will be invited to dress up as a character from a book. We can't wait to see the creativity on display



During February, our Key Stage 2 pupils will be taking part in the NSPCC TT Rock Stars competition – it will certainly be fastest fingers first as children put their times tables skills to the test while enjoying the multiplication magic.

Over the course of this term, we will also be experiencing further roofing works, this time linked to ceiling improvements and the replacement of tiles. While these essential works are carried out, there may be some unavoidable disruption, including the temporary relocation of classrooms in certain cases. Any classes or year groups affected will be informed closer to the time, and we will always aim to minimise disruption to learning as much as possible.

At present, our EYFS staff and pupils are showing incredible resilience while their area undergoes necessary improvements. The children are making excellent use of the hall to ensure learning continues smoothly, and we are extremely proud of how well they are adapting.

We have also recently said a sad farewell to two of our long-standing governors, who have retired from their roles. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Rob Osborn and Ian Brierley for nearly a decade of dedication, support, advice and guidance. While we will miss them greatly, we know they are enjoying the opportunity to travel abroad during February, and I'm sure you would join us in thanking them for everything they have done for our school community.

Finally, I am pleased to share that three new members have joined our governing board, bringing additional expertise and support as we continue to develop our provision and improve outcomes for all our children. Further details about our governors can be found on the school website should you wish to learn more.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting month ahead.

Best wishes - Liz Christensen Head Teacher

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Valentine's Disco
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Celebratory Dress day for Chinese New Year
- Feb Half Term - 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb
- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to 5<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - St David's Day celebratory dress day. - Wear yellow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - KS1 going to Beaumanor Hall.





Rowan house focused on Leicester and inclusivity. They watched a video about inclusive playgrounds in Amsterdam. They decided that in Leicester, playgrounds are not very inclusive, so they spent time designing inclusive playgrounds. In the afternoon, they did a scavenger hunt. All the questions related to Leicester. Did you know that Ada Lovelace is from Leicester and she is known for inventing the first computer algorithm?



Elm House focused on sustainability. They went litter picking around the school grounds to make it tidy. They also made models out of recycled materials. As they were the winning house for Autumn 2, they also watched a film in the afternoon and were treated to some popcorn snacks.



Ash House focused on innovation. As we are a healthy school, they took part in an Apprentice style challenge to create healthy cereal bars. Before they made the bars, they also had to design eye-catching packaging. The children were able to create their own bars and eat them at home or in school.



Cherry House focused on diversity. They spent the day learning about Egypt and Egyptian culture. They had fun making flat breads which were very tasty. They also made Egyptian fans and clay cartouches which are Egyptian name tags for important people.



**STOKES WOOD HOUSE DAY JANUARY 2026**

# COFFEE MORNING WITH PARENTS

Thank you so much to all the parents who attended our coffee morning and live lesson session. It was lovely seeing so many parents coming in and reading with their children and learning more about how we teach phonics here at Stokes Wood Primary in Early Years and Year 1.



## UNIFORM REMINDER

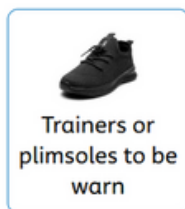
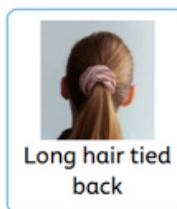
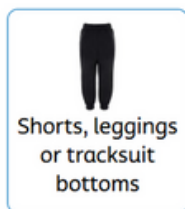
We have seen an increase in the amount of children coming into school without the correct uniform. Just a reminder our uniform policy states all children must come dressed in a royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with a white polo top and black or dark grey trousers or skirt.

Our P.E. kit is also navy or black shorts leggings or bottoms and sensible trainers or plimsoles. We provide the children P.E tops.



- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- White polo shirt
- Black or dark grey trousers or knee-length tailored shorts or pinafore dress or skirt
- Blue/white checked Gingham dress
- Grey, black or white socks or grey/black tights
- Black school shoes/black trainers with no coloured logo or markings
- A suitable coat

### PE kit reminder



# 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:

Darwen -  
97.9%

Sandhurst -  
97.2%

Brunel -  
96.7%

Chettle -  
98.1%

## Events happening at Stokes Wood this month:

KS1 are going to Beaumanor Hall for Victorian Day!



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
£19 per child or 4 installments of £4.75

We are also asking children to come dressed in clothes the Victorians would have worn or normal school uniform.

The children will be leaving school at 9:15am and returning before the end of the day.

JOIN US AT

# Stokes Wood

Primary Valentine's Day Disco



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
4:00pm to 5:30pm

SNACKS  
MUSIC  
ARTS & CRAFTS

**£2 per child**

Payments to be made on Scopay

All children must be collected at the end of the disco. No phones are permitted.

Reception to Year 6.  
Only children who have booked can attend.  
Limited spaces available!

Get ready for our new *Name the Bear* competition. This will be £1 per entry to win our fabulous bear!  
Children will need to bring cash for this.



We are having a celebratory dress day on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 to celebrate Chinese New Year. Children are invited to wear clothes that are special to them or red!



Our brave cross country runners took on the elements — and the elements fought back! The children tackled the course with brilliant determination. Most even smashed their personal bests, with many securing impressive positions below 20. A huge well done to all our runners — your resilience (and muddy socks) made us very proud!

## CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

### 2025 SANTA DASH

KS1 and Year 2 took part in their annual Santa Dash during the Daily Mile and the children were fantastic! Spirits were high as everyone ran, jogged, and laughed their way around the course in their festive gear. To add even more excitement, there was a mystery visit from a life sized gingerbread man, who cheered the children on and brought plenty of smiles. A brilliant, festive event enjoyed by all!



### GIRL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Our girls took part in a football tournament this week and were outstanding from start to finish. Despite the bitter cold, they showed incredible resilience, determination and teamwork, never letting the chilly weather dampen their spirits. The girls played with real passion and supported one another brilliantly throughout the event. A fantastic effort — we are so proud of how they represented the school!



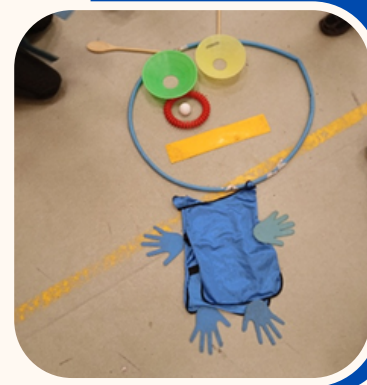
### GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Our girls' football team showed fantastic determination in their recent matches. They held Dovelands to a tightly contested 0-0 draw, demonstrating excellent defensive organisation. In their second game, the team continued their strong form with a 1-1 draw against Wolsey House, battling hard and showing real teamwork throughout. Well done to all the players for their effort, resilience, and sportsmanship!

Stokes Wood	0 v 0	Dovelands
Stokeswood	1 v 1	Wolsey House



The children in KS1 enjoyed a wonderfully creative PE session this week, taking part in some imaginative snowman making activities using a range of equipment. Working in teams, they used hoops, cones, beanbags and more to design and build their own "snowmen," showing brilliant teamwork, problem solving and winter themed creativity. A fun and active way to bring festive cheer into PE!



### KS1 FESTIVE CREATIONS IN PE – TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

A few of our KS2 children took part in a Boccia Festival this week, and they certainly made their mark! With laser focused throws, plenty of giggles, and some very dramatic "hold your breath" moments, the team worked brilliantly together.

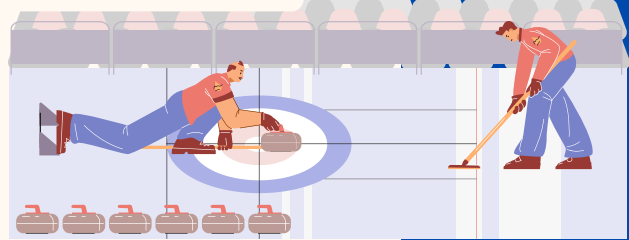
They encouraged each other, celebrated every good shot, and may have invented a few new warm up routines along the way. A fun, friendly festival – and our children represented the school wonderfully!



## KS2 BOCCIA FESTIVAL – 3RD DECEMBER

## NEW AGE KURLING – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY

A group of children from DSP took part in an exciting New Age Kurling competition this week and represented the school brilliantly. They showed great concentration, teamwork, and encouragement throughout the event. We are incredibly proud to share that the team achieved an impressive 11th place overall in the city. Well done to all the pupils involved—you were fantastic ambassadors for DSP!



## SNOW GLOBES AND STREET DANCE WITH DMU - JANUARY



We had the pleasure of welcoming DMU students into school this week to work closely with our children. KS1 have been busy creating a charming winter snowglobe-themed dance, complete with imaginative movements and plenty of enthusiasm. Year 6, meanwhile, have been developing their street dance skills, bringing energy, rhythm and a lot of personality to their sessions. It has been a wonderful partnership, and both the children and the DMU students have thoroughly enjoyed working together.



## 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

## ENERGY SPARKS ASSESEMBLY

The children had an exciting opportunity to learn about energy usage and how to be green from our special guest from energy sparks. The gentleman led an assembly and taught the children about green energy and how our energy usage effects the planet.

