

STOKES WOOD

PRIMARY

May Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and our Stokes Wood Community,

As we step into May, we look forward to a month filled with meaningful events, exciting learning opportunities and important milestones for our school community. The month begins with the May Bank Holiday, offering a well-earned break for pupils and staff, before we come together to mark VE Day, reflecting on its historical significance and honouring those who served.

Throughout the month, we will also be promoting wellbeing and balance, including our Screen-Free Day in school, encouraging children to reconnect with creativity, play and face-to-face interaction.

Mental Health Awareness Week provides a valuable opportunity for us all to focus on emotional wellbeing, while World Bee Day will inspire learning about the importance of biodiversity and caring for our environment.

Of course, May also brings an important moment for our Year 6 pupils as they take on their KS2 SATs. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and resilience, and we wish them every success.

It promises to be a busy, reflective and enriching month ahead.

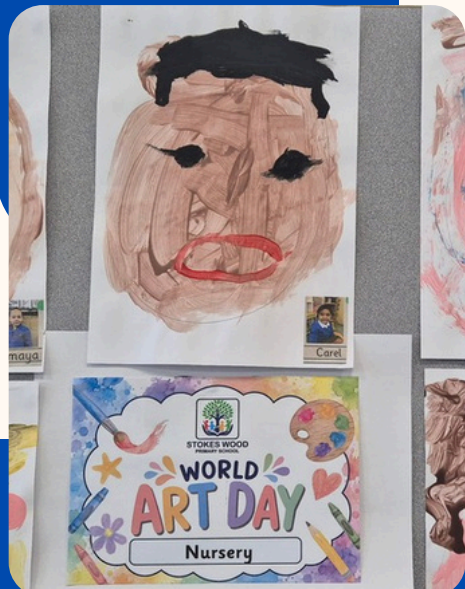
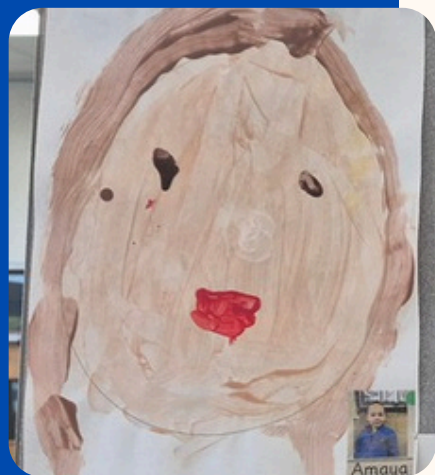
Mrs Liz Christensen - Head teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 4th May - Bank holiday, school is closed.
- 6th May - Year 5 are going to Orchestra Unwrapped
- 8th May - VE Day - wear red, white and blue.
- 8th May - Y4 are going to Jewry Wall
- 11th to 15th May - SATS week
- 15th May - wear green for Mental Health Week
- 25th to 29th May - May half-term.
- 12th June - Colour Dash

WORLD ART DAY

On Wednesday 15th April, we celebrated World Art Day. Our theme for the day was self-portraits and portraits and we were so impressed with what the children created! Using a range of different media including paint, pencil and paper collage, they produced absolute masterpieces.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended another one of our amazing coffee mornings. We were joined by the school nursing team who gave a brilliant explanation of how to eat healthily and how to make a balanced packed lunch. We hope all those who attended found it informative.

COFFEE MORNING



5 STAR HYGIENE RATING

Following our most recent inspection, Stokes Wood Primary School has been awarded a 5-star food hygiene rating. This top rating reflects the high standards we maintain in food preparation, cleanliness, and overall kitchen management. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our catering and site staff, who ensure that every meal served to our pupils is prepared in a safe and hygienic environment. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and remain committed to maintaining these excellent standards every day.



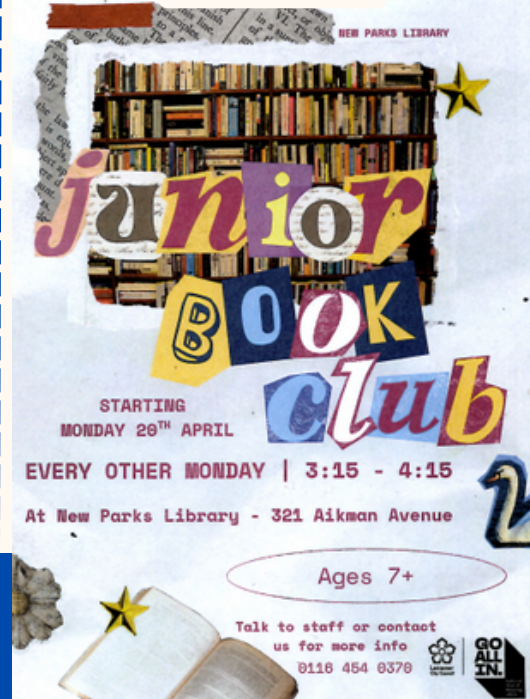
FIDGET TOY WARNING

Please be aware of increasing concerns about squishy toys containing liquid and sparkles being brought into school. The fluid inside can produce a strong unpleasant and potentially toxic smell and in some cases the toys have burst, releasing contents such as glitter and small beads which may pose a choking hazard, particularly for younger children.

We remind parents and carers that toys are not permitted in school. The only exceptions are fidget tools approved by the pastoral team or SENDCo. Thank you for your support in keeping all pupils safe.



New Parks Library has started a book club and has asked us to invite your children along. The club will take place every other Monday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. If you would like more information please contact the library on 0116 454 0370.



COPELAND CELEBRATES WORLD EARTH DAY.



To celebrate Earth Day our Copeland class visited Forest School and became eco warriors! They did some litter picking and filled a full bag of rubbish. Thank you for helping out, Copeland class.

STOKES WOOD BEES

We're really excited to share that we now have a live apiary (beehive) on site at school!

Two Men and a Hive are registered beekeepers and members of our site team. On Saturday, they will be installing a beehive and bees in our school grounds. The hive will be positioned in a far corner that children are not allowed to enter. The area has been professionally surveyed and approved by a master beekeeper from the Leicester and Rutland Beekeepers Association, ensuring it is safe and well located for both the bees and our school community.

We have chosen Buckfast bees, a breed well-known for being suitable in educational environments. They are calm and gentle compared to many other honeybee types, less likely to swarm and are hardy and easy to manage. These qualities make them a sensible choice for a school setting. For anyone who may feel unsure, please don't worry. Bees will naturally fly in all directions and it is unlikely you will notice any increase in the number of bees on site. Bees generally only sting if they feel threatened or if the hive is disturbed.

Our apiary will support learning across the curriculum, from science and nature to responsibility and sustainability.

We hope to develop opportunities for pupil involvement, including junior beekeepers learning about the process. All activity around the hive will be carefully managed by trained beekeepers and pupils will only take part under close supervision.

We will share updates as the colony develops, including how the bees are doing and hopefully our first jars of school-produced honey. A whole school assembly will take place in the coming weeks to explain everything to the children.

This is something we have been planning for over a year, including planting a pollinator corridor and small orchard.

Who can spot the Queen? 🐝



Attendance at Stokes Wood:

Our school attendance target is 96%. Our current school attendance is 94.1% which is below target. Well done to the following classes who are above the target:

Darwen -
97%

Chettle -
97%

Events happening at Stokes Wood this month:



Year 4 are going to Jewry Wall
Friday 8th May 2026
The trip will cost £13.50 per child
Children will leave school at 9:15am and return before the end of the day



YEAR 5 ARE GOING TO ORCHESTRA UNWRAPPED!

Orchestra Unwrapped

WEDNESDAY
6TH MAY

£7



STOKES WOOD PRIMARY PRESENTS

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

JOIN US FROM 8:30PM ONWARDS
WE WILL BE WATCHING ZOOTOPOLES!!

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON
15TH MAY 2026
ADULT TICKETS: £2
CHILD TICKETS: £2
CHILDREN IN PUSH CHAIRS GO FREE
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SCOPAY.
SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT.



STOKES WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 3 ARE GOING TO FOXTON LOCKS

16TH JUNE 2026

THE TRIP WILL COST £6 AND CAN BE PAID IN TWO INSTALMENTS OF £3
CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH A COAT AND STURDY SHOES.



Nursery is going to Stonehurst Farm!

Thursday 18th June 2026

The children will be leaving at 9:15am and returning to school by 3pm.
The cost of the trip is £15.20 per child.
All children will need a packed lunch, please.

YOUNG GARDENERS PLANTING SESSION - WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

Christine from the Young Marketeers Project joined our young gardeners for a special planting session this term. The children worked alongside Christine to plant a wide range of vegetables, learning about growing produce, teamwork and sustainability. The vegetables planted will be carefully nurtured and sold at our upcoming market event, giving the children a fantastic opportunity to see their hard work come full circle. A big thank you to Christine for supporting the session and to our young gardeners for their enthusiasm and commitment.



BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT -

Our boys did **MONDAY 9TH MARCH** football semi-finals, show

from the first whistle to the final play. The team moved the ball confidently with sharp passing, worked tirelessly both in attack and defence, and supported one another across the pitch.

Every player played their part, tracking back when needed, pressing high and showing composure in possession. Their communication, discipline and commitment to the game were outstanding, making it a true team performance to be proud of.

An excellent display of football that highlighted just how much this team has grown this year. Well done to all involved for representing Stokes Wood with such pride and passion.

Stokes Wood	3 v 0	Linden
Stokes Wood	0 v 0	Marriott
Stokes Wood	1 v 0	Parks
Stokes Wood	0 v 1	Krishna Avanti

CRICKET YOUNG LEADERS' EVENT - THURSDAY 23RD APRIL

Sixteen of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard in preparation for hosting a cricket event for our Year 4 children, alongside 20 Year 4 pupils from Parks Primary School. The day was a huge success and showcased the confidence, organisation and enthusiasm of our young leaders.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils led games, explained rules clearly, and supported younger players throughout a range of cricket activities. They were fantastic role models, showing excellent leadership, teamwork and sportsmanship.

It was wonderful to welcome Parks Primary to be part of such a positive and enjoyable event, strengthening links between our schools. The children all had a brilliant day and should be very proud of their efforts.



GIRLS' CRICKET EVENT – FRIDAY 24TH APRIL



Eight of our UKS2 girls competed in the Leicester West Cricket Competition and represented Stokes Wood brilliantly. With great weather on our side, the girls enjoyed a fantastic day of cricket, showing determination, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout all their matches.

Special congratulations go to Marwa, who received a Recognition of Effort award for her outstanding attitude and commitment during the competition. Marwa was presented with some brand-new cricket equipment - which we're sure she will be putting to very good use.

Well done to all the girls involved for their effort, behaviour and sportsmanship. You should be very proud of yourselves.

KS2 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS – TUESDAY 21ST APRIL

Sixteen pupils from across Key Stage 2 were selected to take part in the Athletics Championships, and they all performed exceptionally well. The children represented Stokes Wood with pride, determination and excellent sportsmanship throughout the event.

They competed in a range of activities, including track races, the standing long jump and the howler throw. Every child gave their best effort and demonstrated resilience, confidence and a positive attitude. All participants were outstanding, with many achieving podium finishes across the events.

We are extremely proud of how they represented our school.

Individual Placements

Well done to the following children who placed in their respective year groups:

Name	Achievement
Renn	2 nd place (Silver)
Mason	4th Place
Riley	4th Place
Cruz	10th Place

Congratulations to all involved for such a fantastic achievement.

UKS2 NETBALL COMPETITION – FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

Six children from Upper Key Stage 2 took part in the Leicester East and West Netball Competition, competing against a range of schools from across the area. The team demonstrated excellent passing accuracy, strong movement around the court and a growing understanding of positioning and teamwork, which helped them compete confidently in every game.

We are incredibly proud to share that they achieved 4th place overall, a fantastic accomplishment and a first for Stokes Wood in this competition. Well done team!

