



Stone St Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to our May newsletter.

It is unbelievable that we are at the end of term 5!

It has been a really busy term with of fantastic learning going on and lots of great events, with lots more to come in term 6!

Well done to all our pupils and staff for all their hard work this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rolfe 😊

Playtime snacks

Please can you remember to include healthy snacks for children's playtime, this could include fruit, cereal bars, rice cakes etc.

We are seeing a lot of children with whole packs of biscuits, sharing bags of crisps and sweets, which are not appropriate snacks for school.

Please also remember to provide your child with a named bottle of water.



Recent events

- ▶ Class Worship - Congratulations to Dragonflies & Tigers classes who have performed their class worship. It is a wonderful time for the children to be able to reflect on our school values and visions and use different class messages to help them in life.
We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents/ carers who attended and supported worships – the children love to see you watching them and seeing how proud you are of them!

School uniform

- ▶ Please remember to name your child's trousers / skirts / polo shirts / jumpers / cardigans & pe kits as we have lots of lost property which is not named so we cannot reunite any of it with a child. If uniform has a name on it, we can ensure it is returned to them.



Sponsored Read

- ▶ During March 2025 we held a sponsored reading challenge, lots of children took part in this challenge and lots of money was raised for the school to purchase new books, so thank you all very much for your generosity and to the children for their hard work. Winners received prizes during worship on the last day of Term 4, well done to them all.



Trips

Year R

- ▶ On Thursday 1st May Year R took a trip to Godstone farm, the Children all had a wonderful time visiting and feeding the animals. The children all behaved exceptionally, and the staff were very proud.



They got to meet the animals, went to see what life is like on the farm with some paddock practise, fed some pigs and spent some time in the adventure playground - the toboggans were very popular!

Year 1

- ▶ On Friday 2nd May Year 1 went to Sevenoaks wildlife reserve. The children discovered how a plant is structured, how it pollinates, and they searched for wildflowers in the meadow. They also went pond dipping and discovered a variety of pond species. Lastly, they became fire starters using only flint and cotton wool. It was a beautiful, exciting day.



Year 5

On Friday 16th May Year 5 went on an educational trip to Hever castle as part of their Tudor learning. They were lucky enough to have seen where Anne Boleyn lived and where Henry VIII may have visited her at her family home. They had a workshop to learn about Tudor life and learnt so much more!



Sporting events

- ▶ On Wednesday 2nd April some of our year 3 and 4's represented the school in a Sportshall Athletics Competition.

From a range of field events (javelin, chest push, speed bounce, vertical jump, long jump and triple jump) to track events - ranging from an obstacle relay, to an over/under relay to relay races.

They all showed great determination and passion as well as teamwork throughout the events! They came an almighty second place! 🏅 Well done to all of those that took part!



- ▶ On Tuesday 29th April saw some of our KS2 children represent the school in a cross-country event at New Ash Green Primary School. Despite the warm weather, we came 5th overall.



- ▶ On Monday 19th May several of our year 5 and 6's represented the school in a football event. They showed excellent sportsmanship and perseverance as well as great teamwork! They came back to school with huge smiles and couldn't wait to share with their classmates.



Sporting events

- ▶ On Wednesday 21st May several of our year 3 and 4's represent the school in a Soccer Six event at Princes Park. They showed great teamwork and determination as well as their passion for the sport.
- ▶ On Wednesday 21st May saw several of our KS2 students represent the school in the annual District Sports event. From field events - shot put and long jump - to track events - sprints, relays and 300m, our children went into each event with passion and determination. The positivity certainly filled the air after children shared positioning with the rest of the team. Adam Gemili announced the top three schools and saved us for last! Stone St Mary's came first out of the 9 schools that competed. Every child was awarded a medal for their effort towards the school's overall position! A huge well done to every child that represented the school in this incredible event! 🏆🏆🏆
- ▶ On Thursday 22nd May several of our KS2 girl footballers represented the school in a Barclays Girls Festival at Princes Park. During the afternoon, the girls showed excellent determination and teamwork which led to no goals being conceded! ⚽

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout!



Attendance and Lates.

- ▶ If you need to report your child absent or your child needs to attend a medical appointment, please inform the office and provide proof of appointments e.g evidence of texts, appointment cards, etc.
- ▶ If your child is absent from school, **please make sure you telephone and speak with the office before 9.00am**. If we do not receive a reason for absence on the morning, then this will be recorded as unauthorised. **We are unable to accept emails for absence.**
- ▶ The gate closes at 8.55am, after this time you must press the buzzer at the main gate and your child needs to come through the school office, once your child is in the office you will not be able to take them any further.
- ▶ If your child arrives at **9am or after they are late**, Persistent lateness contributes to a loss in your child's education. So please ensure you are getting your children to school on time.
- ▶ Holiday's during term time will not be authorised, first time penalty notices will be issued for unauthorised absence with £160 per parent, per child paid with 28 days. Reduced to £80 per child, per child if paid within 21 days, per parent, per child. Penalty notices are issued per parent for each child that was absent.

Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
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5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

Parking

Emergency Exit area for Bluewater.

► **NO VEHICLES** should be parked Bluewater emergency exit at any time. This exit needs to be clear should there be an emergency in Bluewater shopping Centre this area would allow access for emergency vehicles. It is in the interest of our community safety should there be the need to use it. We have been advised by the Bluewater shopping Centre they will be issuing penalty notices to anyone parking in this Emergency exit area (pictured). The penalty notices will be issued automatically and will be sent to your home address (No yellow notice will be issued).

Other reminders about parking and driving protocols that we like all of our parents to adopt when dropping off and collecting your children **in order to keep all of the children safe!**

- 1) Please park in a legal bay and not where you should not park – particularly across a crossing place!
- 2) Try to park further away from the school and walk in to reduce the traffic around school – there are plenty of safe places to park a little walk from school.
- 3) Try to observe the unwritten rule of a one-way system in that we drive from St. James Road end and keep going that way up into Louvain Road so that cars are not needing to pass each other as much – this helps the flow of traffic and is much safer.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Who
23/05/2025	Last day of term 5	Normal finishing time	
02/06/2025	Start of term 6		
07/06/2025	Church / School summer fayre	11.00am - 2.00pm	Whole site
09/06/2025	Sports week		Whole school
11/06/2025	Bumblebees class worship	9.15am	School hall
13/06/2025	Sports Day	KS 1 - AM KS 2 - PM	School field
15/06/2025 - 21/06/2025	Year 6 Residential week		Year 6
18/06/2025	Kipper class worship	9.15am	School hall