



# Stone St Mary's C of E Primary School

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## Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to our July newsletter, the final newsletter for this academic year ☺.

What a year it has been! With our Siams inspection an the end of November 2024 followed by an Ofsted inspection in May 2025 the feedback we received from the Ofsted inspection shows what we already know is so special about this school it is summed up in the opening paragraph of the report:

***" Staff and pupils are proud to be a part of this school. They understand and reflect the school's vision of 'caring, growing and shining together'."***

This is extremely important to us and we hope it makes you proud of our school too!

Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September!

End of term!

Mrs Rolfe ☺

## Trust Speaking competition

On Wednesday, 2nd July, finalists from across Aletheia Academies Trust gathered at Saint George's Church of England School (Primary Phase) for the highly anticipated Grand Final of the Trust Speaking Competition. The event was a celebration of oracy, confidence, and the unique voices of our pupils.

Each finalist took to the stage to present a topic they had a personal passion for, ranging from global issues to personal experiences. The breadth and depth of topics were remarkable. Pupils shared presentations on climate change, the history of dinosaurs, and a beautifully delivered insight into Uganda, the 'Pearl of Africa'.

A huge well done to all of our finalists, not just for the quality of your speeches, but for the authenticity and care you brought to the day. You represented your schools and yourselves with pride.

Our year 4 student Suubi O came second in the competition, Subbi then experienced a trip to parliament and even went down the River Thames in a speedboat.

We are very proud of Suubi and her achievements. ★



## Recent events

- ▶ **Class Worship** - Congratulations to the last class to perform their class worship which was Gruffalo class, worship is a great 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.

The children had a lovely time and really enjoy performing to their parents / carers. 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.



## Trips

### Year 2

- ▶ On Tuesday 8th July Year 3 went to Kent Life and took part in some workshops where we learnt about the Greeks. They enjoyed learning about Greek life, Greek gods and goddesses, seeing the animals, playing in the park and a tractor ride around the farm.



### Year 3

- ▶ On Wednesday, our Year 2 children went to Greenwich Royal Observatory. They were so sensible when boarding the train and doing lots of uphill and down hill walking. They visited the Planetarium to watch a space adventure which was amazing, had a tour of the North Site to see telescopes and a workshop all about seasonal changes. 🌞🌍🌙 What a great day we had! 😊



# Important announcement

We have achieved the Your School Games Mark Gold award for 2024/25!!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- London Mini Marathon - both in London and in school
- Reaching the quarter-finals for both year 5/6 girls and boys football teams
- Balance Bike Festivals
- Infant Agility
- Variety of football events
- Netball league
- Athletics
- Cricket

These are just a few events that we have taken part in over the year!



## Sports Events

On Monday 14th July several of our Year R and Year 1's represent the school in a Balance Bike Festival at Cobham Hall.

They all showed great resilience and passion for the event and had excellent determination throughout the festival.

A huge well done to those that took part! 🚲





# Staff - Fond Farewells

- ▶ We say “Goodbye” to Miss Karaata who works in our school office. I know you would all like to thank her for her hard work and dedication that she has shown to our school in the time she has been with us. She has trained with us and gone from strength to strength which is why she is moving to pastures new within our trust. We will miss her smiley face, but we wish her lots of luck for the future. Goodbye Miss Karaata.
- ▶ Miss Davis has decided to leave us after many years working here at Stone - she has developed her career here moving from a teaching assistant to class teacher and we thank her for her commitment and effort over this time. We wish you lots of love, luck and happiness on your future adventures.
- ▶ Mrs Kimber - Well this is a very sad “Goodbye” after so many years at Stone. Mrs Kimber has supported so many children in this time - she is hardworking and caring and Stone St Mary’s will miss this and her positive attitude around school. We all wish you so much love, luck and happiness in your retirement - enjoy the relaxation!
- ▶ We wish Mrs Goodwin a sad and fond farewell from Stone St Mary’s but in particularly year 6 where she has worked as a TA, Class Teacher and then Year Group leader for many years, it will not be the same without her. She is caring, kind person who works hard and has been determined to get the best out of all the Year 6’s who has passed through in her time. She will be so missed by everyone here but we wish her so much love and happiness for the future. Good luck and goodbye Miss Goodwin!



## Year 6 leavers

- ▶ We wish all of our Year 6 children every success and lots of happiness for the future. Over their years at Stone St. Mary's CE Primary School they have achieved lots, grown in stature and confidence and made some lifelong friendships.

Well done for the excellent show 'Legends of Mayhem' - it was great to see them working so well together. This year's 'Leaver's Party' was a great success with all the children looking fantastic and clearly enjoying each other's company!

The trip to the Isle of Wight this year was amazing, and the children were one of the best bunches of children I have taken away - they showed that they are able to work independently and are ready for the next part of their journey!

Thank you to all those people that have helped to create long lasting memories for these lovely children, and we all say - 'KEEP BELIEVING!'





# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Who
23/07/2025	End of school year		Normal finish time
01/09/2025	Staff development day - Children do not attend		Whole school
02/09/2025	Staff development day - Children do not attend		Whole school
03/09/2025	First day of Term 1		

