



Stone St Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to our June newsletter 😊.

Wow, Wow, Wow what a busy month June has been with sports week / day, Year 6 residential, class worships, new Year R play dates and lots more.

We cannot believe we are heading towards the end of the school year, please keep an eye on the diary dates to ensure you do not miss any events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rolfe 😊

Ofsted Inspection

We recently had a Section 8 Ofsted inspection where Ofsted come to ensure that the standards of the school are being maintained. We are pleased to confirm that this was the findings of the recent inspection.

A copy of the report can be found:

[Stone St Mary's CofE Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted](#)



Please do take the time to read the report. We feel that the words in the report have really captured Stone St Mary's well and show how we truly live up to our vision 'Caring Growing Shining Together'. If you have any questions about the report, please come and talk to us.

We are incredibly proud of all our Children, Staff, Governors and Parents who have contributed to the school to enable us to maintain our high standards and expectations.



Recent events

- ▶ Class Worships - Congratulations to Bumblebees, Kipper and Elmer 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. 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!

School uniform

- ▶ Please remember to put your child's name in their trousers / skirts / polo shirts / jumpers / cardigans & pe kits. 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 your child.



Playground 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 / tubes of crisps and even sweets, which are not appropriate snacks for school.

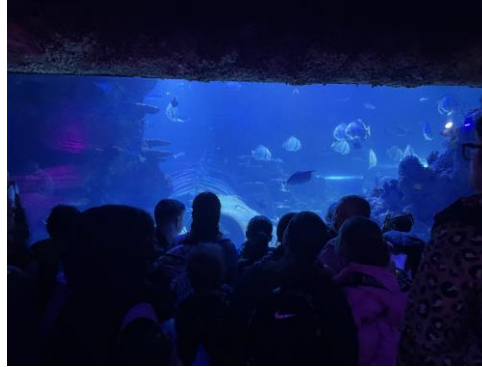
Please also remember to provide your child with a named bottle of water.



Trips

Year 4

- ▶ On Thursday 5th June, Year 4 visited the London Sealife Aquarium. Despite the rain the children had a great time playing in the park before visiting the Sealife centre where they saw many amazing sea creatures. Among the favourites were seeing the turtles and sharks swimming about in the glass tunnel and visiting the penguins who put on a show for us diving in and out of the water!



Year 6 - Residential

- ▶ We couldn't be prouder of how the children conducted themselves during our Year Six residential to the Isle of Wight. Throughout the trip, their behaviour was consistently respectful, kind, and enthusiastic. Time and again, members of the public took the time to comment on how polite, considerate, and well-mannered they were — a true credit to both the school and their families. Whether it was helping one another, taking part in planned activities, or simply showing great manners in public spaces, the children represented the school beautifully and made a lasting impression wherever they went.

We all have many wonderful memories of our time in the Isle of Wight- thank you – Year Six -2024-2025. 😊



Events



- Last week we had a 'Just Like Me' week.

Each day had a different theme including Who Am I?, Food from other cultures, music from other cultures, challenging prejudices and pride in your culture, finishing with a wonderful worship on Friday afternoon where we were able to join together to celebrate the key learning from the week.

Each class created fabric bunting to decorate with the theme of something that represents who they are. Be sure to look out for these when you are next in and around school.

Sporting events

- ▶ On 2nd June several of our year 5's represent the school in a kwik cricket event at Cobham Hall. As the day went on, as a team they got better and better which impressed the organisers! The team won 2 games, drew 1 and lost 1 - overall they came 4th place out of 6! Each cricketer should be super impressed with themselves! Well done! 🏏
- ▶ During sports week (9th – 13th June) the children participated in many different sports workshops, including gymnastics, rugby, hand ball , baseball & many others. The children had a great time trying out some new sports. Sports week was finished off with our annual sports day event on Friday 13th June, it was a scorching hot day but all of the children had a great time participating.

Well done to St Davids team who won the cup this year!



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

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Who
07/07/2025	Staff development day - Children do not attend		Whole school
07/07/2025	Last week of after school clubs		
08/07/2025	Non uniform day - Please bring in sweets / chocolate donations		Whole school
09/07/2025	Year 6 trust leavers concert - Children only (parents do not attend)	PM	Rochester cathedral
10/07/2025	School Family picnic event	2.00pm - 4.30pm	School field
16/07/2025	Open afternoon	2.00 - 4.00pm	Whole school
17/07/2025	Transition day	9.30am - 11.45am	Whole school
18/07/2025	Year 6 leavers Church service - Parents welcome	1.45pm	St Mary's the Virgin Church, Stone, DA9 9BE
21/07/2025	Year 6 - Goodbye party	6.30pm - 9pm	School hall
23/07/2025	Year 6 - Celebration worship - Parents Welcome	9.30am	School hall
23/07/2025	End of school year		Normal finish time