



Stone St Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the March's newsletter.

Wow I cannot believe we are at the end of Term 4! We are finally getting some better weather which is lovely to see , however please remember to still send your child in with a coat.

Well done to all our children for all their hard work this term, lets keep it going into the next term.

Please remember to check our diary dates for events happening in term 5!

Hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 20th April!

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.

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



Recent events

- ▶ Collective Worships - Congratulations to Sharks, Dragonflies, Tigers and Meerkats classes who have all performed their class worship. Well done to them all!

It is a great time for the children to be able to reflect on school values and visions and use different class messages to help them in life.

Also, thank you to all the Parents/ carers who attended and supported worship - the children love to see you watching them and seeing how proud you are of them!



Coffee Afternoon

- ▶ Thank you to all parents who attend the Well-being and healthy living talk on Thursday 12th March, we hope you took away with you lots of ideas for healthy recipes and you have been able to try them out at home.



- ▶ At the end of last term, saw some of our Year 5 and 6's represent the school in an Eco Ambassador Training event organised by Active Kent and Medway.

Their training consisted of interactive workshops with Kent Wildlife Trust, Kent Schools Active Travel and Road Safety Team, as well as an inspirational speaker - Sarah Philpott.

They had to think about their environmental impact through sport and physical activity. Following this, they have started an action plan to be implemented through their role as Eco Ambassador at school.

They have already thought about more bins around school as well as growing wildflowers and more active days at school to keep fit and healthy.

If you have any suggestions on how the school could become more eco-friendly, please let us know as the Eco Ambassadors are willing to take any suggestions on board!



Sports events

- ▶ On 2nd February some of our Year 5 and 6's represented the school in a Cheerleading Festival held at Northfleet School for Girls. They learnt the skills needed, such as clean hands, Barbie hands and stunts. They then created a dance routine to include these skills and they then shared their performance with the other schools. All those that attended had an enjoyable time and loved sharing the experience with their peers.
- ▶ On Thursday 5th February the Boys FA team play against Wentworth Primary School in the next round of the FA. Despite the weather and the mud, the boys were determined to show off their teamwork. Going into half term, Wentworth were leading 3-1. Following a positive team talk during half time, the boys unfortunately lost to Wentworth with the score ending, 7 - 1. Well done to the boys who represented the school.
- ▶ On Friday 6th February some of our Year 4's represented the school in a Handball Festival at Sir Geoffery Leigh. They learned lots of skills, they then put these to use in several matches! They won two of their games and drew one! The team then saw themselves into the semi-final against Dartford Academy. Unfortunately, the team lost but came 4th overall in the games! Well done to those that took part! They will certainly be able to show off their new skills next term to the other Year 4's in Handball!



Sports events - Continued

- ▶ On Friday 6th February, the Girls FA Team played in the next round against Wentworth. Despite the muddy and wet conditions, the girls were excited for this match. As a team, they showed great determination, passion and communication on the pitch. In the first half, Stone were leading 2 - 0. The second half saw the girls show off their teamwork and resilience, with another two goals scored! The match finishing, 4 - 0 to Stone! 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Well done to the girls who are now through to the next round of the FA!
- ▶ On Monday 23rd February saw 8 of our year 5 and 6's take part in the Football League at Princes Park. The team showed determination in both matches. Despite losing both matches, they showed great sportsmanship!
- ▶ 30 of our Year 6's took part in Bikeability this year! Their first session saw them go over safety on the bike and when on the road, signaling when turning on the bike and how to brake quickly. Then their second session was out on the road with the instructors, which saw them being able to put what they had learnt on the playground into action on the road. 🚲🚲🚲 They all achieved Level 1 and Level 2 in Bikeability! 🎉 We are very proud of each pupil that took part in this opportunity! 😊
- ▶ Wednesday 4th March saw 11 of our Year 3's take part in a T1 Tag Rugby event. During the morning, they participated in lots of activities, where they learned the fundamental skills required in a tag rugby game, including the tackle triangle which they will implement in their future games of tag rugby. Everyone had an amazing time and got to play some mini matches against other schools as well!



Sports events - Continued

- ▶ Monday 9th March saw the final week of the Football League for Year 5 and 6. In this final week, the team played against three schools; they lost against them all but this didn't stop them from showing their determination, passion or teamwork. A huge shout out to Ollie for scoring a goal in our last match! 🌍 Also, another shout out to Mateo for his great goalkeeper skills!
- ▶ On Tuesday 17th March some of our tag rugby players represent the school in a Trust competition! Each member showed dedication to the sport, as well as excellent teamwork, passion and determination! Mrs Kimber, Miss Jarman and Miss Sharp are extremely proud of the team, who were top of their group and played in the final!! 🏉 To know that the final try would determine the winner shows how well the team played!
- ▶ On Wednesday 25th March saw many of our Year 3's take part in a glow in the dark dodgeball tournament at school. The year group impressed Coach Julie (from Dartford FC) with their knowledge and skills of the sport. Throughout the evening, lots of fun was had by all as well as showing a passion for the sport.
- ▶ On Thursday 26th March our Girls FA team played in the next round of the FA Cup against Bean Primary School. During the first half, Millie scored an incredible goal - sending Stone in the lead. 🌍 The second half saw Bean score two goals; however, the girls determination was outstanding! Jessie then scored a goal! 🌍 After full time, the match finished 2 - 2; sending us into penalties!! Edie was incredible in goal and saved several attempts! Millie, Jessie and Thando all scored impressive goals - sending Stone into the quarter-final of the FA Cup! A huge well done to all of the girls! 🏆



Allianz Stadium visit

- ▶ On Monday 30th March in the afternoon saw our tag rugby players visit the Allianz Stadium! Upon our arrival, The children were shown around the shop before going to the rugby museum. The children learnt lots more facts about the history of rugby and got to put our skills to the test. They then went pitch-side and saw the enormity of the stadium - which is incredible. From here they went to the members lounge for lunch.

Shortly after, they were surprised with a visit of two Red Roses - Connie Powell and Helena Rowland! With the help of the Red Roses, in small groups, they created our ultimate rugby player! This could be made up of TV characters or an animal. Then, the children got to create a rugby playing shirt for school. They were able to share with Connie and Helena our school values, ethos and more importantly, what makes our school special. They even had time to ask Connie and Helena questions about their rugby career - from when they first started to play to which is the hardest match they have played in.

Our fantastic guide, Chris, made our day even more special by allowing us to sit in the royal box! From here, they made their way to the tunnel before going to into the England changing room.

The group are super grateful to Chris and the team at Allianz Stadium for this once in a lifetime experience!



Upcoming events

- ▶ This summer, Dartford will be transformed by 30 stunning bear sculptures inspired by the classic We're going on a bear hunt! Therefore we are inviting all children to participate in designing a bear, please think about our vision and values and what makes our school unique. Paper copies of the template can be found in the school office alternatively this has previously been emailed to parents. All entries need to be handed into the Class Teacher by **Tuesday 21st April**.
- ▶ All this is in support of Ellenor Hospice, therefore, we will be holding a fundraising Stone St Mary's mini marathon in school throughout the day on Friday 24th April 2026, please send your child in orange to support Ellenor hospice.

Please donate using the link below :

<https://2026tcsminilondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/olivia-sharp>

or by adding to donation in the buckets on the playground on the day! Please help us to support a wonderful charity!

We look forward to receiving all your wonderful, inspirational, artistic designs.





Easter Events

- ▶ Thank you to all our parents / carers who attended our Easter worships on Wednesday 1st April the children all sang beautifully and all the children really appreciate you all attending to watch and support your children.
- ▶ The children also had a fun Easter worship on Thursday 2nd April where lots of prizes was won for the Easter Garden Competition, attendance, shiny tickets and lots of other exciting things



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.
- ▶ 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 if paid within 21 days. 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
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

Responsible parking

- ▶ **NO VEHICLES** should be parked in this area at any time it needs to be clear should there be an emergency in Bluewater shopping Centre this area would allow access for emergency vehicles, and is in the interest of our community safety.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Please do not block our neighbour's driveways and or dropped curbs as this makes it dangerous for people to cross safely.
- ▶ Please do not mount the curb - this is illegal and restricts access making it unsafe.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Who
03/04/2026	Start of Easter Break		
20/04/2026	First day of Term 5		
27/04/2026	After School clubs start		
30/04/2026	Online PSHE meeting	6.00pm	Online
04/05/2026	Bank holiday - Children do not attend		
06/05/2026	Bumblebee class worship	9.15am	Main hall
19/05/2026	Reception Classes drop-in	2 - 3pm	Reception Classrooms
20/05/2026	Class photographs	AM	Whole school

