



# Stone St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter number 6 -  
April / May 2026



## Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the April/May newsletter.

It is unbelievable that we are at the end of term 5! It has been a really busy term with lots of fantastic learning going on and lots of great events!

Please keep an eye on our diary dates as there will be lots going on in term 6 including sports week WC 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Well done to all our pupils for all their hard work this term. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

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.

As the warmer weather approaches, please also remember to provide your child with a named bottle of water.



## FSM / Pupil Premium funding

Is your child eligible for FSM / Pupil Premium??

If you think that your child could be eligible, please apply to Kent County Council via the link below you will need to complete the form it is quick & simple.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>

If your child is eligible the school will be notified directly.



## Recent Events

- ▶ Class Worship - Congratulations to Bumblebees and Elmer 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 worships - the children love to see you watching them and seeing how proud you are of them!

## Easter events

- ▶ Thank you to all our parents and carers for buying raffle tickets, donating prizes and donating cakes, for the Easter events, these raised over £1350.00!!

*Thank you*

## ▶ Trips

- ▶ On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May Reception children had an amazing trip to Godstone farm. The children got up close with some fascinating creatures—holding a bearded dragon, going pond dipping, and feeding the pigs. But it wasn't just about the animals—the children rolled up our sleeves and learned what it takes to care for them too! From filling hay bags to cleaning up after the horses, the children experienced the real work behind farm life. It was a day full of discovery, teamwork, and hands-on learning— we had such an exciting day!



- ▶ On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May Year 5 went on a trip to the National Maritime Museum where they had the chance to be astronomers for the day. They had a fantastic time learning about our Solar System. They enjoyed a planetarium show, unboxing the universe show and learning all about the planets. A fantastic day was had by all.



## Sports events

- ▶ On Monday 20th April some of our Year 3s took part in the first round of Dartford FC Year 3/4 Football League tournament. Although we didn't get the results the children were hoping for, everyone played with great determination and sportsmanship. They should all be extremely proud of themselves.
- ▶ On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April our Girls FA team took part in the quarter-final of the FA Cup against St Barts. The first half saw great determination from our girls. The second half saw Millie score a corker of a goal! 🏆 Then, St Barts managed to score a goal - making the score 1-1. Full time came, which then saw the girls take on penalties. Jessie scored, but unfortunately St Barts managed to score 2 penalties. A huge well done to our girls who represented the school in the FA Cup - Miss Jarman and Miss Sharp are proud of how far the team got in the FA Cup! 🏆
- ▶ On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 15 of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children took part in the TCS London Mini Marathon. They all met at Greenhithe train station and headed to Charing Cross. From there they walked up to Admiralty Arch before heading towards Horse Guard Parade, where our KS2 children got warmed up ahead of their 2.6k marathon. They ran around St James' Park, past Buckingham Palace and then running up Constitution Hill and finally finishing on The Mall. Every child had a huge smile on their face throughout the event! Thank you to all the parents, family members and staff who came along and supported our children in this incredible event!





## Sports events Continued

- ▶ On Thursday 30th April saw several of our KS2 children represent the school in a cross country event at New Ash Green Primary School. Every child showed determination during their event. A big shout out to Italia for coming 2nd in the Year 3 Girls Race! 🏆 Well done to Owen for coming 2nd and Mickey for coming 3rd in the Year 4 Boys Race! 🏆 🏆 A huge shout out to Jessie for coming 1st in the Year 6 Girls Race! 🏆 Well done to everyone who took part and helping to get 3rd place overall! 🏆
- ▶ On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May several of our Year 4's took part in a dodgeball event at North West Kent College. We had two teams, which saw both teams play 9 games in the first half of the morning, Team One won 7 games and lost 2, whilst Team Two won 5 games and lost 4. After a short break, determination was high amongst the teams as both groups played 12 games. Team One won all 12 of their games and Team Two won 10 of their games! As the event was for participation and fun, there was no overall winner for the festival.
- ▶ On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, seven of our Year 3 and 4's represented the school in the football league at Princes Park. They may not have got the results they hoped for, but they all played with determination and teamwork in both of their matches. A special shout out to Maleek for his awesome goalkeeping skills! 🏆 🧤



## Sports events Continued



- ▶ On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, some of our Year 4's and 6's represented the school in a Darts Festival! 🎯 They learnt the skills required to play darts, before taking part in a variety of activities: round the clock, highest score and nearest the bullseye. The aim of the session was to leave better than you started!

- ▶ On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May Tuesday morning saw some of our Year R and 1 students represent the school in a Balance Bike Festival! 🚲🚲🚲 They all took part in a variety of activities, from transporting hoops from one end to the other, in and out of cones (putting their control and balance to the test) and matching the missing phonic sounds. Every child that took part thoroughly enjoyed the morning! ✨





# Stone St Mary's Bear

- ▶ This summer, Dartford will be transformed by 30 stunning bear sculptures inspired by the classic "We're going on a bear hunt"!
- ▶ The bear hunt will take place across the Dartford Borough from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026!
- ▶ Please keep your eyes open for our very special Stone St Mary's bear ..... who goes by the name of Lumen!! We are extremely proud of our bear!
- ▶ Further details regarding the bear hunt can be found on Dartford Borough Council's website via the link below:
- ▶ <https://dartfordbearhunt.co.uk/art-trail/>





# Ellenor Mini Marathon

- ▶ On Friday 24th April, Stone St Mary's took part in a Mini Marathon at school, raising money for the Ellenor Hospice. The children started the marathon on the field, in their different wave times. The children were greeted at the start line by a very special guest from the Ellenor and were all eager to set off on their run. Everyone showed great enthusiasm and encouragement whilst taking part.

- ▶ Well done to everyone who took part in this amazing event. The playground and field was a sea of orange! ❤️ The children had a wonderful time on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April for the Ellenor mini marathon, the school raised over £650.00 towards a great charity.

Thank you to those who have donated to this great cause!!!



## 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.

<b>Getting your child to school on time really matters</b>		
<b>If in a school year your child is late everyday</b>	<b>Your child would have lost approximately</b>	<b>Or they would have missed approximately</b>
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

# IMPORTANT - Responsible parking

- ▶ Unfortunately, we are receiving complaints from our neighbours regarding irresponsible / illegal parking, please do not block our neighbour's driveways and dropped curbs this makes it dangerous for our children to navigate the paths and road safely. If neighbour's report illegally parked vehicles to our staff, we will advise for the offending vehicle to be reported to the relevant local authorities.
- ▶ Please **DO NOT** mount the curb - this is illegal and restricts access making it unsafe.
- ▶ **NO VEHICLES** should be parked in the Bluewater emergency access hatched area at any time, it needs to be clear should there be an emergency in Bluewater shopping Centre. This area allows access for emergency vehicles, and is in the interest of our community safety.
- ▶ Please remember the other 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
25/05/2026	Mid term holiday		
01/06/2026	Term 6 starts		
06/06/2026	Church / Summer Fayre	11am - 2pm	Whole School
08/06/2026	Sports Week		See poster for further details
10/06/2026	Elmer Class worship		
11/06/2026	Secondary transfer meeting	7.15pm	Year 5
12/06/2026	Sports Day	KS1 - 9am KS2 - 1pm	School field
14/06/2026 - 20/06/2026	Year 6 residential week		Year 6 - in 2 groups