



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!

We cannot believe where 2025-2026 school year has gone - it has flown by.

There has been so much going on at Stone St. Mary's and we are so proud of all of our learners. All the children have worked really hard, made progress in lots of ways and achieved many successes.

We would like to wish all our Year 6 leavers the very best in their new schools, we will miss you all, but we know you will succeed in your next chapter!

Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 3rd September!

Mrs Rolfe 😊

Trust Speaking competition

On Wednesday 8th July Lily represented our school in the Trust's 2026 Speaking Competition at Gravesend Boys Grammar School. She spoke passionately about animals and how humans should play their part in protecting them. She won a medal and a book and the school are immensely proud of her.

Congratulations Lily 🎉

We are very proud of her achievements.★



Recent events

- Class Worships - 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 4

- On Friday 3rd July Year 4 spent a wonderful, sunny day in London for the Year 4 trip to the Natural History Museum. From riding the District Line to coming face-to-face with dinosaurs, we really did see it all! A fabulous day was had by all.



Trust Sports

On Tuesday 14th July, several of our Year 5 and 6's represented the school in the final Trust sporting event - Athletics! They all took part in a range of track and field events - earning points for the school. Two of our Year 5's broke Trust Records! 🏆 Ciaa, broke the girls 200m record and Eleanora broke the girls standing long jump record! 🏆 🏆

Each child showed resilience, teamwork, passion and excellent sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. Stone came 1st in the Trust Athletics! 🏆

A huge well done to everyone that took part!



Sports Events

Tuesday 7th July saw our KS2 golfers represent the school in a Little Sticks Festival. 🏌️

They were able to show off their knowledge and skills to professionals in a variety of activities. They all thoroughly enjoyed the chipping challenge and the mini golf!

The event ended with a Q&A with Ian Poulter - who was kind enough to sign their hats!



Thursday 9th July morning saw some of our KS1 children represent the school in the Trust Balance Bike Festival held here at school. 🚲

Lots of fun was had during the event by all, including Miss Jarman and the range of activities. Those that represented the school, all showed off their impressive balance bike skills! 🥳
Well done to all those took part! 🚲



Staff – Fond Farewells

- ▶ We say “Goodbye” to :
- ▶ Mr Ward - We say ‘goodbye’ with sadness but wish you well in your new school who are lucky to have you. Thank you for this year and all you have done in Year 6 - the children have developed so well under your care. Good luck in your new role - we look forward to hearing all about it!
- ▶ Mrs Pryor - After nearly 10 years as a Teaching Assistant at Stone St Mary’s Mrs Pryor is moving on to another school within our trust. We would like to thank Mrs Pryor for her dedication to her role and wish her the best for the future!
- ▶ Mrs Bains - Thank you to Mrs Bains for her dedication to the school over the years as our Play Therapist.

We would like to wish a very happy retirement to :

- ▶ Mrs McArdle - Thank you for everything you have done for us here at Stone St. Mary’s CE Primary School over the last 8 years. You have helped many children to develop and progress over the years. We will continue to support your special school in Sierra Leone and know that you will remain a good friend to the school. Good luck in your retirement!
- ▶ Mr Dobson - We would like to wish our Site Officer a very happy retirement. Mr Dobson will be missed by all the staff and even more so by the children, he is always rescuing lost footballs, helping children with repairs or having a chat with the children. We all wish Mr Dobson luck and happiness in his retirement, and we hope you enjoy the relaxation!

Achievements

Well done to all of our children who received certificates for excellent attendance throughout the school year and a very big well done to the lucky winners listed below:

The overall winners for excellent attendance were - David O (Meerkats) and Anaïs (Foxes)

Termly Attendance winners

- James (Dolphins)
- Olakorede (Turtles)

Termly Shiny tickets

- KS1 Chloe (Grasshoppers)
- KS2 Maxine (Swifts)

Yearly Shiny Ticket

- KS1 - Ted M (Ladybirds)
- KS2 - Levi S (Eagles)

Yearly individual Attendance

- Jose - Beetles
- Abigail - Grasshopper

Yearly attendance - Class Winners

- KS1 - Beetles
- KS2 - Turtles

Year 6 Awards

This year's award
The Taylor Stockford Cup:

The Taylor Stockford cup for sportsmanship and teamwork goes to Jessie Gross.

The Endeavour in Adversity Cup:

This year Daniel Adegboyega was awarded the Endeavour in Adversity cup. This was for overcoming many personal challenges over the years and always smiling.



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. They are a super bunch of young people who have so much to achieve and can definitely party hard!

► Well done for the excellent show 'The Amazing adventures of Superstanley'. The performance was wonderful; there were so many positive comments from parents about their performance, you should be very proud of your children. 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 wonderful, we had good weather, Children had the best time with all their friends / classmates, it was truly lovely to see them all having such a great time together.

► Thank you to all those people that have helped to create long lasting memories for the year 6 children, and we all say - 'KEEP BELIEVING!'



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Who
21/07/2026	End of school year		Normal finish time
01/09/2026	Staff development day - Children do not attend		Whole school
02/09/2026	Staff development day - Children do not attend		Whole school
03/09/2026	First day of Term 1		

