



Little Stoke Primary School

November 2025

Key Dates:

****NEW DATE****

Friday 28th November – Non uniform day – KS1 – sweets and chocolates; KS2 bottle – donations for the Xmas Fair

Tuesday 2nd December – FOLS Christmas Fair 3:30pm

****NEW DATE****

Wednesday 3rd December
9:15am and 2:15pm - Phonics and Early Reading workshop

Thursday 11th December – KS1 Christmas play: 2pm or 5pm

Friday 12th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Monday 15th December – FOLS Christmas Movie Night

Wednesday 17th December – KS2 Christmas Choir Concert

Friday 19th December
– End of Term 2

Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET day – school closed to children

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – children return to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the festive season, the children are busy preparing for our various Christmas events, including the EYFS and KS1 Nativity, the KS2 Christmas Choir performances, Christmas Jumper Day and the wonderful FOLS activities. Please do take a moment to check the key dates included in this newsletter so you don't miss any of the celebrations.

I would also like to share that we have recently welcomed a new Chair of Governors and a new co-opted governor to our Governing Body. We are delighted to have them on board, and you can find more information about their roles and backgrounds later in the newsletter.

I would also like to highlight the importance of good attendance. Our school target is 96% (with 94% as our minimum acceptable threshold), and we are currently sitting below this. I completely understand that this time of year often brings a wave of bugs and illness; later in the newsletter you will find helpful guidance on when your child should stay at home and when they are well enough to attend.

I look forward to seeing many of our families at the community events taking place over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr Dan Ross – Headteacher
Facebook: @littlestokeprimary
www.littlestokeps.co.uk



Year 3 visit to Cheddar Caves

Year 3 had a brilliant time on their trip to Cheddar Caves! The visit brought their *Iron Age to Stone Age* topic to life, giving the children the chance to apply everything they have been learning in class. Exploring the caves, seeing real geological formations and discovering how early humans might have lived helped deepen their understanding and sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all!



Governor update

We would like to share an update regarding our Governing Body. Matt Fowles, our previous Chair of Governors, has now stepped down after serving as a governor since July 2021 and as Chair since February 2024. **We extend our sincere thanks** to Matt for his dedication, commitment and service in this voluntary role.

We are pleased to welcome Claire Bruford as our new Chair of Governors and look forward to working with her in this important position. School governors play a vital role in providing strategic leadership, supporting school improvement and ensuring accountability.

A full list of our current governors can be found below. We still have vacancies for co-opted governors, so if you know someone who may be interested in contributing to our school community in this way, please encourage them to contact the school office for more information.

Members of LSPS Governing Board:



Mrs Claire Bruford (co-opted)
Chair of Governors



Mr Chris Pederick (co-opted)
Vice Chair



Mr Dan Ross (Head teacher)



Mr Chris Jelf (Deputy Headteacher. Co-opted)



Mr Paul Deegan (Local Authority Governor)

Mrs Debbi Ibbotson (parent governor)



Mrs Isabelle Potterton (staff governor)

Mr Aaron Thomas (parent governor)



Mrs Georgina Cattle (Clerk to the governors)



Mrs Heather Taylor (associate member)



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Meet Your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)...

Daria

Hi I'm Daria (she/her) from the Mental Health Support Team. I'll be working at your school each week, say hello next time you see me!



Starting from this term I will be working at Little Stoke Primary every Tuesday. I am going to be supporting students with anxiety, low mood, and other struggles with wellbeing. I will be using a type of therapy called low-intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). The support I will be offering will include:

- Working with students on a 1-1 basis to show them ways that they can take care of their mental health.
- Working with parents to give them new ideas for supporting their child's mental health.
- Supporting a 'whole-school approach' to Mental Health, supporting student wellbeing by delivering group workshops, creating resources and lots more!

If you think your child could benefit from some support please speak to a member of staff in school, they will reach out to me and we can discuss how we can best help you. If we can help, we will arrange a 'meet and greet' session, where I can tell you a little bit more about the support I can offer.



FOLS

All FOLS event information can be found on the “Little Stoke Primary Parents Info Group”. There is also a WhatsApp Group, which you can join by scanning the QR code to the left.

Christmas Fair – Tuesday 2nd December 2025 3:30 – 5pm



Christmas Movie Night – Monday 15th December 2025



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“a friendly and welcoming place to learn”

Ofsted, April 2024

EYFS SEPTEMBER 2026 STARTERS OPEN EVENTS:

Wednesday 1st October 2025, 9:30am

Thursday 2nd October 2025, 5:30pm

Tuesday 4th November 2025, 9:30am

Wednesday 5th November 2025, 5:30pm

Wednesday 7th January 2026, 9:30am

Thursday 8th January 2026, 5:30pm

Use the QR code below or contact the school on
01454 866522 to book a space.

