



Little Stoke Primary School

December 2025

Key Dates:

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

**Wednesday 7th January
2026, 9:30am – EYFS
2026 open event**

**Thursday 8th January
2026, 5:30pm – EYFS
2026 open event**

**Monday 9th February –
Friday 13th February 2026**
– Children's mental health
week

**Tuesday 10th February
2026**– safer internet day

Friday 13th February 2026
– End of term 3

**Monday 23rd February
2026** – start of term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a wonderful term at Little Stoke Primary School, I want to take a moment to reflect on some of the highlights. Our EYFS and KS1 Nativity was a truly magical performance, and the KS2 carol concert filled the hall with festive cheer. A huge thank you also goes to FOLS for organising such fantastic Christmas events that brought our school community together – please see further information about the amounts these events raised later on in this newsletter.

Looking ahead to January, please ensure that children return in the **correct school uniform** so we can start the new year smart and ready to learn. A reminder of expectations are included below.

We also ask that every child brings a **water bottle to school each day** –bottles are a much more hygienic way for children to stay hydrated.

Finally, I'd like to wish all our families a restful and joyful Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2026!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr Dan Ross – Headteacher
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Uniform Expectations

As we start the new year, we want all children to feel proud and ready for learning by wearing the correct school uniform. Please check the list below to make sure your child is prepared for the first day back:

General Uniform

- **Royal blue** jumper/cardigan/fleece (logo optional)
- **Royal blue** or white polo shirt (logo optional)
- Grey or black school trousers, skirt, pinafore, or grey school shorts
- Blue checked summer dress (summer term only)
- **Plain black shoes or plain black trainers** (no logos, stripes, or heels)
- Black, grey, navy, or white socks/tights (plain colours)

PE Kit

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain navy or black shorts, tracksuit bottoms, or leggings
- Royal blue jumper/cardigan/fleece (usual school jumper)
- Black trainers or plimsolls

Forest School

- Old jumper/t-shirt/trousers
- Wellies or sturdy trainers
- Waterproof coat and trousers
- Seasonal extras: hat, gloves, scarf, suncream

Additional Notes

- Long hair should be tied back for PE.
- No jewellery except plain stud earrings and small religious items.
- No make-up or nail varnish.
- Smart watches are not permitted.
- Please name all items to avoid loss.

Thank you for helping us maintain high standards and keep our children comfortable and safe. Your support makes a big difference!

News and events:

Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children delighted audiences with their nativity performance, ***Everyone Loves a Baby***. With joyful singing, confident performances and plenty of festive cheer, the children retold the Christmas story in a warm and engaging way.

From shepherds and stars to Mary, Joseph and a very special baby, every child played their part beautifully. The message of love, kindness and celebration shone through, and the children's enthusiasm was a joy to watch.

Well done to all the EYFS and KS1 children and staff for a wonderful Christmas performance.



Year 3 pupils have been getting hands-on with clay this term, creating their own pottery inspired by the work of celebrated ceramic artist Kate Malone. The project gave children the opportunity to explore shape, texture and colour while learning about a contemporary British artist.

After studying examples of Kate Malone's bold and expressive ceramics, the children experimented with different techniques, including shaping, smoothing and adding decorative details. They worked carefully and creatively, producing a range of unique pieces that reflected Malone's distinctive use of form and vibrant surface design.

The project not only developed the children's artistic skills but also encouraged patience, problem-solving and pride in their work. The finished pots were a real achievement, and Year 3 were excited to see their creations come to life.

Well done to all the Year 3 pupils for their enthusiasm and creativity.





Our children recently enjoyed a festive Christmas Movie Night organised by the Friends of Little Stoke. Wrapped up in the excitement of the season, the children settled in to watch the much-loved film ***The Grinch***.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for the children to relax and enjoy time together, filling the hall with laughter and Christmas cheer. A huge thank you goes to the Friends of Little Stoke for organising such a fun and memorable evening, helping to make the festive season extra special for everyone involved.

Our KS2 pupils put on a fantastic festive performance, showcasing their talents through beautiful songs, instrumental pieces, and thoughtful readings. The hall was filled with Christmas cheer, and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the celebration.



A huge thank you to all parents and carers for coming along and supporting the children – your presence made the event even more special!



UK Health
Security
Agency



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



SCAN ME

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.

Friends of Little Stoke (FOLS) – Thank You!

A huge thank you to all parents, carers, and the wider school community for your incredible support during our Christmas events. Together, we raised:

Christmas Cards: £187.83

Raisin Challenge: £261.00

Christmas Fair: £398.00

Movie Night: £27.04

That’s a fantastic total, and it really makes a difference to the opportunities we can provide for every child at Little Stoke Primary School. So far this year, FOLS has funded new Forest School equipment and contributed towards transport for every class, helping to keep costs as low as possible for families.

Your support is especially important at a time when schools face significant financial pressures. South Gloucestershire is currently the lowest funded local authority in England, and combined with other budget challenges, every contribution helps us protect the experiences and enrichment our children deserve.

Thank you again for your generosity and commitment – it truly benefits every child in our school. If you’d like to get involved with FOLS or find out more about how you can help, please join our WhatsApp group using the QR code above. We’d love to hear from you!



LITTLE STOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

“a friendly and welcoming place to learn”

Ofsted, April 2024

What we offer:

- **Before & After School Wrap-Around Care**
- **On-Site Forest School**
- **Large Early Years Area**
- **Strong Curriculum Offer**

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**

Book you place to visit our school.

Scan the QR code or call us on
01454 866522

