

# Stowford School News



October 2025 (2)

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach half term I am pleased to report that the first half of the Autumn Term has been a busy one at Stowford School. Children have been on visits, including the Year 6 residential at Barton Hall, and they have enjoyed many curricular and extracurricular activities.

## Parents' Evenings:

It has been lovely to see so many parents attending Parents' Evenings. We are very happy that you are all so engaged with school.

Please remember that if there is anything that worries you, or you would like to discuss a matter at any time, you do not need to wait for Parents' Evening. Any adult in school would be happy to make time for you to address any concerns or answer your queries, and I am available to talk to at the school gate as regularly as possible.

## Harvest Festival:

Thank you for all the generous donations for Harvest Festival. The representatives from the Foodbank attended our assembly today to speak to the children and left with the many boxes and bags of donations. They expressed their gratitude for the support from our school community. Thank you everyone!



## House Captains:

This year's Year 6 House Captains have now been appointed, and have already begun to fulfil their responsibilities by showing parents around at Parents' Evenings this week, and by helping to load up the food donations from the Harvest Festival to be transported to the Foodbank today. They will have many more community responsibilities throughout the year.



Good luck with your new role to:

**Fox Tor:** Lilibeth and Seb

**Hound Tor:** Evelyn and Kaiden

**Hare Tor:** Bonnie C and Jessica

**Crow Tor:** Harry and Poppy

## School Lunches:

**Please ensure that your child's lunches are pre-ordered via the SwiftKitchen App.**

The use of SwiftKitchen to preorder school lunches for the children is working well and thank you for your support with this. You may be aware that the admin team has been providing additional support during the introductory period of the system by double-checking orders for all the children every day. Moving forward after half-term, this extra check is stopping, as children whose parents/carers have not preordered for them can be provided with a meal at the lunch counter (although this may not be their preferred menu choice). It is therefore important that you have followed the full process to place orders via the App please. The system is reliant on parents/carers placing preorders. Do rest assured that lunch will always be provided and no child will be allowed to go hungry.

It is also important to remember to cancel a lunch that has been ordered if your child is absent for any reason.

## Applications for Secondary School:

This is a reminder to all parents and carers of Year 6 children that the closing date for applications to secondary school is Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline).

If you require support with this process, please call into the school office today. Devon have advised that there is high demand for places at secondary schools this year so please do not miss the deadline!

## National Childhood Measurement Programme 2025/2026:

Information regarding this Programme has been sent to parents/carers of children in Foundation and Year 6 this week. The letter includes the electronic link if parents/carers wish to opt children out of the Programme. The date for this will be advised to parents/carers once the school has been informed.

## Foundation Vision Screening:

Parents/Carers of children in Foundation have been sent a letter and information leaflet regarding a vision test as part of the UK National Screening Programme. These tests will take place in school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## Flu Immunisations

The nasal flu vaccination will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Stowford School. To provide consent please follow the link and code below.

Link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School code: DV137963

Please complete the online consent form by midday on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

## Staff Information:

Congratulations to Mrs Sykes (Y5 Kestrels class teacher in 2024/2025) on the birth of baby Benjamin in early October. We are all looking forward to meeting the latest addition to the Sykes family.

Sadly, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November we will say goodbye to Mrs Cochrane, Pastoral Support Advisor, who will be leaving us to return to her former career with the Court Service. We wish Mrs Cochrane all the very best for the future.

Recruitment is currently underway for this important role in the school.

And finally, we break up today for the half-term holiday. I wish you all a restful break, and look forward to seeing you when the children return to school on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

Best wishes

**Mr Pepper**

Headteacher

Stowford School

## Sporting Events:

### Football:

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October the Year 4 Football Team took part in the WeST 7-a-side tournament at Morley Meadow school. Every game was close and, even though they won some games, the team were very unlucky not to win more! Last week it was the turn of the Year 5 and Year 6 teams to take part in their 7-a-side football tournaments organised by WeST at Morley Meadow school.

Both teams performed really well - our Year 5 team were unlucky to not progress to the semifinals, while our Year 6 team reached the semifinals - however they were so desperately unlucky to be knocked out on penalties in a sudden death shootout! Huge well done to all the players who represented the school in such a wonderful way.



## DIAS: Making sense of SEND training

This series of sessions about special educational needs aims to help parents/carers understand some of the most important information and the most useful skills to develop when supporting a child with SEND. It explains special educational needs, SEN support and how the SEND system works and helps parents to feel more confident about speaking up for their child and working with professionals. All the sessions are free of charge.

### Online sessions:

About SEND and school: Tuesday 4 November 2025 1pm-2.30pm

How to take part and share what you know: Thursday 13 November 2025 10am-11.30am

### In-person session:

4 December 2025, 9.15am for a 9.30am start – 12.45pm.

Courtenay Centre, Kingsteignton Rd, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2QA

Find out more and get links to book here: <https://devonias.org.uk/events>

## Dates for Your Diary Autumn 2025

October 2025	
20/10/2025	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
21/10/2025	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
22/10/2025	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
23/10/2025	Harvest Festival Assembly - Food Bank
23/10/2025	KS2 Girls Football at Morley Meadow
23/10/2025	Last day of Term
24/10/2025	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
27/10/2025	Half Term Holiday
31/10/2025	Deadline for applications to Secondary School
November 2025	
03/11/2025	Return to School
03/11/2025	3.30pm Y5 Barton Hall Information Meeting
03/11/2025	Cauliflower Christmas Cards - Artwork home to parents/carers for orders! (Stowford Friends)
04/11/2025	Poppies on sale!
05/11/2025	Deadline for return of orders for Cauliflower Christmas Cards - please do not forget to include the Artwork with your order form! (Stowford Friends)
06/11/2025	KS1 Multi Skills at Stowford School
11/11/2025	Remembrance Day Assembly (children in school)
13/11/2025	KS2 Rugby Megafest @ ICC
14/11/2025	Children in Need
14/11/2025	Stowford Friends - Quiz Night
15/11/2025	Primary School applications open
20/11/2025	KS1 Gymnastics Festival at Morley Meadow
24/11/2025	Last week of clubs
25/11/2025	Foundation Vision Screening
25/11/2025	Foundation Parents' Evening
26/11/2025	Foundation Vision Screening
26/11/2025	Foundation Parents' Evening
27/11/2025	Y5 swimming - final session
28/11/2025	F-Y6 Flu Immunisations
28/11/2025	Stowford Friends - Jolly Jars
29/11/2025	Stowford Friends Christmas Fair
December 2025	
08/12/2025	AM: KS2 Carol Service Rehearsal - Church
08/12/2025	1.30pm: KS2 Carol Service - Church
09/12/2025	AM Nursery Christmas craft morning
09/12/2025	1.30pm KS2 Carol Service - Church
09/12/2025	6.00pm KS2 Carol Service - Church
11/12/2025	AM KS1 Christmas production
11/12/2025	6.00pm KS1 Christmas production
16/12/2025	AM Foundation Nativity
16/12/2025	PM School Discos (Stowford Friends)
17/12/2025	Christmas Jumper Day
17/12/2025	Christmas Lunch
18/12/2025	Last day of Term
19/12/2025	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
22/12/2025	Christmas Holiday

## Dates for Your Diary Spring 2026

January 2026	
05/01/2026	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
06/01/2026	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Spring Term - Return to School
12/01/2026	Letters out re Clubs
13/01/2026	Stowford Friends - PTA AGM
15/01/2026	Deadline for applications to Primary School
15/01/2026	School Census Day
19/01/2026	Clubs start this week
29/01/2026	Y5/6 Netball at South Devon Tennis Centre TBC
February 2026	
03/02/2026	Assessment Week
04/02/2026	Safer Internet Day
05/02/2026	KS2 Sports Hall Athletics Plymouth Life Centre TBC
09/02/2026	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
10/02/2026	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
11/02/2026	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
13/02/2026	Last day of Term
16/02/2026	Half Term Holiday
23/02/2026	Return to School
March 2026	
02/03/2026	Stowford Friends - Wonka Bars on sale this week
03/03/2026	Secondary School National Offer Day
05/03/2026	KS2 Cross Country, Staddiscombe
05/03/2026	World Book Day at school
16/03/2026	Y5 Bikeability Week (Mon - Thurs)
30/03/2026	Last week of clubs
April 2026	
02/04/2026	Last day of Term
02/04/2026	Stowford Friends - Easter Crafts Competition
03/04/2026	Easter Holiday



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## Dates for Your Diary Summer 2026

<b>April 2026</b>	
16/04/2026	Primary School National Offer Day
20/04/2026	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Summer Term Return to School
22/04/2026	PM School Discos (Stowford Friends)
23/04/2026	Y4 swimming - session 1 of 10
27/04/2026	Clubs letters out
<b>May 2026</b>	
04/05/2026	May Bank Holiday - school closed
05/05/2026	Clubs start this week
11/05/2026	KS2 SATS week
20/05/2026	Class Photos
20/05/2026	Nursery Individual Photos
21/05/2026	School Census Day
22/05/2026	Last day of Term
25/05/2026	Half Term Holiday
<b>June 2026</b>	
01/06/2026	Return to School
01/06/2026	Y4 Multiplication Assessment 2 week period commences
04/06/2026	KS1 Quad kids event at Stowford School
08/06/2026	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
09/06/2026	Dance Celebration at Buckland Abbey
10/06/2026	Y3 Visit to Eden Project
15/06/2026	4.00pm New Intake Meeting for September 2026
16/06/2026	KS2 Quad kids event at Brickfields
22/06/2026	Y4 Spirit of Adventure
23/06/2026	Y4 Spirit of Adventure
24/06/2026	Y4 Spirit of Adventure
23/06/2026	AM KS1 Sports Day
24/06/2026	AM Nursery Sports Day
25/06/2026	AM KS2 Sports Day
26/06/2026	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
29/06/2026	Last week of Clubs
30/06/2026	Reserve KS1 Sports Day
<b>July 2026</b>	
01/07/2026	Reserve Nursery Sports Day
02/07/2026	Y6 ICC Transition Day
02/07/2026	School Transition Morning
02/07/2026	Y4 swimming - final session
03/07/2026	Reserve KS2 Sports Day
06/07/2026	Annual Reports home
08/07/2026	Opportunity for parents to discuss Reports
15/07/2026	1.45pm Y6 Production
16/07/2026	6.00pm Y6 Production
20/07/2025	Y6 Woodlands Trip TBC
22/07/2026	9.30am Y6 Leavers' Assembly - Y6 parents/carers invited
22/07/2026	Last day of Term
23/07/2026	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
24/07/2026	Summer Holiday



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## Stowford Friends News and Updates

Wow we are already half way through the first term of 2025 to 2026. Stowford Friends have already been busy with planning. On 30 September we held our annual general meeting and are pleased to announce that we have an agreed core team for another year.

Joint Chairs: Sarah Muirhead and Katie Rogers  
Secretary: Kirsty Lewis  
Treasurer: Heather Adams  
Social Media Lead: Lauren Cox

We said goodbye to a key member of our team Emma Coles who has provided invaluable support in her role as Treasurer and will truly miss her input. We can also advise that Emma Andrews has stood down as our social media lead but will continue to help where she can.

The AGM was a great success and we celebrated the range of events held last year:

Christmas Fair – A fantastic turnout and lots of fun stalls and games.  
Wreath Making- A delightful event to get in the Christmas Spirit  
Disco – We were delighted to bring these back.  
Cake Sales – Thank you to all the bakers and donors.  
Wonka Bars- Second year of this and pay on the day definitely worked better  
Football Challenge – The kids did brilliantly and loved being part of it.  
Summer Fair – Normally our biggest earner however a total less than £2k, this could be due to the change in date secondary to a poor weather prediction and the safety of our children on the inflatables.

Altogether, we raised around **£10,332.32** this year which is a fantastic amount.

If anyone would like to join the PTA committee or be a volunteer helping as and when you can then please contact us via email: [friends@stowford.devon.sch.uk](mailto:friends@stowford.devon.sch.uk)

We are also pleased to confirm that there will be a range of events planned for 2025 to 2026. Starting with a quiz night, Friday 14 November. Gather your friends and family and come join us for a night of questions and laughs. It will be bring your own drink you will just need to pay entry. The event is live on PTA events so please go online and book your tickets:

### [Stowford Friends](#)

And look out for the Cauliflower Card order forms straight after half term!

We can also confirm that the Christmas Fair has been scheduled for 29 November 2025, so watch this space for more information as it becomes available. As always Stowford Friends is only successful because of all of you. Thank you for supporting us throughout the year. If you wish to become more involved then please do not hesitate to contact us.

See you after half term.

Sarah, Katie, Heather, Kirsty, Lauren and the committee 😊

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# High 5 Holiday Club: October Half Term



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MONSTER MASH MONDAY	TERRIFYING TUESDAY	WITCHCRAFT WEDNESDAY	TRICK OR TREAT THURSDAY	FANG-TASTIC FRIDAY
Haunted Hockey	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball	Creepy Cricket	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball	Ghost Hunter Dodgeball
Ghost Hunter Dodgeball	Ghooley Benchball	Haunted Hockey	Frightening Football	Ghooley Benchball
Frightening Football	Creepy Cricket	Frightening Football	Creepy Cricket	Haunted Hockey
Pumpkin Carving	Zombie Apocalypse Nerf	Zombie Zorbing	Zombie Apocalypse Nerf	Zombie Zorbing
Zombie Zorbing	A visit from 'Jonesy' The Friendly Ghost	Halloween Woodland Games & Blind Trails	Halloween Woodland Games & Blind Trails	Fancy Dress Dance Party <small>Fancy Dress optional but encouraged, prizes for best costume!</small>

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STOWFORD FRIENDS PRESENTS:  
**THE STOWFORD Quiz Night**

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
DOORS OPEN: 6:45PM QUIZ STARTS: 7:00PM

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Tickets: [www.pta-events.co.uk/stowfordfriends](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stowfordfriends)

\*If you haven't logged onto the PTA website before, please follow the instructions to create an account.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> OCT  
25<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT  
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PUMPKIN PARTIES  
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MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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**WE TRAIN EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT SHERFORD SPORTS HUB BETWEEN 5-6PM AND WE RUN AN U7/8'S, U9/10'S & U11/12'S AGE GROUP AS WELL AS GOALKEEPER SESSIONS TOO!**

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