

# Stowford School News



April 2026 (5)

Stowford family,

Another busy term draws to a close and a brief moment to reflect on what we've been up to in school.

This term we've been on trips to the National Marine Aquarium. We've had the Space Dome in school. We've had visitors from Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support Charity, Marine Biologists, Animals2USouthWest and Dartmoor Dynamic Landscapes. We've celebrated Safer Internet week, Children's Mental Health Week, World Book Day, Foundation Nursery Rhyme Day, Comic Relief Day. We've developed our understanding of Chinese New Year, Ramadan, Eid, Sikh New Year, Palm Sunday and Holy Week. We've raised over £2000 for school in our Stowford Friends sports fundraiser.

This term we've received a special letter of congratulations from the Secretary of State for Education, The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP. The letter recognises the excellent outcomes that disadvantaged pupils across our school achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year, noting that our school's performance places us among the very best nationally.

In addition, this term we have been working hard to build a link with the STEM team at Babcock, to engage our children in science, technology, engineering and mathematics enrichment. Over the Spring our classes have participated in a variety of workshops in school - magnets, exploring materials, building landing craft, designing and making compasses and exploring Lego design. This culminated in our Year 6 children spending a day at HMNB Devonport, seeing STEM in action and exploring the resident submarine HMS Courageous!

This term we have welcomed a team from the University of Reading, who are carrying out a languages study and collaborative project with the school. The team were glowing about the progress our children are making and the strength of our languages offer in school. Mrs Kandes, our languages specialist, also attended the National Languages Conference in London, at the request of the University, where the school received further recognition for its strength of provision.

On a sporting theme, our indoor athletics team took part in the local indoor athletics competition, held at Ivybridge Community College. In addition, our athletes in Key Stage 2 took part in the Sports Hall Athletics at Plymouth Life Centre. The children did us all proud in both events, finishing in first place! Alongside this, our Year 6 children have received tennis enrichment sessions this term at South Devon Tennis Centre while our Year 5s have successfully completed their Bikeability course.

So much accomplished, so much to reflect on, so much to celebrate. Our wonderful children never fail to amaze us with their determination to be the very best version of themselves. Stowford Standard, the Gold Standard, the very highest standard - children you make us all very proud.

And finally, I would like to wish everyone a restful half-term holiday. We break up today, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, and look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Monday, 20th April 2026**.

Best wishes  
Rob Pepper  
Headteacher

## Safeguarding

Should you need any help or advice about safeguarding matters during the holidays remember the telephone number for Devon Children's Front Door (formerly known as MASH - Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) is:

**0345 155 1071**



## STOWFORD FRIENDS

What fabulous entries there were in the Easter craft competition today – thank you for all your hard work. It must have been very difficult to choose the winners!

### School discos:

We are looking forward to the school discos on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – more info next term.

Timings:

1.45pm– 2.15pm: Foundation

2.25pm – 3.10pm Y1/Y2

3.30pm – 4.15pm Y3/Y4

4.30pm – 5.30pm Y5/Y6

If you have any ideas of other ways in which we can raise funds, then please do get in contact with us: [friends@stowford.devon.sch.uk](mailto:friends@stowford.devon.sch.uk) or via our Facebook page: [Stowford Friends | Facebook](#)



### World Book Day, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March:

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, the children (and staff) all enjoyed coming to school dressed as characters from books. There were so many amazing and inventive costumes too – thank you everyone for your support. I hope the children found a great book to buy with their token.

### Comic Relief 2026:

There was also more fun on Red Nose Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March when the children had the chance to come to school in red mufti. The total raised on the day was a fabulous **£426.08**. Thank you all for your generosity.

### Easter Craft/Egg/Bonnet Competition:



The number of entries and incredible designs were *eggcellent* as always! The entries were all brilliant, making the job of judging *eggstremely* difficult! Well done to all the *cracking* winners, whose names have been announced on ClassDojo. Thanks to Stowford Friends for *eggceptional* organisation as always, and for providing the eggs as prizes.

### National Child Measurement Programme:

Clinicians from the Public Health team will be in school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 to measure the height and weight of children in Foundation and Year 6. Parents/Carers have already received a letter with information about the programme with a link to opt out if they do not wish their child to participate.

### Staffing News:

We have recently welcomed two new members of staff to the Stowford team: Miss Freya Rogers as a Wraparound Care Assistant at the After School Club and Mrs Sharnie Townsend as a Teaching Assistant at the school. Mrs Freya Ireland (current MTA) has also joined the Nursery team, working every Thursday.

### School Lunches:

Please note that there is a new school lunch menu which commences after the holidays – the 'Primary World Menu'. We hope the children will enjoy the new dishes! Thank you for continuing to book lunches via the SwiftKitchen App – you can book before 9.30am on the day the lunch is required. Please also ensure that you cancel your child's lunch if they change their mind or will be absent due to illness.

## Dates for Your Diary Summer 2026

April 2026	
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	School Discos (Stowford Friends) 1.45pm- 2.15pm: Foundation 2.25pm - 3.10pm Y1/Y2 3.30pm - 4.15pm Y3/Y4 4.30pm - 5.30pm Y5/Y6
23/04/2026	F & Y6 - National Child Measurement Programme
23/04/2026	Y4 swimming - session 1 of 10
24/04/2026	Y2 Visit to Paignton Zoo
27/04/2026	Clubs letters out
28/04/2026	AM Y5/6 Girls Football Festival at ICC
30/04/2026	PM Cross country event at Staddiscombe
May 2026	
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
June 2026	
01/06/2026	Return to School
01/06/2026	Y4 Multiplication Assessment 2 week period commences
02/06/2026	AM Y6 Evolution Dome
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
19/06/2026	Stowford Friends Summer Event TBC
22/06/2026	Y4 Spirit of Adventure - Puffins go
23/06/2026	Y4 Spirit of Adventure - Curlews go/Puffins back
24/06/2026	Y4 Spirit of Adventure - Curlews back
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
July 2026	
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
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

Please note these dates are intended to provide advance information and give you an idea of the events throughout the school year. Dates may be subject to change.



## School Trends Uniform Offer:



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**I'M A HIGH 5 CAMPER**  
**Get Me Out Of Here!**  
**STOWFORD SCHOOL EASTER ACTIVITIES**

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN EASTER HOLIDAY EGG-STRAVAGANZA WHERE EVERY DAY IS PACKED FULL OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT.

**ENJOY...**  
**COACHED SPORTS**  
**JUNGLE CRAFTS**  
**FUN & ADVENTURE**  
**AND MUCH MUCH MORE!**

**WEEK 1**

TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup>	WEDNESDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup>	THURSDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup>	FRIDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup>
DODGEBALL QUIK CRICKET HANDBALL CAPTURE THE FLAG CELEBRITY CYCLONE TEAM CHALLENGES	UNI-HOC BENCHBALL RAINFOREST RALLY CARS NEW - BLOCK FRENZY CELEBRITY CYCLONE TEAM CHALLENGES	QUIK CRICKET FOOTBALL UNI-HOC CAPTURE THE FLAG HOW TO WRESTLE AN ALLIGATOR	BENCHBALL SOFT ARCHERY QUIK CRICKET NEW - BLOCK FRENZY CELEBRITY CYCLONE TEAM CHALLENGES

**WEEK 2**

MONDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup>	TUESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup>	WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup>	THURSDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup>	FRIDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup>
DODGEBALL MINI GOLF UNI-HOC TRIBAL WARRIORS TRAINING CIRCUS SKILLS & BUCKET DRUMMING	BADMINTON BASKETBALL DODGEBALL CAPTURE THE FLAG CIRCUS SKILLS & BUCKET DRUMMING	FOOTBALL UNI-HOC BADMINTON TRIBAL WARRIORS TRAINING MINI GOLF	BASKETBALL DODGEBALL FOOTBALL CAPTURE THE FLAG TRIBAL WARRIORS TRAINING	UNI-HOC BADMINTON BASKETBALL MINI GOLF JUNGLE-KIDS MASSIVE FLURO DANCE PARTY

**PLUS DAILY...**  
**AUSSIE ARTS**  
**AND**  
**CHILD FRIENDLY BUSHTUCKER CHALLENGES**

**Hop to it! Places going fast for your Easter holiday camp space with High 5**

Easter 2026 sees the return of “I’m a High 5 Camper, Get Me Out of Here!” and this year the jungle just got wilder with even bigger challenges and bolder adventures.

Places are limited and are booking up fast so don't miss the chance for your child to join the tribe for a holiday filled with unforgettable memories and fun!

## Book Now!

Campers will battle it out in tribes, earn Golden Stars, collect Dingo Dollars, win Jungle Prizes, and we've added some absolute rippers for 2026 - we're unleashing Foam Pits and Foam Cannons, firing up a Neon Nightclub for UV Jungle Dance Parties, and rolling out our Celebrity Cyclone Total Wipeout Course!

And because every little explorer is different, each site will feature our brand-new Zen Zone. A calm, supervised space where campers can pause, reset and recharge if the jungle buzz gets a bit full-on. Our standard days run from 8.30am until 4.30pm, Monday to Friday but if you need your jungle adventurers to stay with us for a longer day then please choose the Extended Day option when booking, which allows you to drop off at 8am and collect them again at 6pm.

Quick booking link: <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps?season=3784235>

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**PLYMOUTH**  
BRITAIN'S OCEAN CITY  
**RUNNING FESTIVAL**

Sunday 17 May 2026

Run in the NHS Blue Wave  
Raise funds for your hospital!  
and get a discount of £10 on your entry to the race!

**Half Marathon**  
£10 discount  
PLUS Free T-shirt for fundraisers!

**10k Run**  
£10 discount  
PLUS Free T-shirt for fundraisers!

Find out more here:  
Call 01752 430 332

**I'M DOING IT FOR PLYMOUTH HOSPITALS CHARITY**

Register to red charity number: 1044679



**HOLIDAY CAMPS**

ALL DAY £29

**ACTIVITIES**

- PICKLEBALL, TENNIS
- KWIK CRICKET
- ROUNDERS, DODGEBALL
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- FOOTBALL & LOTS MORE

ALL DAY 8:30 - 6PM

**EASTER, MAY & SUMMER**

**5 - 12 YEARS**

**2HR TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CAMPS £18**

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Contact Us: 01752 893700  
Website: www.southdevontenniscentre.co.uk



**Plymouth Science Easter Camp**

Scan here to book your place

**FREE for children who are eligible for Free School Meals\***  
or  
**£25 per day** (bring your own lunch)  
**£28 per day** (with lunch)

**Activities Include:**

- Easter Eggs
- Outside Activities
- Spring Activities
- Engineering
- Experiments

**Venue:** St Budeaux CE Primary Academy, Priestley Avenue, PL5 2DW  
**Days:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
**Timings:** 9am-3pm  
**Age:** 6-11 years

To book your place visit our website. For any questions, please email us.  
Web: [www.plymouthsciencecc.co.uk](http://www.plymouthsciencecc.co.uk) Email - [plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07933 055 506 (only during camp dates)

\* Eligibility for free places is for children who receive Free School Meals. This DOES NOT include children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are unsure of your status, enquire with your school office. Eligibility will be checked by Plymouth City Council, and full payment will need to be made for sessions if your child is ineligible for Free School Meals.



**The Magic Faraway Tree [PG] 1-9 April**

**Magic Martin 30 May 2.30pm**

Book your tickets online at [www.ivybridgewaterwatermark.co.uk](http://www.ivybridgewaterwatermark.co.uk) or call the Box Office on 01752 892220

Watermark



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**FREE Taster Sessions**

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- Suitable for children aged 3 months and over
- Spaces are limited - book your free session today!

PLUS, enjoy NO JOINING FEE when you sign up after your taster session!

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## ORAL HEALTH

FREE ONLINE WEBINARS



SCAN ME

**SUPPORTING CHILDREN**

FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS CHILDREN WITH THEIR ORAL HEALTH

TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
AT 6:30PM - 8:00PM

&

TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2026  
AT 6:30PM - 8:00PM





SCAN ME

**SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS**

FREE ONLINE ORAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR CARERS, PARENTS, ENABLERS AND ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS ADULTS AND CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS.

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026  
AT 2PM - 4PM





## KINGSBRIDGE GYM CLUB

# Easter HOLIDAY CLUB

AGES 5+

TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

info@kingsbridgegymclub.co.uk  
https://portal.iclasspro.com/kingsbridgegymclub

**9AM - 3:30PM**

**£25**




## SPECIAL OFFER

# EASTER ROADSHOWS

SPACES WILL FILL UP FAST, SO BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Are you looking for the perfect way to keep your children active, inspired, and engaged during the school holidays?

Argyle Community Trust run dedicated soccer roadshows across Plymouth, Devon, and Cornwall, offering a fun, inclusive and safe environment for young people of all abilities!

Book your child on to our Home Park or Manadon roadshows in Plymouth for just £15 for the day.

Book by Friday, 13 March and receive a further 20% off using code EARLYBIRD20!

**FURTHER 20% OFF EARLYBIRD20!**

**JUST £15 PER DAY!**



**BOOK NOW!**






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## PLAYERS WANTED

### UNDER 10'S & 11'S (SCHOOL YEARS 5&6)

-  U10'S - ALL POSITIONS
-  U11'S - MIDFIELDERS AND STRIKERS
-  OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS: WEDNESDAYS, 5.45PM
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-  NO PRESSURE - JUST COME ALONG AND HAVE A GO!

EMAIL FOR MORE INFO: MODBURYROVERSFC@GMAIL.COM  
MODBURY RECREATION GROUND, MODBURY, PL21 0FS