

Stowford School News

July 2026 (6)



Dear Stowford Family

I hope this finds you all well. As I write this, we approach the summer holidays - a chance to relax, recharge and spend some quality time with family and friends. Through the year, I talk of the strong belief we hold in our young learners. It's with great pleasure that I can report on the success our children have achieved this year across the curriculum. Please find below the results from our external statutory assessments:

Foundation Stage: Children entered school broadly in line with standards expected for their age. By the end of the academic year, 87% (68% National 2025) had achieved a Good Level of Development; 9% above our 2024/2025 score.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC):

93% of our Y1 children achieved the standard.
This is compared to a national average of 82%

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC):

Average score of our Y4 children - 23.3/25, an increase from 22.5/25 last year. National average score 21.

Year 6 SATs:

Reading: 97% of our Y6 children achieved the expected standard

(22% above national average)

61% of our children achieved the higher standard (greater depth)

(28% above the national average).

Writing: 95% of our Y6 children achieved the expected standard

(23% above the national average)

20% of our children achieved the higher standard
(7% above the national average).

Mathematics: 100% of our Y6 children achieved the expected standard

(26% above the national average)

52% of our children achieved the higher standard
(26% above the national average).

Reading / Writing / Maths combined: 94% of our Y6 children achieved the expected standard in Reading Writing and Maths.

That is 31% above the national average and 34% above the Devon average.

Truly outstanding achievement for an outstanding group of children.

Success doesn't just appear; it requires hard work and dedication. 'Be the best you can be, the best version of you.' We talk about this all the time, it's part of the school culture. Our young learners demonstrate this every day in school. The amazing progress our children are making is testament to their commitment and enthusiasm.

It is important to remember however, that any assessments are just a snapshot, a marker point along the way.

Throughout their school journey, our children have embraced the challenge, grown in confidence and found success in their learning. whatever the challenge. Children - you have all done your very best, every single one of you, to be, the very best version of you, and this makes us so proud - there is no replacement for trying your best.

To our Year 6 children - You are all true role models for our younger children to look up to. You fly the flag and represent the standard - the Stowford standard. It's the gold standard, the very highest standard, and it runs through everything we do. Academia, sport, drama, whatever the challenge, whatever the interest, our Year 6 children have found success through their determination, courage and excellence - 3 of our Stowford values.

Alongside this, they make us so proud of their learning behaviour and utmost respect and deep empathy for each other. I have no doubt you will all find success at secondary school with such a positive embedded mind set and behaviour.

And so, as we approach the end of the school year, it's with great pride and a tinge of sadness that we prepare for our role models in Year 6 to leave the primary nest and continue their educational journey to pastures new.

As the Year 6 children wave goodbye, we begin to welcome the newest, youngest academics into school, for stay and play sessions, shared lunches and school walk-a-rounds. And so, the primary journey begins once again - and what a wonderful journey it is. School is a special place to be. The approaching end of term makes us all in school reflect on just how lucky we are to be a part of the educational journey.

Remember, your aspirations are your possibilities - 'Be the Best you can Be' - the Best version of you!

Rob Pepper
Headteacher

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Annual School Awards:

The Leavers' Assembly was a wonderful (and emotional) event this morning. The assembly included the children singing songs from 'Matilda Jr' - this year's truly fabulous Year 6 production. Please see the Stowford School Facebook page for all the pictures from this amazing show. Awards, certificates and medals were presented to all the Year 6 leavers this morning. We wish you all the very best for the future.

Stowford School End of Year Awards 2026	
HEADTEACHER'S AWARD	Bonnie C Lois L
STOWFORD PUPIL AWARD	William B-C Theo R
SPIRIT OF STOWFORD	Lilibeth L Libby M Rupert S Evelyn W
LAURA WEATHERALL PLANE AWARD FOR INSPIRATION	Theo C-L
SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	Josie B Jess G
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD	Jaxon G Seb L
ART AWARD	Freya S Willow W
MUSIC AWARD	Daisy H Poppy S
DRAMA AWARD	Olivia K Scarlett N
HELPING HANDS AWARD	Kaiden D Bella L
ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE	William B-C Josie B Bonnie C Daisy H Lilibeth L Lois L Freya R Rupert S Evelyn W

Staff Updates:

As the summer term ends, we say a fond farewell to Miss Bulmer (Year 3 Teacher) who leaves us for a new post at a school in the Cotswolds. We send Miss Bulmer our very best wishes for the future. We also say a temporary farewell to Mrs Marks (Y1 teacher) who leaves us to undertake a year's sabbatical leave. We send Mr Marks and her family our good wishes. We also send our very best wishes to Mrs Greenhouse from the Admin Team who leaves us for a new role as Attendance Administrator at Plymstock School. We will miss you all.

School begins again on Friday 4th September 2026.

Please see dates below for the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and hear about the year ahead early in the new term.

Dates to note:	
Friday 4 th September 2026	Return to School
Tuesday 8 th September 2026 3.30pm - 4.00pm	Y1/2/3 Meet the Teacher - Parents/Carers Y4/5/6 Drop-in to teachers
Thursday 10 th September 2026 3.30pm - 4.00pm	Y4/5/6 Meet the Teacher - Parents/Carers Y1/2/3 Drop in to teachers

Sports News:

Junior Field Gun Tournament - Armed Forces Day, 27th June

Once again, our fabulous Field Gun Club teams participated in the annual Junior Field Gun competition on the Hoe as part of Plymouth's Armed Forces Day celebrations. 26 primary school teams from across the county competed throughout the day in an exciting tournament. Well done to Mrs Ocean for her dedication to the Field Gun Clubbers this year, and to our fabulous team, whose hard work resulted in beating our times for last year and coming 5th in the competition overall. The team displayed excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to parents for your support.

Matilda



2026/2027 Preparation

The School Day:

Morning (all classes) - doors open at 8.45am with registers taken at 8.55am.

Home time - Foundation and Year 1 pick up at 3.15pm;

Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pick up at 3.20pm.

Walking to school: Please walk to school if you can to reduce the numbers of cars around school. Fewer cars will lead to more space for people. If you do have to drive, please always park with consideration for our neighbours. Thank you.

In readiness for the new academic year could I remind parents that children with pierced ears must remove earrings for PE. **If you are intending to have your child's ears pierced, the beginning of the summer holiday is the ideal time, so that they are able to remove the earrings by themselves by September.**

PE Kits: Next year we will continue with children wearing PE kit to school on days on which they have a PE lesson. They will not need to get changed. Please could parents ensure that their children have the correct PE uniform (Stowford or plain white/Stowford navy t-shirt, black or navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings, trainers and a school sweatshirt). No football kits or kit in alternative colours please.

School Uniform: If you need school uniform for the new school year, School Trends have advised that summer is a busy time so their order deadline is approaching for delivery before the new term. Uniform (with logo) is also available to purchase from Lawsons in Ivybridge. Don't forget there is a rail in the school entrance hall with pre-loved items of uniform, available for a donation to Stowford Friends.

Homework: Next year, most of the children's homework will continue to be set through Class Dojo. Children will still have Home School Diaries (Foundation to Year 2) in which they will record reading done in school and at home. It can also be used for notes to the teacher or office.

Pencil Cases: Pencil cases are not used in school. Stowford will supply everything that your child needs. Please do not buy a pencil case over the holidays, as children will not be allowed to use them.

Water Bottles: These should be clear with a sports top and can contain water/flavoured, non-fizzy water/sugar free squash. It is important that the children remain hydrated throughout the day. Fizzy drinks such as coke or lemonade are not allowed.

Break time Snacks: Free fruit is provided for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children. If KS2 children would like to bring fruit or veg to eat at break time, parents are welcome to provide this. Nothing in a packet is permitted. Please note we are an allergy aware school, working in compliance with Benedict's Law.

School Lunches:

Price increase: next year school lunches will cost **£2.90** (an increase of 10 pence per meal).

Universal Infant Free School Meals continue next year for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child is moving into Year 3, please remember that you will need to pay for school lunches from next term.

Please remember that all meals MUST be preordered via the SwiftKitchen app.

This applies to all children in all year groups. Further information for new starters in Foundation will be provided in September.

Free School Meals:

Benefits-related free school meals:

Children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Expanding free school meals eligibility:

Over half a million additional pupils will become eligible for Free School Meals under the new eligibility criteria. The change means that all households receiving [Universal Credit](#), above the current £7,400 income cap, will qualify for this support. The new eligibility will take effect in September 2026. Families receiving Universal Credit will be able to access free school meals starting from the 2026/27 school year.

How to apply:

Devon has implemented an opt-out auto-award process in which they can automatically identify pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals but are not already claiming. [These checks are taking place monthly so you may not need to apply.](#)

However, you can apply as normal through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Please see the Community Notices below for a list of venues offering free and reduced price meals for children during the summer holidays.

Early Birds and Roosters Wraparound Care Information:

Due to the number of children attending the sessions, the clubs will continue to be split between the Nursery and the Nest building. Children in Nursery, Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be looked after in the Nursery building. KS2 children will be looked after in the Nest building.

Safeguarding:

DEVON FRONT DOOR

Should you need any help or advice about safeguarding matters over the summer the telephone number is:

0345 155 1071

COMMUNITY NOTICES



PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays

Ivybridge Library Reading Challenge is running through the summer holidays for primary age children to inspire and encourage them to keep reading through the six-week break and develop a love of reading for pleasure.

This year it is called "*The Summer Book Quest - The Mission to Wayfarer Island*". To complete the Quest, children will set their own reading challenge and complete Quest related activities. Children who complete the Summer Book Quest will receive a keyring and a certificate.

You can watch a short video about it [here](#).

The Library is also running a programme of activities this summer including a water safety talk from the RNLI, family bike checks, Lego Spike coding sessions as well as crafts and Lego Clubs.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

High 5 Summer Camps:

Quick booking link:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps?season=3825238>

A colorful poster for Stowford's summer line-up. The background features a stylized landscape with a blue sky, green grass, and a red and white striped tent on the left. A Ferris wheel is visible on the right. The poster lists five summer camps with their dates and themes. At the bottom, there is a call to action to book tickets, a website link, and logos for Ofsted Registered, 8am-6pm, and Award winning. A QR code for tickets is also present.

HIGH 5 Stowford's summer line-up

Dates	Event
27-31 July	Fantasy Fest
3-7 August	Wet & Wild Bubble Fest
10-14 August	Big Adventure Week
17-21 August	Dino Fest
24-28 August	Illuminated Soundscape

Book your best summer ever at Stowford today

TICKETS

high5sportscamps.co.uk/summer

SPORT
FRIENDS
FUN
ACTIVE

Ofsted Registered

8am - 6pm

Award winning

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Water Safety Resources

Stay safe in the water – resources from Ivybridge Leisure Centre:

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/speak-up-be-a-mate>

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety-for-teenagers>

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/listing/Category/water-safety-education>



CALLING ALL YEAR 4, 5, 6 AND 7 GIRLS!

COME AND GIVE GIRLS RUGBY A GO FOR FREE AT IVYBRIDGE RFC

WE ARE RUNNING 3 X TASTER SESSIONS ON

12th, 19th & 26th AUG 18:00 PM – 19:00 PM

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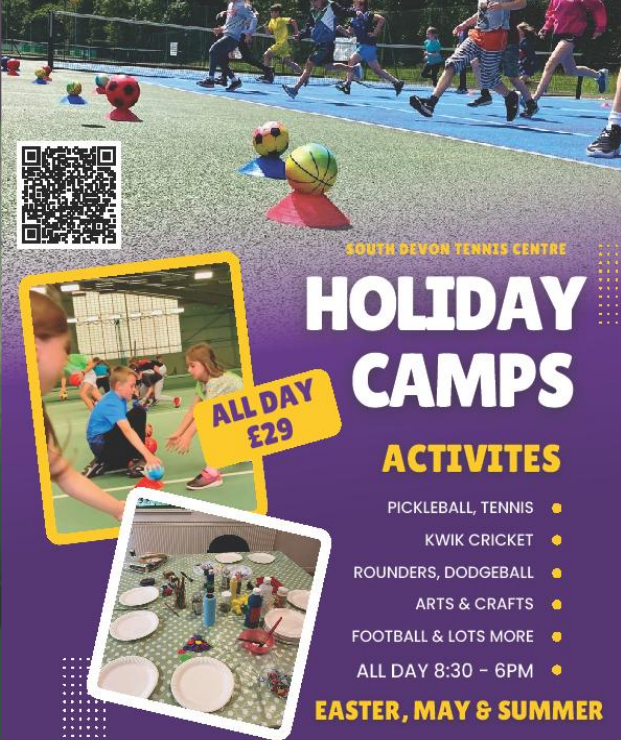
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July & August 2026 | 9.30am start
Open to Boys & Girls of all abilities, aged 5-15

SESSIONS FROM £15 PER DAY

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ALL DAY £29

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- FOOTBALL & LOTS MORE
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2HR TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CAMPS £18

SOUTH DEVON TENNIS CENTRE

Email us info@sdtennis.co.uk

Contact Us 01752 893700

Website www.southdevontenniscentre.co.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICES



SUMMER WORKSHOPS

@ THE LOUNGE, IVYBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE
ERME COURT, LEONARDS ROAD, IVYBRIDGE, PL21 0SL

SUMMER DRAWING WORKSHOP 23RD JULY

Explore colour, pattern, line and shape in this workshop in a series of drawing/painting activities and using a variety of media. We will take inspiration from Summer, by drawing ice cream, the sea, the beach and much more in a simple concertina sketchbook - age 7+ - 10am to 12pm.

GELLI PRINTING 20TH AUGUST

Gelli Printing is an addictive process that allows you to create one-off and unique prints, by using mark-making tools, stencils, posca pens, oil pastels and much more to create an intriguing piece of art - 10am to 12pm - age 5+ - 10am to 12pm.

UNDER THE SEA CREATION 3RD SEPTEMBER

Using a paper plate as a starting point and a selection of art and craft materials, we will make an Under the Sea creation. Whether it's a jellyfish, shark, seahorse or octopus, the process will be lots of fun! - age 5+ - 10am to 12pm.

For more information and for booking please go to;
www.colourfulhorizons.co.uk

*parental support might be needed for the younger ages.





TREE TOTS TODDLER CLUB
Every session is different and might include games, free play, craft activities and songs.



HOLIDAY CLUBS
Enjoy the adventures, fun and endless excitement across our woodlands.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES
Take your party outdoors this year and enjoy the ultimate woodland adventure birthday!



LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Learn the skills to set up and manage a forest school setting.



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Sat 12 Sept 2026

Start times & prices
10k - 3.00pm - £22/£20
5k - 1.00pm - £10
1k - 2.00pm - £5

Location - Flete Estate
(Point to Point site)
Off A379 East of Plymouth
Leave A38 @Ivybridge via A3121
PL21 9NU
What3Words - wolves.alive.inch

*Parking
*Refreshments

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To register visit

<https://www.entrycentral.com/festival/4498>





18th, 19th & 20th September 2026

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Location: Beryl's Campsite, Beeson, Kingsbridge, South Devon. TQ7 2HW

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The only UK festival just for dads & their children.

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- kids disco • music workshops • archery
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- + 2026 World Dad Dancing Championship

Dads/ male carers with children of all ages welcome

DadFest 2026 tickets must be bought in advance

Dad + 1 child (all ages):	£109	
Dad + 2 children (all ages):	£119	
Dad + 3 children (all ages):	£129	

Ticket includes camping & all activities - nothing more to pay
Get food tickets too: £40 (dad): £30 (children)

To book search 'ticket tailor DadFest Devon'
or email: info@thedadsnetwork.org






CFHD Open day 2026

Join us for a fun-filled day for everyone! Enjoy crafting and games, advice from CFHD professionals, tasty treats, wellbeing activities and much more.



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Crating and games

Talk with CFHD professionals

Face painting

Tasty treats

Saturday
19 September
2026
09:30AM-
3:00PM

To register your interest, visit our website or use the QR code provided:
www.childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk

