Stoke Canon C of E Primary School and Pre-School

Newsletter



Vision Statement: Nurture and Grow Together through Compassion, Integrity and Kindness

Oak Class Autumn Term Newsletter 2026

A very warm welcome to everyone as we begin a new school year! We are looking forward to an exciting and productive autumn term, with lots of opportunities for the children to learn, develop new skills and enjoy a wide range of experiences.

There will be a short meeting this Wednesday after school to look ahead to the year and give you an opportunity to ask any questions or discuss anything you would like to know more about.

Reading for Pleasure

Reading continues to be a very important part of life in Oak Class. We encourage all children to read regularly, ideally every day, both at school and at home. Reading together, listening to your child read, or simply chatting about a book they are enjoying can make a real difference to their confidence and enthusiasm.

In class, we will be sharing book recommendations and talking about authors and stories we have enjoyed. Please encourage your child to tell us about their favourite books from home too – we are always keen to discover new recommendations!

Maths – Times Tables

Strong times-table knowledge is particularly important in Year 6, as it supports so many areas of mathematics. We will continue to practise regularly in school, but a few minutes of practice at home can make a huge difference.

Quick recall will help the children as we tackle increasingly challenging work, including fractions, division, percentages and algebra. Times-table tests will take place each Tuesday

MyMaths

Each week the class will have a small amount of maths homework to start in class and complete at home. It aims to support the learning of the Maths topic in the classroom.

Spelling and Writing

Each week, we will focus on new spelling patterns and words, with an emphasis on using these accurately within our independent writing. Please encourage your child to spend a little time practising their spellings at home. Short, regular practice is generally much more effective than trying to learn everything at once!

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday and tested the following week.

PE Kit and School Uniform

Please ensure that children bring their PE kit into school on a Monday. It can then be taken home on Friday to be washed and returned ready for the following week.

Please remember that hoodies should only be worn for PE.

The children have made a fantastic start to the year and are looking very smart in their correct school uniform – thank you for your support with this! No jewellery please and no toys. Sadly these often get broken or lost.

Sharing Experiences from Home

We always enjoy hearing about the things the children get up to outside school. This might be a sporting achievement, a new skill or hobby, a special family occasion or simply something they are particularly proud of.

Please encourage your child to share these experiences with us. It is lovely to celebrate their achievements and interests together and helps us to get to know the children beyond their classroom learning.

Working Together

Year 6 is a particularly important year as the children prepare for the move to secondary school. Our aim is to help them become confident, independent and enthusiastic learners who are ready to take on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The partnership between home, school and the children themselves is an important part of achieving this. If you have any questions, concerns or issues that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to speak to me, Mr Lockett or Gina.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting autumn term with Oak Class!

Peter Grierson