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Park Life

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Welcome to Term 2's edition of Park Life!

A Message from Mrs Lambert...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy term here at Stoke Park Primary School, with lots of lovely events to celebrate. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome audiences to our festive performances; we are so proud of how the children have shone during their singing and performing - a magical end to the term!

We are proud of the way our pupils have represented us in the community too. Highlights include Year 6 making their own wreath and taking part in a very special ceremony at the Memorial Ground for Remembrance day, Years 1 and 3 singing festive songs at the Hub and Year 5 singing at the Warm Spaces lunch at St Mary and St James Church. There is lots more news to share from each of the classes, do read on to find out what's been going on!

The PTA have once again worked tirelessly this term; particular thanks must go to Cat and Ben who organise so much for us.

We welcome back Mrs Coelho this week. She will be teaching in Year 6 alongside Mrs Popplewell.

Thank you to all the families who have worked hard to help us improve our attendance this term - we have been doing well but are currently experiencing a lot of illness. Our attendance is at 93.6% so far this year, which is below both the Bristol and national figures. Hopefully after a good rest in the next couple of weeks, we will be able to improve our school attendance percentage.

It just remains for me to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday and hope that you are able to spend precious time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year. Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Best wishes,
Mrs Lambert

Nursery

It's been a wonderful start to the year in Nursery, filled with exciting learning experiences! One of the highlights was the arrival of real living eggs. The children were full of excitement as they watched the chicks hatch, grow, and even had the chance to hold them. This sparked lots of conversations and curiosity, creating a buzz of energy in the classroom.

In our maths lessons, we've been learning about colours, matching, and sorting, using a variety of practical resources. We've also been honing our listening skills in phonics, identifying and talking about the different sounds around us.

In addition, we've enjoyed reading a range of stories, including *Owl Babies*, where we learned new vocabulary and practiced retelling the story with actions and words. New friendships are blossoming, routines and rules are being established, and the children are excited to try out new activities.

It's been a brilliant start to the term, and we look forward to many more exciting learning opportunities ahead in Nursery!

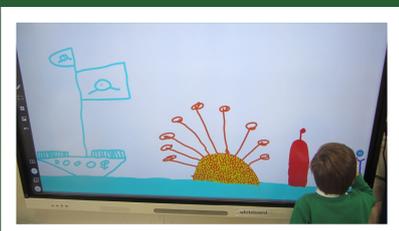
Reception

Term 2 in Reception got off to a great start with an exciting trip on a train. The children are still talking about it now and the adventure we went on experiencing the ride on the train and the busy train station spotting things as we walked about.

This term's theme was 1 2 3 Off We Go! The children have listened to, talked about and learnt lots of new vocabulary in the stories; William Bee's things that go!, Martha maps it out! and We all go travelling by bye bye. They also learnt to retell the story 'Whatever Next' and then changed it to create a different story, improving their story telling skills. They made different vehicles from recycled materials, learnt joining skills and enjoyed riding the bikes outside sharing and taking turns.

In phonics the children have been learning so many new sounds/phonemes and are now beginning to use these new sounds to read and write. In maths the children have consolidated their number knowledge, subitising to 5 and have explored spatial reasoning and shape.

We have done so much more but it was lovely to end the term with a fantastic Winter performance and everyone was great on stage for 'We're Going on a Snowman Hunt.' We look forward to next term when the focus will be rhyme and rhythm.



Year 1



It has been a great term in Year 1! We started with an exciting visit from some firefighters, where we found out about how difficult their job is and we were able to explore their exciting fire truck!

In science we have been learning all about trees and plants. In DT we had great fun designing and creating our own windmills. We now know the names of the different parts and could make them move with a big puff of air!



We celebrated the end of term with an amazing performance of winter poems and songs. We had great fun performing our songs at the Speigeltent. We even went to practise singing at the Hub cafe, with Year 3. The visitors loved our fun festive tunes and we had a great time spreading festive joy. Great work Year 1 and I hope you all have a fun Christmas break!

Year 2

It has been a busy term in Year 2. Full of learning and laughter from fun with fieldwork exploring physical and human features in the local area (geography), travelling back to 1666 to learn about the Great Fire of London (history), being challenged to build a sturdy chair for baby bear out of only paper and tape (DT), sharing our sketching and paint work in our open gallery (art) and ending on a truly festive note, with singing at the Speigeltent and of course delivering our best jokes during our winter showcase to our friends and family. We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you back in 2025!



Year 3

It's been a very busy term of learning in Year 3! We have all settled into our routines amazingly and are enjoying KS2 life.

In literacy recently, we have been busy writing historical stories linking to the Stone Age. We have also written letters to the prime minister complaining about the potential of the summer holidays being shortened. We all had very strong opinions on this topic!

During our art week, we were using ink slabs to create our own prints inspired by artist Neil Bousfield. We then used this art technique to create some winter prints ready to display at our winter gallery alongside some poems.

We ticked off 3 activities on our enrichment passport this term. Firstly, we learnt how to ride a train safely before heading, via train, to Keynsham for the day. Secondly, we learnt a variety of winter songs and headed to the Hub cafe with the Y1 class to perform in front of an audience.

Have a fantastic Christmas Break and I can't wait to see you all back in the New Year!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the term, filled with exciting activities and plenty of learning! One of the highlights was our trip to the cinema, where the children had a wonderful time watching a film together. Back at school, our Design and Technology (DT) day was a real hit as the children worked hard to design and create their own structures. It was great to see their creativity and teamwork on full display!

In addition to these fun events, Year 4 have been busy preparing for the Winter Showcase. The children have been practising songs and creating beautiful winter-themed art.

In maths, we've been focusing on times tables, with lots of practice to help the children gain confidence and fluency. They've worked really hard to improve their skills, and it's paying off!

A truly special project this term has been planting hundreds of trees to create a new hedgerow along Romney Avenue. The children have enjoyed getting their hands dirty and learning about the importance of nature and sustainability.

It's been a brilliant term so far, and we can't wait to continue the exciting learning adventures in Year 4!



Year 5



Wow! What a busy term Year 5 has had! We have been doing some amazing learning: our writing has linked really well with our history work, where we have written some fantastic Greek myths, and our reading, where we have been getting to grips with writing balanced arguments in Ancient Egypt. We have been really enjoying our book, *Secrets of the Sun King* and have had some very interesting discussions. It's made us so excited for the rest of the Year 5 reading texts!

As well as that, we have had so many enrichment opportunities, some linked to our passports and some just for fun! We have been to the Old Vic to visit an author, watched fireworks at Fairfield and sung festive tunes to the local community. Our favourite part of term was definitely riding the 24 bus into town though!

Have a great holiday Year 5 and rest up so that you are ready for an exciting term in January!

Year 6

It has been a brilliant and very busy term in year 6! We are working particularly hard in maths at the moment. The children have been making their way through the huge topic of fractions and making brilliant progress. Year 6 should also be very proud of their writing this term; we have written stories, diary entries, balanced arguments, poetry and explanatory texts.

We haven't only been learning in the classroom. All the children in year 6 represented Stoke Park wonderfully at the Memorial Ground remembrance service and made us very proud. We also had a visit from some university students who ran a coding workshop. They were very impressed with the coding ability of year 6 and said they were the fastest class they had ever seen!

Finally, the children have been taking the responsibility of year 6 in their stride. Each child is a leader for something important in the school, such as sustainability or anti-bullying. Some of our year 6s are also buddies to younger children in the school!



SCHOOL NEWS!

High Tea with Mrs Lambert!

Congratulations to Lydia, Grey, Freya, Annie, Edith, Pathe, Tommy, Esther, Miyah, Paige, Matei, Olivia, Sameera, Tobias, Darlene and Yasir who have all been nominated by their teachers to have high tea with Mrs Lambert this term!

Some great websites/apps for children to keep up their skills over the holidays are:

Timestables Rockstars

Numbots

Maths Frame

We have an Instagram Page that showcases all of the art at Stoke Park!

Follow us at:

@stokeparkarts



ART WEEK

KS2 took part in Art Week at the end of this term. During this week we spend every afternoon in class learning a range of skills and creating beautiful art in our sketchbooks. There is a focus on working artistically.



The remaining dates for **INSET days** this year are:

- Monday 6th January 2025
- Monday 3rd February 2025
- Friday 27th June 2025

Don't forget! Fleecees are now available to buy online. The link is on our website:

www.stokeparkprimary.org

NURSERY PLACES

Do you have a child who is 3 years old? Our Nursery is still accepting applications for this year, for either 15 or 30 hours. Please contact the office for more information or to come for a visit. Children in our nursery have such a fantastic learning experience in a safe, nurturing environment - a wonderful start to their educational journey!

Happy Holidays

Have a restful and safe half term! We really look forward to seeing our families back at school, ready to learn on

Tuesday 7th January.