



Dove Bank Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 17.7.26

Happy Summer Holidays!

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank our pupils, families and staff for their hard work, support and dedication. We are incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved and wish everyone a happy, restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year of learning and growth.

To our Class of 2026, we wish you all the very best of luck as you head off for new adventures! We will miss you all!



Guild Families Summer Workbook

Looking for something fun, creative and exciting to do over the summer holidays? Why not take part in the Guild of Photographers Summer Family Photography Challenge? Booklet attached to the bulletin email!

The workbook contains six exciting photography activities designed for children of all ages. From learning how to use your camera and exploring light and shadows, to photographing people, pets, colours and textures, there are plenty of opportunities to develop new skills and have fun along the way. Best of all, you can use any camera, including a phone or tablet!

Children who complete the activities can share their work with school or directly with me or aimee@photoguild.co.uk

Thank you to our PTA



We are incredibly lucky to have an active and caring PTA who have provided so many extra things for our children this year. The successful year was rounded off with our annual 'Beach Day', which was a huge success with our children. This year, we have seen a Christmas fair, numerous discos, gift stalls, fair trade stalls, a Summer fair and support at many other events along the way! These events not only help to raise money, but give the children a great experience too. They are always looking for more volunteers, please let us know if we can help in any way!



September 2026

School reopens to children on Wednesday 2nd September.

Please send your child to school dressed in the correct uniform. All children in Reception to Year 6 are expected to wear school uniform daily. Pre-school children are also encouraged to wear uniform. Please ensure you name your child's uniform so that, should jumpers go missing, we can reunite them. School uniform expectations can be found [HERE](#).

Please can you also ensure that when purchasing new PE kit over the Summer, that the PE kit is adhered to. Clothing should not be branded sportswear (unless completely plain).

Thank you for your support with this. There will be spares held in school for occasions where the uniform policy has not been adhered to.

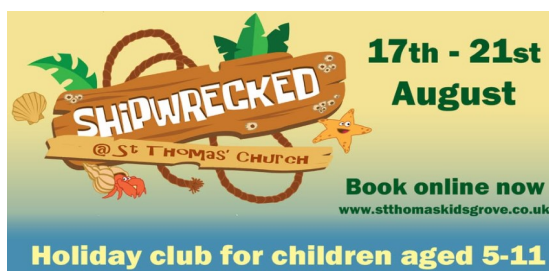
Holiday Club

St Thomas' Church are running the SHIPWRECKED club in their Church building on The Avenue, Kidsgrove. It will run from 9.30am to 12.15pm on Monday 17th - Friday 21st August. They'll be rounding off the week at our All Age Service on Sunday 23rd.

SHIPWRECKED is for 5-11 year olds. Each day costs only £1 per child (to a maximum of £2 per family per day). You'll love the fast moving club where you can try your hand at crafts, games, joining in Bible stories, all mixed in with live music from a band and our very own stranded sailors!

Places are limited, and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. All the leaders are well known to us at St Thomas' Church, and are DBS checked. If you have any queries, please phone Iain Baker (St Thomas' Vicar - 772895).

[BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE](#)



This newsletter is designed to raise awareness of the work of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) and to bring news on our ongoing campaigns.

Summer Safety

Tragically, there have been deaths of children from Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent as a result of.....

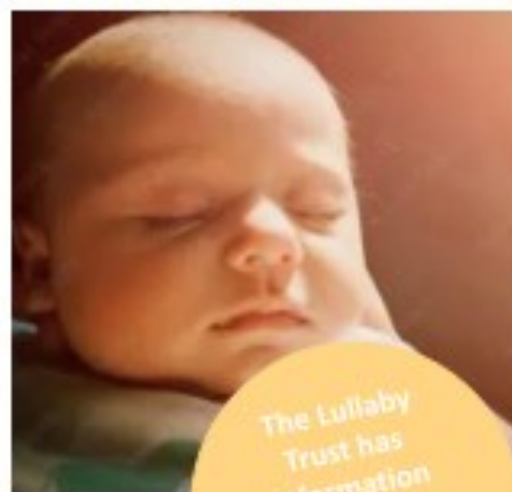
Drowning

Young people can be drawn to open water - weirs, quarries and canals are not safe places to 'hang out', swim or play. **Don't take risks around water.**

Watch children when they are in or around water, without being distracted.



For water safety advice go to RLSS.org



The Lullaby Trust has information on 'safer sleep on holiday'

Unsafe sleeping environments

Follow safer sleep guidance **for every sleep**, both daytime naps and overnight. Maintain safe sleep routines when on holiday, staying with friends or family. Plan sleeping arrangements in advance.

Consider where your baby will be sleeping and if you need to take a travel cot.

Road traffic collisions

Check and follow local driving laws when travelling abroad. **Children should be properly restrained in appropriate car seats** while travelling in a vehicle. Many airlines allow child car seats to be transported free of charge or when abroad there are usually car seat hire options.

Take extra care when walking near roads, particularly in unfamiliar areas where traffic patterns and road rules may be different from those in the UK.



The AA has essential driving advice in Europe on their website, and for information on car seats go to issuu.com