

### Friday Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Evidence shows that good attendance is a key factor in enabling children to reach their potential. Parents are reminded that they should not book holidays in term time as this has a significant effect on a child's progress.

We have set our target this year at 97% again, but can we beat last year and get higher? Year to date - 96.5%

This week at school



Thanks to all those reception parents who were able to make our information evening on Tuesday, which we hope you found it valuable. Oak Class enjoyed a trip to Hampton Court, they are reading the secret garden, and having these experiences really help to enhance their learning as well as being lots of fun. On Wednesday morning Monkey Puzzle and Maple classes had their first trip of the year to Forest School. The rain held off and they had a lovely morning exploring the great outdoors, and learning about our Forest School site and all it has to offer. Willow class have their session this morning and they will be enjoying a fire and doing some outdoor cooking.

This evening is Late Summer Fete and we hope you will all be able to join us for the festivities! There is something for everyone, and it is a wonderfully social occasion at school. Just hoping it stays dry!



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All after school extra curricular clubs started this week. There are still some places available in Lucky Dip, Multi Skills and Art. We are extending the Art Club to year 4, if anyone in that year group would like to join it is now available to you. If you didn't get a place in a club, please ensure you add your child to the waiting list, and they will have priority next term.

#### Request for resources at school

Boys pants and trousers - age 7-10, if you have any boys underwear or trousers within this age group that you child has grown out of, we could use them in school please.

Important Reminder for Parents & Carers - Free School Meals Application

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, we strongly encourage you to apply as soon as possible—and ideally before the school census in the first week of October. Applying before the census helps ensure our school receives the appropriate funding to support all pupils. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives universal free meals, registering for eligibility can unlock additional benefits, including:

- Reduced rates for school trips
- Discounts on extracurricular clubs and activities
  - Additional support for your child's learning

It only takes a few minutes to apply, and the impact can be significant for both your child and the wider school community.

To check eligibility and apply, please visit the Herefordshire Council website <u>Free school meals</u> - <u>Herefordshire Council</u> or contact the school office for assistance.

Thank you for your support!

#### Leominster in Bloom Winners

Firstly let me say a huge thank you to Mrs Littleworth and Karen Davies for all their work with pupils on our Leominster in Bloom garden and art entries for this years competition. Our school came 1<sup>st</sup> place overall in the garden competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the art competition. The prize giving is at the Leominster in Bloom plant fair tomorrow morning on the Grange at 11.30am. If you are around please do go along. (Unfortunately we don't have any staff available at the moment to represent the school)

#### Little Owls Playgroup

You will find us in Stoke Prior Primary School hall, every Friday morning 9:30-11:30. All 0-4 year olds and their parents are welcome to come and 'stay and play' and explore the activities we have in our wonderful outdoor area and large indoor space. Tea, coffee, cake, healthy snacks and crafts will be provided. £2:50 for parent and child, £1 for every extra child. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help at the playgroup on an informal basis, please let Mrs Holder know.



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### Star of the week & Shield Winners Stars of the week

19.09.2025 - Mathew, Flo, Deacon, Joanie, Henry, Sophia, Luckysha, Charlie H Shield

19.09.2025 - Bertie Webb-Davies

#### Upcoming Events and Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Reception parents information evening, 6pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Monkey Puzzle & Maple Class Forest School Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Willow class Forest School

Please see the school calendar on the website for all the important dates. You can subscribed to get all dates directly to your calendar.

Calendar | Stoke Prior Primary School

Value of the Month - Enthusiasm

#### **High School Open Evening Dates**

Weobley HS – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September Tenbury HS – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September Wigmore HS – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October





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