

Stoke Prior Primary School



Friday Newsletter 23rd May 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.

Attendance to date 96.4%

This week at school

This week at school has been filled with exciting activities and sunshine! Oak Class had a wonderful time at Forest School, where they enjoyed games and fun in the woods under clear blue skies. On Tuesday, the whole school gathered for their annual photos capturing memories in the making. Oak

Class also had a special visit from Spoz, who delivered an inspiring slam poetry workshop- an energetic and creative experience that had all the children fully engaged. Wednesday brought our much-loved book swap, giving pupils the chance to discover new stories and share their favourites. To top it off, Key Stage 2 visited the Hay Festival on Thursday (see photos below), soaking up the sun with ice-creams in hand and meeting two authors for an unforgettable literary adventure. And today was Break the Rules Day across the whole school, which brought even more excitement and laughter! The corridors were full of colourful chaos as children showed up with vibrant hair, playful makeup and a delightful mix of outfits far from the usual school uniform. From sneaky snacks to forbidden toys, everyone embraced the spirit of fun and freedom-just for the day. It's been a joyful end to a lively week, with plenty of smiles and memories made all around.

Thanks to the PTFA

For paying for our bus to Hay Festival!

Looking ahead

A well-earned rest is definitely in order over the half-term break as we prepare to launch into our final half term of the academic year- one that's bursting with activities and events alongside our continued learning. We're straight into the action with Oak Class returning to Forest School on

Monday, a visit from Jon the Potter on Wednesday, and Year 6 taking part in Bikeability on Thursday and Friday - and that's just the first week back! The rest of the half term promised even more excitement with a Key Stage 1 trip to West Midlands Safari Park, the Luctonians TagFest, various sporting events, a visit to the Priory to celebrate it's 900-year anniversary, and the special welcome of our new Reception 2025 pupils for their induction sessions. It's shaping up to be a fantastic and memorable end to the year.

Resources Required

We need soil / compost for our garden.

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School Lunches – menus [School Lunches | Stoke Prior Primary School](#)

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Star of the week & Shield Winners

Stars of the week

23.05.2025 -Harry R, Deryn, Austin E, Millie, Bella B, Toby Daisy and Daisy.

Shield

23.05.2025 - Jack Simmons

Upcoming Events and Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd June - Oak Class Forest School

Tuesday 3rd June - Slam Poetry Oak Class

Wednesday 4th June - Jon the Potter

Thursday 5th June - Bikeability (year 6)

Friday 6th June - Bikeability (year 6)

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

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Value of the Month – Honesty

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Families with a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are invited to take part in the **first Herefordshire 'Visible and Valued SEND Celebration Week' from Thursday 22 to Wednesday 28 May 2025.**

Working in partnership



22 - 28 May 2025



Visible and Valued SEND Celebration Week

The new event is led by Herefordshire Council in partnership with local organisations and aims to ensure that SEND families feel visible and valued in their local community.

Throughout the week a wide range of fun activities will be on offer to children and young people with SEND and their families (including siblings) and carers.

Many of the events will be free of charge or offered at a reduced price to help families access as many sessions as possible. Families will be able to try out new experiences in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Some of the activities must be pre-booked and all sessions are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Activities include stay and play sessions, a family farm day, a range of SEND sessions at Halo leisure centres, sensory room sessions and drop-in opportunities with a range of professionals and practitioners, including health, social care and education.

For a full list of the activities and resources available during the 'Visible and Valued SEND Celebration Week' visit the council's [Talk Community website](#).

Information will also be shared on the [SEND Local Offer Facebook page](#).