

Stoke Prior Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers

As we rapidly approach the end of another amazing year at Stoke Prior Primary School, I thought it apt to reflect on the last year at school.

This year has flown by, it is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of the academic year. So much has happened, it is hard to know where to start, but probably the best place is with some thanks to all involved with the school in whatever capacity.

I visit school regularly and often stand and watch in awe as the staff educate and prepare our pupils for their next steps in education, with care, dedication and the passion that every child will reach their full potential. Their skill in adapting learning, so that every child thrives, never ceases to amaze me. They arrange educational, but also fun school trips (no small undertaking with all the risk assessments and preparations involved!). Not to forget the brilliant school Christmas productions. Stay and Play and Breakfast clubs continue to operate every day school is open and this would not happen without our staff who run them. After school clubs offer a wide variety of activities, that so many enjoy. So, a huge thank you to all staff at SP, we are very lucky to have you.

Thank you also to our loyal band of volunteers. They run our very popular Little Owls' play group, listen to readers, join in forest school (even when it is very cold!), support learning tables, run the choir and assist in using their expertise in craft work (Britain in Bloom) and provide transport to sporting events etc. Not to forget our incredible PTFA who work tirelessly, staging events, often behind the scenes, to provide so many "extras" for our pupils.

Thanks also to our therapy dogs who come into school and bring their special magic with them, thanks to their owners who allow this to happen.

I also would like to thank you, parents and carers; your support for SP is fantastic and makes the school what it is today.

May I also thank my fellow Governors for the support they willingly offer me. Their work, again largely behind the scenes, plays a big part in keeping the school operating effectively.

Lastly, I would be failing in my duties if I did not mention the wonderful plants that seem to increase every time I come into school. From the planters at the front of school to the little gardens that seem to be springing up all around the school as if by magic- I appreciate the hard work and watering that this entails.

When I last wrote, the Trust had just secured funding for a new boiler; this was duly installed and was much appreciated last winter. The school has also had new LED lighting installed. This is not only cheaper to run but has increased the light levels in classrooms on dull days. The school also received a much-needed lick of paint- whilst the paint was purchased by school, the painters- all volunteers did an amazing job brightening up both inside and outside school.

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So, what does 2025/26 hold? Some pupils will have moved on to Secondary schools – I wish them all well. There will be new pupils coming into school and I know everyone looks forward to welcoming them. The staff will continue the amazing work they do. Whatever the next year holds one thing I do know for sure is that Stoke Prior will continue to be a very special place.

Enjoy the break over the summer.

Judy Balderson Chair of Governors