



# STOKE PRIOR FIRST SCHOOL

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## Welcome back

Welcome back to school after what we hope was a lovely summer break, and a very warm welcome to our new families whose children have joined Reception this week.

The children have returned looking happy, eager and smart in their uniform, and we appreciate you continuing to tie back long hair. Can I remind you that jewellery wise, only stud earrings are allowed, and children shouldn't come to school wearing any bracelets, necklaces or other earrings. Thank you for your support with this.

## Meet the teacher

Next Wednesday 11th, school will be open at 3:35pm for you to come and see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. Please collect your child as normal, and then come back into school via the main doors at 3:35pm.

## Staff news

Some eagle-eyed Year 2s may already have noticed, but I'm delighted to share that Miss Mather is expecting her second child. She will be going on maternity leave later this term, at which point Mrs Anderson will teach in Year 2 full time until Miss Mather returns. We are very grateful to Mrs Anderson for helping to provide this consistency for the children, and we are very excited for Miss Mather and her family for their upcoming new addition and wish her all the very best.

## Vandalism

We're sad to share that during the summer holidays, our playground fence was vandalised from the park. As you are aware, the new fence was only installed in the Spring, and so it is really disappointing that we are already having to replace a whole panel at no small cost. We're sure that none of our pupils were involved, but if anybody witnesses any damage to the school site at any point, please do let us know.

## Attendance

On 19th August 2024, the law changed regarding unauthorised term time absence.

Penalty notices and fines may now be issued by Worcestershire County Council for any **5 days** (or 10 sessions) of unauthorised absence, consecutive or not, across the whole school year. Please see the attached poster for further information.





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### Reminders

A reminder that children are to come into school in their uniform every day. PE kits will now stay in school and will be sent home at the end of each half term. For Learning Outside the Classroom and Forest School, children will bring in their wellies and joggers (LOTC) or change of clothes and waterproofs (Forest School) and change at school for these sessions.

Children have access to fruit each break time, but if you would like to send in your own snack, please ensure that this is healthy and not biscuits or chocolate. Please also ensure any snacks or packed lunch items are nut free.

### Homework

At Stoke Prior First School we want our children to spend their time out of school playing, exploring and getting recharged for the next day – being children. We feel that traditional homework limits valuable family time, and may even be detrimental to students' mental health, whereas playing and exploring is greatly beneficial for this. We want to make sure that any homework assigned always serves a purpose and is beneficial to our students' development.

With this in mind, we have updated our homework policy and you can find this on our website here - <https://www.stokeprior.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=76>

### Keeping up to date

Please take a look at the new class pages on our website. This is where you'll find all the details about what you children will be learning this term. These will be updated termly and will replace the topic maps that were sent previously - <https://www.stokeprior.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=144>

### Vacancy

We are recruiting a Wraparound Care Assistant for our after school club. If you or anyone you know is interested, please visit our website for further details and an application form.

<https://www.stokeprior.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=23>





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## Diary dates

Please see the diary dates attached for this half term, and below for the coming week.

### Monday 09/09

YR children in full time

Netball - 3:30-4:30pm

Boys Street Dance - 3:30-4:30pm

### Tuesday 10/09

Y3 and Y4 LOTC - bring wellies and dark joggers in a named bag

Art & Craft - 3:30-4:45pm

Multiskills - 3:30-4:30pm

### Wednesday 11/09

Y1 and Y2 LOTC - bring wellies and dark joggers in a named bag

Meet the teacher (all classes) - 3:35pm

Gardening - 3:30-4:30pm

Dance - 3:30-4:30pm

### Thursday 12/09

Football - 3:30-4:30pm

Martial Arts - 3:30-4:30

### Friday 13/09

Games Galore - 3:30-4:30pm

