



Newsletter 3 3rd October 2025

Dear all,

It was lovely to see so many people join us for Harvest Service in the church on Tuesday. The children sung wonderfully, read (or performed?) poetry and prayers that had been written in school and presented offerings of food to the church to be distributed locally.

Since I joined the school the children have shown a real love of singing and singing together, whether that is in church services, collective worship or our wonderful production of The Lion King. Occasions like our harvest service further serve to back this up.

On Monday, Mrs Webber began choir rehearsals and it was wonderful to see about 25 children (more than 40% of the school!) keen to be part of it. Our next performance will be as part of the Stoke St Gregory Church Music Marathon on Saturday 18th October. We have a slot at 11am so I hope to see as many people there as possible. And if you would like to contribute your own musical offering to the day I'm sure Revd Simon would be very pleased to hear from you!

Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning is happening this coming Wednesday 8th October 9am – 10am and is a chance for all parents and carers to come into school and share time with their children looking over their work from the year so far. We know from research that the more invested in school a child's parents are, the more the child is. And if a child is invested in their school and education they are more likely to achieve well. Hot drinks in mugs with lids, please! Our annual parent survey will also be going live next week so you can expect me to ambush you on the playground with iPads again...

Following coffee morning, parents of children in EYFS are invited to stay for a presentation and discussion on phonics with Mrs Rogers in the library.

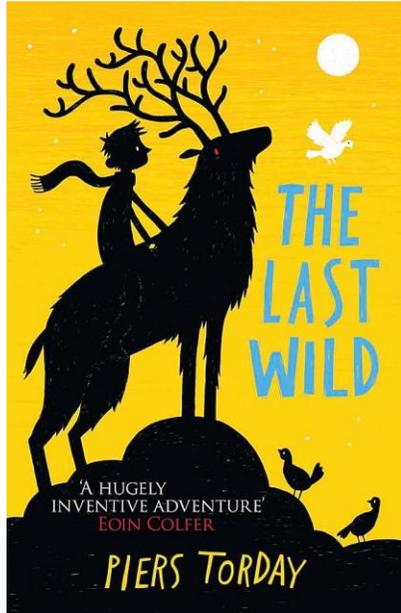
Katie's visit

It already seems like ages ago that we were pleased to welcome Katie Theobald into school to talk to the children. Katie is the amazing local artist who painted our astonishing mural over the summer. She was



able to talk to the children about how she came up with the designs, what she was pleased with, what went badly, how many hours it took her to do the otter and everything else.

If you would like a blow-by-blow account of how Katie's summer went inside school then check out her instagram page @artbykmae



Raven Class

Raven class have been reading one of the most well-reviewed children's books of recent times – The Last Wild by Piers Torday. This week's writing has been focussed on discovering the causes, symptoms and remedies for the mysterious 'Red-Eye'. Is it man-made? Is it natural? And how can kester help save the remaining animals...?



Parent Governor

An email went out to all parents yesterday as we are looking for a parent governor to join our Local School Committee. Please contact me or Kate James if you need any more details.

Best wishes,
David Rowland
Headteacher

Key dates:

Tuesday 7 th October	Individual and sibling photos
Wednesday 8 th October	Parent Coffee Morning/EYFS Phonics Meeting
Tuesday 14 th – Wednesday 15 th October	Parents Evening
Saturday 18 th October	Stoke St Gregory Music Marathon – school choir performing at 11am in the church
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October	Half term
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at the memorial at 11am
Monday 1 st December	Family Learning
Tuesday 16 th December	Nativity/Carol Service 9.30am
Friday 19th December	Inset Day – start of Christmas Holidays

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



For FoS to hold events, we require volunteers to help the small but mighty committee.

No need to attend meetings, just to help at events.

Please see a member of the committee to put your name down.