



Newsletter 5

14th November 2025

Dear all,

As I write this in the middle of the afternoon with a leaden sky outside my window it is a reminder that winter is well and truly coming. And therefore it feels like a good time to put out a reminder to ensure children are coming into school every day with a coat and are well-dressed for the weather. We continue to try to get outside as much as possible but need to be sensible in doing so.

We are entering busy season as a school with nativities, theatre trips, church visits and visitors, so please take a look at the key dates further down this newsletter. A letter was sent out earlier this week to all parents regarding the additional INSET day that all trust schools will be taking on Tuesday 6th January. If you did not receive this letter or need more details please get in touch.

Remembrance

The weather very nearly got the better of us on Tuesday but we did manage to get up to the playing fields for our Remembrance service by the memorial stone with Reverend Simon, Willow Set and members of the community.

Reverend Simon and Sue Hembrow had kindly been into school previously to talk to the children about the mixed feelings that are brought about by the end of war. Although on the 11th November we remember those that were lost in the Great War and in subsequent wars, we are also reminded that Armistice Day marked both the end of war and the beginning of Peace – and it is this message of peace that we also want to remember.

Five readers from Raven class delivered stories of members of the village who lost their lives, and they were followed by some fine singing from both the whole school and the school choir.

Children In Need

Lots of spots, yellow and pudsey ears in school today! Everyone is looking very colourful which is what is needed on a day like today! We will count up the totals and let you know how much was raised very soon.



Bonfire Bingo

Thank you so much to Kate James and everybody involved in Bonfire Bingo last Friday night! I head the evening was a resounding success that raised over £900 for the school. For a small school like ours, any extra money raised makes a huge difference to what we can offer the children which makes me so grateful when people go out of their way to support the school. Well done and thank you to everyone involved!



Friends of School

Talking of supporting the school... please follow FOS on their social media pages! They can be found on Facebook and Instagram.

Instagram: FOS9278

Facebook: Friends of Stoke St Gregory School

FOS are a member of the school lottery - check out their social media pages for how you can join and help raise money for school, or see the poster at the bottom of this newsletter

Family Learning

Family Learning is back on Monday 1st December at 3.15 in the school hall!

You are invited to come into school and learn some arts and crafts skills alongside your children. We will be making something to help count down advent and a Christmas decoration or two! All the resources will be provided and some biscuits for an after-school treat. Please bring your own lidded mug if you would like a hot drink.

As the session is funded by Somerset Council we receive funding for adults who take part in learning to support their children. Please be aware that there is a new system to sign up so you need to **create an account as an adult learner** and this may take a little time initially, it will then be easy to log in and book on for future sessions. The council fund these sessions for adult learners who meet the below criteria:

- If you earn UNDER £25,700, receive benefits or have poor mental health please enrol on this link: https://ebsontrackprospect-somerset.tribal-eps.com/Order/CreateOrder?uioids_inlist=602

Don't be put off if you earn OVER £25,700 - please email family.learning@wm.oak.education to reserve a place and Lucy will contact you with more information.

The Family learning sessions last year were brilliant but could have done with a few more participants. I would really encourage you to sign up – children benefit hugely from shared learning experiences in school with their parents with research showing it improves child and parent attitudes to learning and school. If you can make it, please sign up or get in touch with me or Lucy for more details.

Best wishes,

David Rowland

Headteacher

Key dates:

Wednesday 26 th November	FOS Bottle line at drop off time
Monday 1 st December	3.15 - Family Learning in the hall: Christmas arts and crafts
Monday 1 st December	HOTV Christmas fair - FOS stall
Thursday 4 th December	Raven Class assembly in the church at 9.15am - all invited
Friday 5 th December	Year 6 theatre trip to Wells
Tuesday 9 th December	FOS Hot chocolate stall after school
Saturday 13 th December	3-6pm Christmas Sing-a-long
Tuesday 16 th December	9.30am Nativity/Carol Service
Tuesday 16 th December	The Oak Partnership Trust Carol Concert – details tbc (Evening concert)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas lunch and disco
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of term
Friday 19th December	Inset Day – start of Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January	INSET day
Tuesday 6th January	*Additional INSET day added*
Wednesday 7 th January	Children return to school

ChatHealth

- Parent advice & support
- Healthy lifestyles
- School transitioning
- Emotional health

is your child 5-19 and are you looking for confidential help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

Just send a text
07480 635 515

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

Improving LIVES

There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

CHOICE ADVICE

Somerset Choice Advice is a free and impartial service which supports families with advice and practical support through the school admission and appeals processes. This service exists to ensure that parents can play an active and informed role in securing a school place for their child

Call us on **01823 356 903**

Fill in our online form www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice

Contact us via email choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk or scan the QR code

Somerset Council

Botte LINE



Please donate:

• Bottles or cans of wine, beer, cider or lager.
(Please note multipacks are to remain sealed so that we can use them for raffle prizes throughout the year)

• Soft drinks

Competition Rules:

Alcohol lies down, soft drinks stand upright.
House with the longest line wins.

Date: Tuesday 26th November
Time: Morning drop off
Location: Front playground



WANTED

HERE AT FOS, WE ARE LOOKING FOR A SMALL GROUP WHO WOULD BE HAPPY TO BAKE CAKES FOR US TO SELL AT OUR HOT CHOCOLATE EVENTS.
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU ARE HAPPY TO HELP



HELP US WIN £1,000 FOR OUR LIBRARY

Nominate us and you could win a £100 gift card!
nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize



#rebuildthelibrary

Christmas Holiday Camps

Northgate- 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December

Woolavington- 22nd, 23rd & 29th December

North Petherton- 23rd, 29th & 30th December

£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount

Inspired Schools
 07494175299
 hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com>

For paid places

Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places
 Bookable at 10am on Monday 24th November



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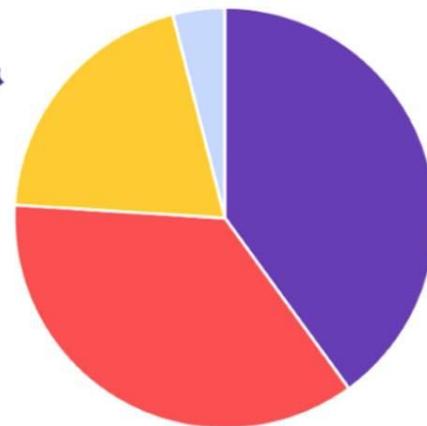
How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Stoke St Gregory Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Stoke St Gregory Primary School



- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school



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