



Newsletter 6
28th November 2025



Dear all,

After roughly twenty years at the school, it is sadly time to say goodbye to Mrs Baldwin, who has excitingly/disappointingly (delete as appropriate) made the decision to retire. Nicola is a true Stoker, and she leaves us having let her light shine on our school and on many, many children over the years.

Whether it is teaching art and design across the school, leading phonics and maths sessions with our youngest children, stepping in to cover teachers with little notice or ensuring the traditions and special occasions of our school are upheld, Nicola always gives her all. I have rarely met anyone as selfless in their role or willing to put themselves out for others.

The next couple of weeks will give us a chance to say goodbye and thank you to Nicola properly. There will be a collection in school for a leaving present if any parents would like to contribute. We will all miss you, Nicola, and you are welcome back any time!

Community Heroes: Planting Daffodils

Aligned with our vision for increased collaboration between the school and the local community, our Shine Time on Friday afternoons has been developing our Community Heroes initiative. Through acts of service, children learn that their light can bring joy and hope to others. Last week, our community heroes were up at the playing fields planting daffodil bulbs in the Project Play boxes. We'll be looking out for them when the spring comes around!



Christmas approaching

The last couple of weeks are looking busy, with lots going on and several different events that parents and the community are invited to. These include...

- Thursday 4th December at 9.10am: Raven class assembly in the church. Join our Ravens for sea shanties and to hear what they have been learning about this term
- Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am: Christingle service in the church. We will be joining Reverend Simon and the Open The Book troupe for a special service to mark Christingle – everyone welcome
- Tuesday 16th December: Carol Service and Nativity. Over to our Otters to perform the nativity, supported by the rest of the school singing carols

Family Learning

Family Learning is back on Thursday 4th December at 3.15 in the school hall! This is a change from the previously advertised date of Monday 1st December

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.

Shoes

Just a little mention around shoes – please ensure children are coming to school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays wearing black shoes. We have had a couple of children recently in different-coloured trainers on these days, which is not part of our uniform policy.

Wassailing is back!

One of my favourite memories from last year was our wassailing adventure in January, making ivy crowns and parading down to the allotments en masse, banging saucepans as we went to toast the orchards. I'm delighted to say we will be teaming up with the Stoke Environment Group once again to wassail on Friday 9th January, straight after school. Put the date in your diary and look out for more details!

Best wishes,`

David Rowland

Headteacher

Key dates:

Monday 1 st December	HOTV Christmas fair - FOS stall
Thursday 4 th December	Raven Class assembly in the church at 9.15am - all invited
Thursday 4 th December	3.15 - Family Learning in the hall: Christmas arts and crafts
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 (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
Friday 9 th January	Wassailing!





A HOLLY JOLLY
Christmas
SING-A-LONG

special guests

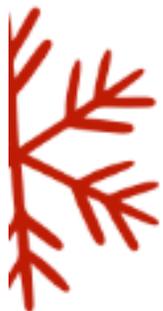
13TH DECEMBER 2025



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3-6PM

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| SSG PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR

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Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places
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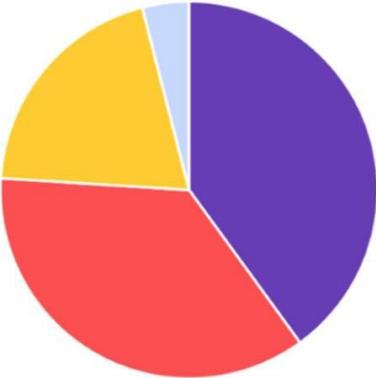
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week**

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cash prizes**

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jackpot**



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

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