

STOKE FLEMING PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Set sail in the world...

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

1st—Non Pupil Day

8th—EYFS Nativity 2pm

9th—EYFS Nativity
9:30am

10th—Christmas Lunch

11th—Bags2School
collection

12th-14th—Stoke
Fleming Christmas Tree
Festival

17th—Phase 2 Panto
Stoke Fleming Village
Hall 5pm

18th—Phase 3 Carol
Service St Peter's
Church 5pm

19th—Break up for
Christmas holidays

JANUARY

5th—Back to School

FEBRUARY

16th-20th—half term

MARCH

16th— Non Pupil Day

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Stoke Fleming Primary, with lots of wonderful learning and community involvement across the school.

A Visit from Our Governors

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome our school governors into Stoke Fleming Primary. They spent the morning visiting reading lessons in Key Stage 2 to see our new Reading Curriculum in action. Governors also spoke with children about their reading in school. As always, our pupils were fantastic; they spoke confidently and enthusiastically about reading, their favourite books and authors, and how much they enjoy using our beautifully refurbished library.

One of our key aims as a school is to foster a genuine love of reading. When children love books, they read more frequently, which helps build their vocabulary, improve writing skills, deepen their understanding across the curriculum and boost their imagination. A lifelong love of reading opens doors to learning and future success.

The governors were incredibly impressed with the high levels of engagement and the quality of learning they saw in every classroom they visited. Well done, everyone!

Parents' Evenings

It was wonderful to welcome parents into school on Monday and Tuesday for our face-to-face parents' evenings. We hope you found the meetings informative and that teachers were able to give you a clear picture of your child's progress since September.

If you were unable to attend or missed your appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher. They will be very happy to arrange a meeting at a convenient time.

A Visit from Peninsula Dental

On Wednesday, Lisa from Peninsula Dental visited our Year 2 children to teach them about oral health and how to brush their teeth correctly. Developing good brushing habits from an early age is really important; tooth decay is one of the most common preventable health issues affecting children. By learning how to care for their teeth properly now, we can help children avoid painful dental problems in the future and support their overall wellbeing.

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Our vision: Set sail in the world
Our Values: Considerate, Confident, Creative and Cultured.

Our mission: Our 'charted curriculum' inspires everyone to explore, dream and discover the world around us



This week cont'd






Attendance & Punctuality

So far this year, our whole-school attendance has been absolutely fantastic, with each week improving on last year's figures. We have also seen a significant reduction in term-time holidays. Thank you for your continued support in helping us improve attendance across the school.

The table shows our attendance for every week of the year so far and a comparison vs last year.

One area we still need to focus on is punctuality. We understand that road closures, bin lorries and traffic can sometimes make arriving on time difficult. However, arriving late means children miss the start of lessons, which are carefully structured to build learning progressively. Even a short amount of missed time can add up over the year and have an impact on progress.

The Importance of Punctuality

If you child is late by....	Your child will have approximately lost over the course of a year
 5 minutes	3.2 school days (16 lessons or two thirds of a week)
 10 minutes	6.3 school days (32 lessons or One and a Third Weeks)
 15 minutes	9.5 school days (47.5 lessons or nearly two weeks)
 20 minutes	12.5 school days (63 lessons or two and a half weeks)
 30 minutes	19 school days (95 lessons – nearly four weeks)

The Importance of Punctuality

Did you know?

If, on average, your child is 10 mins late to school or just one lesson every day, they will miss the equivalent of 32 lessons over the course of the year.

Our lessons are structured to build on learning; missing 10 mins of learning can have a significant impact on progress.

SFL		
24-25	25-26	
98.52%	100.00%	1.48%
97.67%	98.74%	1.07%
97.28%	98.19%	0.91%
96.12%	97.71%	1.59%
95.61%	97.48%	1.87%
95.62%	97.46%	1.83%
95.82%	97.20%	1.38%
95.72%	97.15%	1.43%
95.72%	97.15%	1.43%
95.48%	97.04%	1.56%
95.69%	97.15%	1.46%

Donation request

If anyone has a Subbuteo football game kicking around an attic somewhere Stoke Fleming children would very much like it as a resource to support small groups of children to work on communication skills, fine motor skills and build relationships.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

Mr Harrison



Celebration



Attendance Matters

This week's attendance by class:

Challenger - 99.16%

Invincible - 99.23%

Victory - 94.83%

Discovery - 90%

Endeavour - 95.07%

WOW! Well done

Invincible

Best attendance this week!

School attendance for the year
so far is currently **97.56%**

Please keep supporting our attendance
target of 96% or above

Certificate of Excellence



Challenger— Hallie & Kaan

Invincible— Isabel & Sanna

Victory— Elaria & Isobel

Discovery— Bella L & Phoebe

Endeavour— Dylan & Rozi



Class Invincible

Class Invincible have been getting green fingers this week! In Science, we are learning all about plants, so we have been planting seeds and bulbs! Our cress seeds are growing brilliantly and so quickly too! The children have been very excited to see them developing from tiny seeds to tall stems of cress! We have also planted some bulbs, but will have to be a bit more patient, waiting for those to grow. Come Spring-time, we should have a whole host of colour in re-purposed wellies, right outside our classroom!





FRIENDS OF STOKE FLEMING
PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES!

BUY YOUR TICKETS VIA PARENTPAY

Draw to be held at school
on Friday 12th December
2025



Apply for a primary school place

**Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?**



Apply online at:

devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing **admissions@devon.gov.uk** or call our Education Helpline on:

0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.

Devon
County Council 

Operation Christmas Child at Stoke Fleming Primary School

The Friends of Stoke Fleming School were pleased to be part of Operation Christmas Child's Shoebox Appeal this year.

Pupils collected gift filled shoeboxes with thoughtful and essential contents such as teddy bears, fidget toys, pens, notebooks, hygiene items, socks, gloves, hats etc along with hand written notes from the school children.

Since 1990, over 186 million children and young people worldwide have been able to receive a Christmas gift that they would not have received because they live in extreme poverty or are orphaned or the victims of war.

Thank you to our generous parents for their continued support.



Making Christmas Manageable

Citizens Advice

Simple ways to enjoy the festive season without overspending

Christmas can be a great time to relax and spend time with family, but it often comes with extra costs and pressure to spend more than we'd like. With household budgets already stretched, a bit of planning can make a real difference.

1. Set a Realistic Budget

Work out what you can comfortably afford to spend and stick to it. It's easy for small extras to add up, so keep a list of what you need — and what you don't. If you can, set aside a small amount each week to spread the cost.

2. Keep Gifts Simple

Children often remember the fun and attention more than what's under the tree. Low-cost or homemade gifts, or pooling together for a "Secret Santa" within the family, can keep things fair and affordable for everyone.

3. Plan Food Carefully

Christmas dinner doesn't need to be over the top. Planning meals in advance helps avoid waste, and sharing the cooking with friends or relatives can save both time and money.

4. Make the Most of What's Local

There are plenty of free or low-cost events in Teignbridge over the festive period — from school fairs to community activities. These can be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit without spending much.

5. Don't Feel Pressured

It's fine to say no to things that stretch your budget. A walk to see the lights, a film night at home, or a board game with family can make just as good memories as anything that costs money.

Need a Bit of Advice?

If you're worried about money or would like some support with budgeting, benefits, or local services, the **Citizens Advice Schools Project** can help. You can speak to your school for a direct referral.



The Sail Loft Christmas Market

When? Monday 24th November: 5pm –9pm

Showcasing 12 local businesses

*What? Enjoy a cosy night filled with
artisan creations, festive finds,
christmas burgers, mince pies, mulled
wine & cider, and heaps of Christmas
cheer!*

Where? 26 Foss Street, Dartmouth, TQ6 9DR





Registered Charity No. 1003314

Children's Hospice South West Friends Group

Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December 2025

10am-3pm

Gifts, Cakes, Crafts, Jewellery and more!

Dartmouth Rock Choir performing at 11am

The Old Market

Victoria Road,
Dartmouth
TQ69QD

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