



Date: 06.02.26

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### FEBRUARY

**13th**—Break up for half term

23rd—Back to School

### MARCH

**2nd & 3rd**—Parent meetings for classes Navigator, Mariner, Explorer & Voyager  
**details to be sent home next week**

**5th**—World Book Day

**10th**—Eden Project trip for classes Navigator & Mariner

**16th**—Non Pupil Day

### APRIL

**2nd**—Break up for Easter Holidays

**3rd**—Good Friday

**5th**—Easter Sunday

**6th**—Easter Monday

**20th**—Back to School

**23rd**—Class Photos

**29th—1st May**—Y4 Residential Forest & Beach

Dear Parents/ Carers,

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Alice from Dartmouth Library, who came to share a selection of stories with Class Compass and Little Lanterns. The children were completely absorbed—listening carefully, joining in with repeated phrases, making predictions about what might happen next and eagerly talking about their favourite characters and moments. There was lots of laughter, curiosity and thoughtful discussion, and it was a real joy to see just how engaged they were throughout the sessions.

Instilling a love of reading and books is one of our highest priorities here at Stoke Fleming. Sharing and talking about books and stories we enjoy helps children to develop language, imagination and confidence, as well as a lifelong enjoyment of reading. This is just as important at home as it is in school. From sharing bedtime stories with our youngest children to discussing books, articles or newspapers with our older pupils, these shared moments play a powerful role in shaping positive reading habits.

### Lost Property

Back in September, Mrs Callard ordered a new storage box for lost property. At the time, I thought there was no way we would need such a large box—however, I have since been proven very wrong! It is now completely full to the brim. Unfortunately, the majority of items have no names or labels, which makes it impossible for us to return them to their rightful owners.

If your child is missing a jumper, coat or any other item, please do come and have a look. A gentle plea to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named so they can be safely returned if they become misplaced. When it eventually stops raining, I will also put the uniform out on a table at pick-up time to make it easier for you to check.

### Attendance

Thank you for all your continued efforts to maximise children's attendance. We know that good attendance has a significant impact on learning. For example:

- Missing just one day every fortnight adds up to around 20 days of school a year, which is roughly the same as missing a whole month of learning.
- An attendance of 90%, while sounding high, actually means a child is missing the equivalent of one day every two weeks.

Over time, these small gaps can make a big difference, and we are committed to working together to support every child's attendance. Did you know that each week we award house points to the house with the best attendance? The competition is already heating up!

Please also be aware that any parent taking their child on an unauthorised holiday of five or more days will receive a penalty notice. Further information can be found here: [School absence penalty notices - Children, families and education](#)

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership—it really does make a difference to our whole school community.

Kind regards,  
Mr Harrison



### Inside this issue:

This week	1
Celebration	2
Class Mariner	3
Big Schools' Birdwatch	4
Readathon	5
Cake Sale	6
Notices	7&8



**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



# Celebration



## Attendance Matters

This week's attendance by class:

**Compass - 97.50%**

**Navigator - 96.30%**

**Mariner- 96.21%**

**Explorer - 93.57%**

**Voyager - 96.45%**

WOW! Well done

### Compass

Best attendance this week!

School attendance for the year so far is currently **96.32%**

**Please keep supporting our attendance target of 96% or above**

## Certificate of Excellence



Compass— Amelia & George

Navigator— Evie & Florence

Mariner— Albie & Zoe

Explorer— Milly & Zlata

Voyager— Seryn & Zini



# Class Mariner

Class Mariner have been exploring painting and perspective techniques. These are our take on standing in a forest and looking up at the trees



# Big Schools' Birdwatch

**Together,  
we made it count**

This is to certify that

*Stoke Fleming Primary*

took part in

**Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026**

Thank you very much!

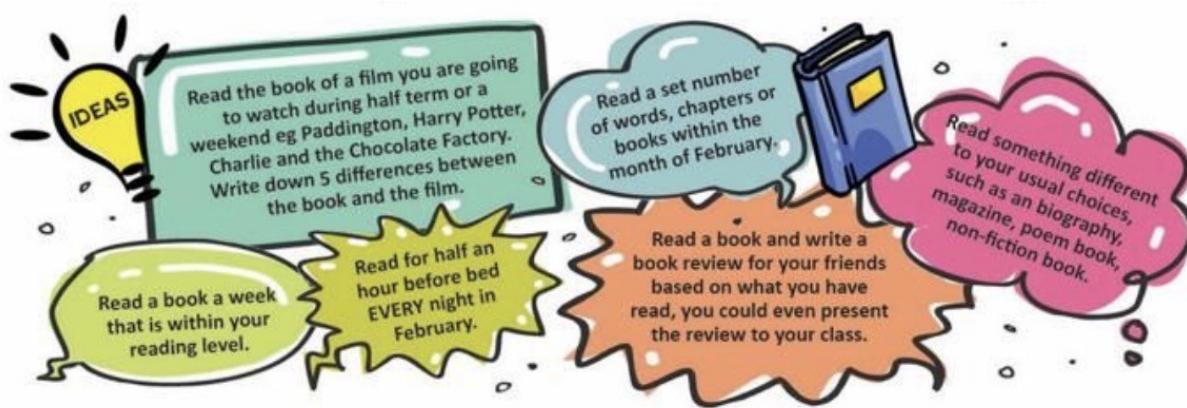


**Suzanne Welch**  
Education Partnerships Manager



**Big Schools'  
Birdwatch**

# Readathon



The Friends of Stoke Fleming School's Readathon is well underway! We have loved hearing about the fun and inventive reading challenges that the children have set themselves.

Remember the challenge can be a few words a day to a few chapters a week- to reading bus posters, lorry slogans and road signs on the school run!

The options are endless so remember to get some sponsors on your sponsorship form and hand it in at the end of the challenge to be in with a chance of winning prizes and house points all whilst raising money for our lovely school library



# Cake Sale

Friends of Stoke Fleming  
**Class**

## Navigator CAKE SALE



FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEB

In the playground 3pm

All proceeds to Class Navigator

CASH OR CARD

# Safeguarding Reminder

The safety and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Chris Harrison (Headteacher), or Deputy DSLs Mrs Kelly Barraclough and Mrs Andrea Hall.

If you have an urgent concern about a child or young person in Devon and need to speak to someone outside of school hours, please contact **Devon's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** on **0345 155 1071** | [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk)

Immediate danger: Call **999**



## Primary & Secondary QTS / PGCE Courses

Applications to train to teach  
starting in September 2026  
are open

To find out more and apply visit  
[www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk](http://www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk)



# Dare to join a top Grammar School?

## It might not be as hard as you think...

If your son will be in Year 6 in September 2026, you can register to take the entrance tests for Torquay Boys' Grammar School from 1 March 2026. We're excited to welcome our next potential students!

The tests will be on Saturday, 19 September 2026 and they have been thoughtfully-designed to cover the Maths and English that your son has been learning at primary school. No extra tutoring is needed - just bring your enthusiasm.



### Additional Support for Pupil Premium Students

We believe every child should have a chance to shine, no matter their background. That's why we're excited to team up with Atom Learning. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium, they can access a fantastic free online programme to help build their confidence and skills for test success. It has been shown that students with a glimmer of academic potential make more progress in schools such as TBGS, and this offer of PP support is part of our continued effort to

encourage as many students as possible to consider us for secondary school.

Not eligible for Pupil Premium? You can still try Atom Learning with a free five-day trial on their website: [atomlearning.com](http://atomlearning.com).

To apply to take the tests, complete the online registration form: [tbgs.co.uk/join-us](http://tbgs.co.uk/join-us)

### Why you should dare to join us?

TBGS is renowned for providing students with:

- a top-quality, rich and varied curriculum, which enables academic progress, whilst encouraging inquisitive minds;
- a wide range of extra-curricular pursuits, and sporting opportunities, contributing to developing the whole person;
- a caring environment and strong pastoral system allowing the nurturing of academic excellence of each individual.

The essence of what TBGS strives to do is captured in our clear mission to:

- **enable** students' enjoyment of learning for its own sake, whilst developing their creative talents to fulfil their intellectual potential;
- **provide** individuals with the knowledge and skills to respond to a changing world with confidence and humility;
- **encourage** each person to be reflective, open-minded and principled so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

**Excellence      Integrity      Leadership**

An advertisement for Torquay Boys' Grammar School. It features a crest with the school's name and the motto 'Aude Batere'. Below the crest is a photograph of two boys in school uniforms, one smiling. To the right, there are two circular buttons: one for 'Book a tour' with the website 'tbgs.co.uk/join-us' and another for 'OPEN WEEK'. A text box on the right side provides information about tours: 'Tours 23-27 March at 9:30 &amp; 2:00'. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with the text 'Dare to be' and the school's website 'www.tbgs.co.uk' and email 'enquiries@tbgs.co.uk'.