

# STOKE FLEMING PRIMARY SCHOOL



*Set sail in the world...*

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

**15th**—Nasal Flu Vaccinations

### OCTOBER

**6th—10th**—Y6 Skern Lodge Residential

**15th**—Y6 Junior Life Skills

**24th-26th**—Dartmouth Food Festival

**27th—31st**—October half term

### NOVEMBER

**4th**—Individual school photos

**4th**—EYFS Open afternoon

**6th**— EYFS Open morning

### DECEMBER

**1st**—Non Pupil Day

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school for the start of a new academic year. They have all settled beautifully into their new classes, and I have been incredibly impressed by the learning behaviours I have seen when visiting lessons this week. On Wednesday, we were joined by leaders from across the Trust, who echoed this sentiment and commented on how impressed they were with the children's positive attitudes to learning.

Last Thursday, we held our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, which were, on the whole, very well attended. If you were unable to join us, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher – they will be very happy to help. During these sessions, teachers shared details of our Parent Survey. I ran a similar survey at the start of last year, and the feedback we received was incredibly valuable in helping us make improvements. This is a vital part of our mission to make Stoke Fleming the very best it can possibly be. Please find the link to this year's survey below – I would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your views.

### Have Your Say – Parent Survey

We would love to hear your thoughts! Please take a few minutes to complete our Parent Survey by scanning the QR code or clicking the link below. It should only take a few minutes, and your responses will directly inform the decisions we make this year.

<https://forms.office.com/e/H7mEZPaH5E>



### School Improvements Over the Summer

Our premises team worked incredibly hard over the summer holidays to make sure the school was looking its best for the start of term. You may have noticed some of the changes already: a new tarmac path now runs from the main gate around to Little Lanterns, several areas of the school have been redecorated, new flooring has been laid in classrooms, new heaters have been installed, and some windows have been replaced. These updates are all part of our ongoing commitment to creating a clean, safe, and inspiring learning environment for every child.

### Friends of Stoke Fleming – Get Involved!

Next Friday, our Friends of the School will be holding their first meeting of the year. The events, resources, and opportunities they provided last year played such an important part in enriching the children's learning journeys. As you will know, school funding remains very tight, so the support of our Friends is more vital than ever.

We are currently looking for new members to join the Friends and to help organise and run events throughout the school year. If you are interested, please do come along to the meeting at **8:45am on Friday 19th September** (please meet at the school office).

Your involvement – no matter how big or small – can make a real difference to the experiences we are able to offer our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I am very much looking forward to working closely with you all over the coming year to make this another fantastic year for our school community.

Best wishes,  
**Mr Harrison**—Headteacher



**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



# Attendance

## Attendance Matters

This week's attendance by class:

**Challenger - 85.72%**

**Invincible - 99.73%**

**Victory - 98.68%**

**Discovery - 98.68%**

**Endeavour - 97.86%**

WOW! Well done

**Invincible**

Best attendance this week!

School attendance for the year so far is currently

**99.23%**

Please keep supporting our attendance target of 96% or above



# Little Lanterns

We have had a fantastic start to our year in Little Lanterns. We have been busy big mark making. The children have worked together with friends to build towers, train tracks and magnet tiles vehicles.



We have read the Colour Monster story and painted our own monsters, I wonder if you can guess how they are feeling?



We have also made some delicious face biscuits

**What a great start to the Autumn Term.**





# Baby & Toddler News

## bubbalou

### Bubba Tots - Toddler Developmental Play Gym

Purposeful Play to support your toddler's development



- Developmentally appropriate activities and Purposeful Play opportunities tailored to your toddler
- Discover how to support your toddler's development through play
- Led by a Children's Physiotherapist

[www.bubbalou.co.uk](http://www.bubbalou.co.uk)

Infant and Toddler Developmental Play Classes,  
Physiotherapy and Baby Massage

Last Thursday morning we had a visit from Bubbalou who led a fun and exciting session. Babies and Toddlers had the opportunity to explore with a range of play equipment, play with the parachute and take part in craft activities.

You are welcome to come along and enjoy our Baby and Toddler group every Thursday morning from 8.45am. Please let friends and family know.



# SEND Signpost

## The correlation between glue ear and language development

**Glue ear** happens when sticky fluid blocks part of your child's ear. This makes sounds seem muffled, like having fingers in your ears. Your child might find it harder to hear you or friends, especially when it's noisy. Listening can take lots of effort, so they may get tired, distracted, or struggle to hear words clearly. This can sometimes affect their talking and understanding.

Glue ear is very common – about 8 in 10 children in the UK will get it at some point. It often happens after a cold and usually clears up on its own within a few months.

### How you can help

- Turn down background noise like the TV or music.
- Get face-to-face with your child so they can see your expressions.
- Say their name or gently touch them to get their attention before talking.
- Speak slowly and break instructions into small steps. Repeat if needed and give them extra time to respond.
- If your child says something incorrectly, repeat it back the right way as a model. For example, if they say "I see lil' tat," you can say, "Yes, you see a little cat!"

Tell your child's nursery or school so they can support them too. Most children catch up once glue ear clears, but if it lasts a long time it can affect speech and learning new words.

If you're worried:

- Talk to your child's nursery, school, GP, or audiologist.

Try the **Progress Checker** on [speechandlanguage.org.uk](https://speechandlanguage.org.uk).

In some cases, children may need hearing aids or grommets if glue ear doesn't go away.

Visit: [www.speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/resource-library-for-families/glue-ear/](https://www.speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/resource-library-for-families/glue-ear/) for a great video clip giving more information.



### Child's progress checker

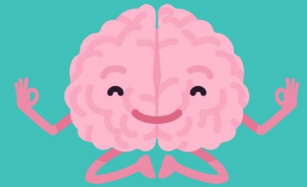
Two million children currently struggle with talking and understanding words. Our progress checker is based on what we know about how babies and children develop skills. Choose the age of the child and then answer the questions. At the end, we will direct you to some helpful advice and resources.

Let's get started!



Emily Risby—SENDCo

# ADVENTURE TIME AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!!!



## MINDFUL MONDAYS!

JOIN US FOR MINDFUL CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, & MEDITATION ON MONDAYS AFTER SCHOOL!



## TUESDAY'S SCIENCE CLUB!!

ON TUESDAYS WE WILL BE DIVING INTO A WORLD OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY, MAKING RAINBOWS, HOMEMADE VOLCANOES, SINGING WATER GLASSES. LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!



## WEDNESDAY'S QUIZ NIGHT!

LETS TEST OUR BRAINS WITH BOARD GAMES & QUIZES ON WEDNESDAYS! CHESS, UNO, MEMORY MATCH, OR MAYBE AN INTENSE GAME OF CLUDO!



## THURSDAY'S COOKING CLUB!

JOIN US TO MAKE SOME TASTY TREATS, TRY NEW FLAVOURS, AND SHARPEN OUR KITCHEN SKILLS EVERY THURSDAY.



## FRIDAY'S POTTERY CLUB!

WE WILL BE GETTING OUR HANDS MUCKY ON FRIDAYS MAKING SOME BEAUTIFUL CLAY CREATIONS!



Email Emma at [adventuretimeactivityclub@gmail.com](mailto:adventuretimeactivityclub@gmail.com) to book



# FRIENDS MEETING



**FRIENDS OF STOKE FLEMING SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**8:45AM IN SCHOOL (MEET IN RECEPTION)**

**COME ALONG TO HEAR ABOUT SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF THE FRIENDS OVER THE LAST YEAR AND TAKE PART IN  
RAISING MONEY FOR THE  
CHILDREN OF STOKE FLEMING SCHOOL**

**MEET NEW PEOPLE, HELP A LITTLE (OR A LOT!) AND HAVE FUN!**

**NEW POSITIONS IN THE COMMITTEE AVAILABLE!**

**COME ALONG FOR A CHAT OVER COFFEE,  
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU**



# Open Mornings at Dartmouth Academy



## OPEN EVENTS

### Secondary Open Mornings 2025

**Monday 15th September**  
**Wednesday 1st October**  
**9.30am - 10.30am**

To book your place  
please scan the QR  
code or visit our  
website



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[www.dartmouthacademy.org.uk](http://www.dartmouthacademy.org.uk) - Milton Lane, Dartmouth TQ6 9HW

**Just a reminder that the Nasal Flu  
Vaccinations are taking place on  
Monday 15th September**



# ***KARATE CLUB***



## ***SIGN UP***



***YOUR CHILD FOR KARATE  
SESSIONS AT STOKE FLEMING***

***BUILD CONFIDENCE, DISCIPLINE, AND STRENGTH!***

***M: 07492681677 TO BOOK***

***[HTTPS://WWW.CHILLINGTONSELFDEFENCE.CLUB/INDEX.HTM](https://www.chillingtonselfdefence.club/index.htm)***



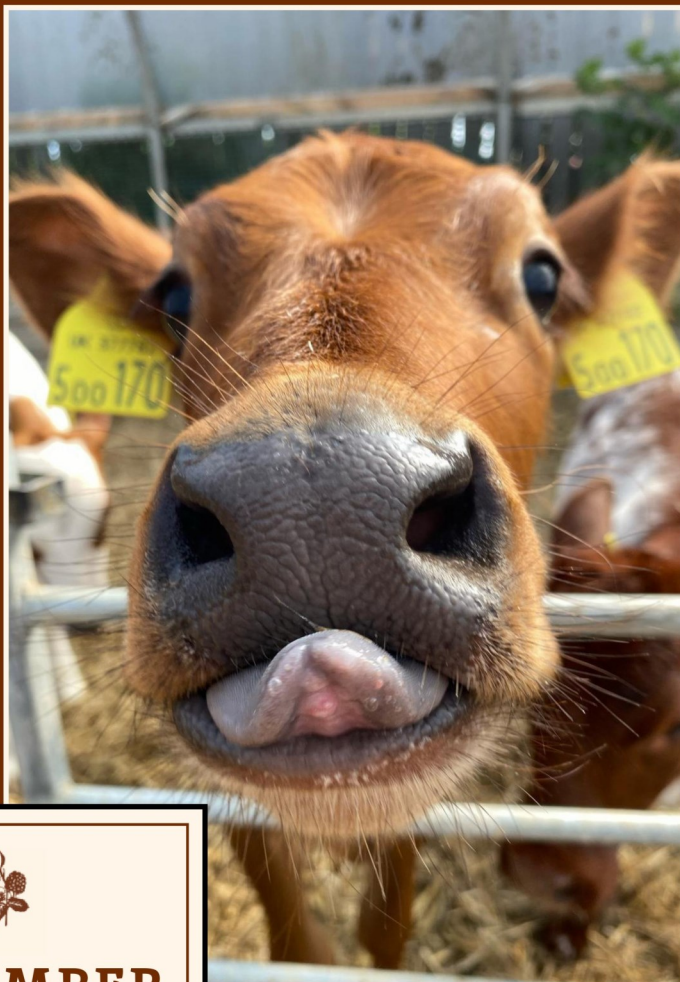
### ***WHY CHOOSE KARATE?***

- ✓ *IMPROVE FOCUS AND BALANCE*
- ✓ *ENCOURAGE PHYSICAL FITNESS AND*
- ✓ *COORDINATION.*

***MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL***

***LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!***





SEPTEMBER  
OPEN-DAY

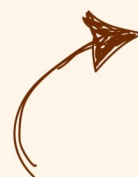


21<sup>st</sup> September

10:00 - 16:00

Old Parsonage Farm Dartington

hello@hownowdairy.co.uk



BOOK NOW





**September 19th, 20th & 21st**

# **DadFest<sup>TM</sup> Devon**

**Location: Beryl's Campsite, Beeson, Devon. TQ7 2HW**

**Awarded 'Best Small Event in the UK'**

**& the only festival just for dads & their children**

**Dads/ male carers with children of all ages welcome**

- campfire stories & songs • archery • bat walk •
- Forest School • star-gazing • circus skills • stroke a lobster • art & craft space • wrestling show •
- slip n slide • green wood working • beach fishing •
- soccer skills • music workshops • kids disco •
- food & beers • World Dad Dancing Championships

**Fri. 19th to Sun. 21st September 2025**

**DadFest2025 tickets must be bought in advance**

**Dad + 1 child (all ages): £109**

**Dad + 2 children (all ages): £119**

**Dad + 3 children (all ages): £129**



**Ticket includes camping & all activities – nothing more to pay**

**Concessions available – please contact the organisers**

**Get food tickets too: £40 (dad); £30 (children)**

**= all meals & drinks all weekend!**

**To book use QR code or search for 'ticket tailor DadFest Devon'  
or email: [info@thedadsnetwork.org](mailto:info@thedadsnetwork.org)**





# **Junior Hockey**

## **Years 4 to 9**

**Tuesday's 5.00pm - 5.50pm**

**KCC AWP**

**Girls & Boys**

**Starting Tuesday 16th September**



You will need to wear trainers, shin pads and a mouth guard. Hockey sticks can be provided. Please bring a drink.

Cost is £25.00 subscription for the year and £30.00 for 12 sessions, from September to December.

**If you would like more information, please email Sarah Budgen at  
[slb1.home@outlook.com](mailto:slb1.home@outlook.com)**