

Stock Church of England Primary School

Newsletter: Friday 3rd July 2026



“Let their light shine” (Matthew 5:16)
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The week's news:

Gospel Values Celebration Certificates

Children will be presented with their certificates for Gospel Values in next week's assembly due to the inauguration of our new Rotakids club which took place this morning. Further details of this will also follow next week.

Important Reminder: Normal School Hours on Monday

As excitement builds for the upcoming England match, I want to be clear about our attendance expectations for Monday morning.

Unfortunately the game is scheduled for 1:00 AM. This means the game is unlikely to finish until at least 3:00 AM, and potentially even later should the match go to extra time or penalties. Because of this late schedule, we are not recommending children stay up to watch the game. **School will open at the normal time on Monday, and all children are expected to arrive punctually for registration by 8:45.**

This half-term has already brought some disruption to our usual learning routines, particularly with the recent spell of hot weather. Consistent school attendance is directly linked to your child's academic progress and social development. We ask for your cooperation in ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep so they are rested, ready to learn, and on time on Monday morning.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in prioritising your child's education.

Year 2 Class Assembly

On Thursday, Year 2 proudly presented their learning in a fantastic class assembly. The children shared what they have been learning this term and impressed everyone with their knowledge and enthusiasm. They explored the fascinating world of Monarchs, learning about the role of the King and even performed a simple Coronation. The children acted out the story of the Battle of Hastings, told using the Bayeux Tapestry.

We all learnt about the life cycle of the plant and learnt a very impressive word 'PHOTOSYNTHESIS!'

To end the assembly, the children performed some of the songs they had learnt for the Year 2 music festival. The highlight of course was the Kazoos!



Year 3 School Trip

On Thursday, Year 3 visited Colchester Castle and learned lots about the Romans. They explored the vaults beneath the castle and took part in a hands-on museum experience. The children enjoyed dressing up as Roman soldiers and racing in a chariot. It was a fun and interesting day, and the children had a fantastic time bringing history to life.



Stock Flower Festival – 4th July

We are greatly looking forward to seeing the children perform their Country Dancing at the Stock Flower Festival. Years Reception – Year 4 have been practising their routines and have worked exceptionally hard over the past few weeks. Please do come and support the children at the Stock Flower Festival. They will be dancing at 1pm and will need to wear school uniform.

Year 4 School Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village – 7th July

The Year 4 children are looking forward to their school trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village next week.

Year 6 Leavers Performances – 7th and 8th July

Tickets for the performances next week have been sent home with your child today, please check their school bags if you have ordered tickets.

Reception School Trip to Marsh Farm – 8th July

On Wednesday, Reception are excited to go on their first school trip to Marsh Farm where they will be having a tour around the farm and learning all about the different animals.

Year 2 School Trip to Colchester Zoo – 9th July

On Thursday, Year 2 will be going to Colchester Zoo for their school trip, looking at habitats and how the animals adapt.

Sports Day and Parent Open Afternoon – 10th July

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to Sports Day on Friday next week. We will have gazebos in order to keep the children cool and shaded. Parents are welcome to bring gazebos for the spectator side of the track, please ensure these are not set up on the running track and are behind the marked-out line of cones. Children will need to have water bottles with them, sun hats and sun screen applied before they arrive.

We are able to take school lunch orders until Monday 6th July. If you have not ordered a school lunch and wish to do so, please email admin@stock.essex.sch.uk by Monday 9am at the latest. Children will need a packed lunch if they have not pre-ordered a lunch through school.

You will find the final details letter attached with timings for Sports Day. We are anticipating the weather to be warm but below the recommended limit of 30degrees for physical activity, as it will be taking place in the morning. Should the forecast change, we may have to decide to postpone to the reserve sports day date of 17th July. We will make this decision by Wednesday 8th July.

Year 5 Class Assembly – Rescheduled for the 14th July

The Year 5 assembly has been rescheduled for the 14th July. The class are looking forward to welcoming the Year 5 parents on this new date to perform their class assembly to them. Year 5 parents will have received a separate communication regarding the change of date.

SEND Tea and Chat

There will be a SEND Tea and Chat at 2:15 on 14/07/2026.

Please can parents email Senco@stockessex.co.uk if they would like to attend. All welcome.

PTA News

Flower Festival – Saturday 4th July



The PTA will be running 3 stalls this weekend at the Flower Festival. Try your luck at our new stall, **Ping Pong Jar's**. Thank you to all the volunteers running the stalls, your help is invaluable. We are now raising money for our next big purchase:

Air Conditioning Unit's, so look out for some of the children collecting money.



2026 Tea Towels

You should now have received a copy of our fantastic Tea Towel design with the children's amazing self-portraits. Please get your orders in by Monday 6th July at the very latest to enable us to get them printed and back at the school before the end of term.

The tea towels are £5 for the 1st one then £4 for any additional tea towels - the discount will automatically be applied at checkout. Thank you for your support as always.

Sports Day - Friday 10th July

Rainbow Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the morning of sports day. Please get your final gifts in for Wednesday 8th July as we will be wrapping all the baskets. We will also be serving tea, coffee and pastries for parents before the races begin.



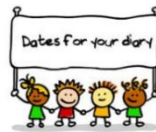
Afternoon Tea Social - Wednesday 15th July

Join us for a tea, coffee and cake and share future ideas with the PTA team 2-3pm in the Library.



Summer Party - Thursday 16th July

This year the summer party is free and is live on PTA Events. For safeguarding reasons, we need all children to have registered, so we can sign them in and out on the day. Please book tickets in the normal way on our PTA Events website and no money will be charged. **The event will be live on PTA Events until 10th July.**



New dates added to the diary throughout the term will be added in red and bold.

PTA Event Dates

16 th July Summer Party

School Event Dates

July

7th July – Year 4 School Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village

7th – Year 6 Performance 2pm (Parents Invited)

8th – Year 6 Performance 7pm (Parents Invited)

8th – Reception School Trip to Marsh Farm

9th – Year 2 School Trip to Colchester Zoo

10th – Sports Day and Parent Open Afternoon

13th – Rocksteady Concerts:

KS2 – 9.15am (Parents Invited)

KS1 – 10.30am (Parents Invited)

14th – Year 5 Class Assembly 9am (Parents Invited)

15th – PTA Afternoon Tea and Social 2pm

15th – Children Meet their New Class Teacher

17th – Reserve Sports Day

21st – School finishes at 2pm for all children except Year 6 children.

21st – Leavers Service in Church 9.15am

21st – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm

22nd – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

23rd – School Summer Holidays