Stock Church of England Primary School

Newsletter: Friday 27th November 2026

"Let their light shine" (Matthew 5:16)
Affinity - Aspire - Achieve

This week's news:

Gospel Values Celebration Certificates

Well done to the following children who have received certificates today for demonstrating our Gospel Values this week.

Perseverance:
Reception:
Freddie R for working hard on his handwriting in school and at home.
Year 2:
Ava S, Belle B, Leo A for working hard in every lesson and taking pride in their work.
Year 3:
Ivy S, Elsie B for always continuing to try when finding something tricky.
Year 4:
Henry G for showing exceptional reading skills and comprehension.
Tilly M for making great progress in learning her times tables.
Zara L for working hard in the maths lessons, showing effort, focus and determination.
Jaxon R for participating and working well as part of the swimming relay team.
Year 6:
Harley T for trying hard with handwriting this week.

Koinonia:
Reception:
Henry F for being a happy, friendly member of the class.

Trust:
Reception:
Rafe K for being such a helpful member of the class.
Year 1:
Walter G, Ella R, Kian J and Ruby F for being table monitors and keeping our classroom safe and tidy.
Year 3:
Sophia F for always following school rules and expectations.

Compassion:
Year 5:
Emily B for being kind and supportive to a class mate.
Year 6:
Syd H for being extremely kind to a class mate.

Thankfulness:
Year 5:
Sadie K for always showing excellent manners.

Class Attendance



This week the award for highest attendance goes to Year 4 with 98.33%.

Every Day Matters. Attend today, achieve tomorrow.

Pantomime – early arrival to school and lunch arrangements - Tuesday 8th December

On Tuesday 8th December, Years 1-6 will be attending the pantomime of Cinderella at Chelmsford Theatre. As the children will not be returning to school until 13:15, we are requesting that all children are provided with a packed lunch on this day so they can eat as soon as they get back to school. Should you require the school to provide a packed lunch for you, please advise the office on admin@stock.essex.sch.uk no later than Wednesday 2nd December. The school packed lunch will consist of a baguette with a choice of filling: chicken, egg or cheese, a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks and a yoghurt. Please indicate within the email your choice of filling. This applies to children in Reception too as the kitchen will not be providing a hot lunch on this day.

A reminder that on this day, all children in Years 1-6 must arrive at school by 8:15.

Year 3 Trip to Chelmsford Museum

On Tuesday, Year 3 spent the day at Chelmsford Museum for their Stone Age to Iron Age workshop. We brought all our learning on this time period to a lovely conclusion by trying out lots of different jobs that would have been done at the time, learning how to use a bow drill, making twine from flax, weaving clothes and grinding flour. Using the bow drill took a lot of practice and a long time to drill a hole in a small stone - but we did it! We also learnt about the differences between a pre-historic kitchen and a Victorian kitchen, and met Boris the Bear in the museum. Our day was rounded off by handling some artefacts from the age and deciding whether we felt pre-historic people were more or less creative than modern people, the majority of our class thought that yes, they were more creative! Thank you to the parents who came along and helped us out with our learning, we had a great time!

Bikeability Group 5

On Tuesday, our fifth group of Bikeability students in Year 6 took part in their course. They showed exemplary behaviour whilst they were out with the instructors, following instructions and showing excellent listening skills.

Year 5/6 Football Competition

On Thursday, it was the turn of the mixed year 5/6 team to go to a football tournament. The team were supportive of each other and despite some early nerves and an injury, the team played really well together, there was a mixed bag of results but well done to the team for playing and supporting each other. Thank you to Mrs Joyce, Mr Thomas and Mrs Corrie for taking and running the team.

We have a short break from the sports events now until after Christmas, when we continue with the Swimming Gala and the third meeting of the Cross-Country League. Thank you to all the children and parents for their enthusiasm and support this term for the large number of sports events so far this year.



Christmas Performances

For all year groups, please note that upon arrival at the Christmas performances, you will need to state your child's name and the number of seats you have booked via Scopay. There are still a number of children that do not have seats/tickets allocated for them for their performances. Please ensure that you book these through Scopay as soon as possible. There will be no physical tickets provided for these events.

Year 2 Nativity Performance	Years 3-6 All Saints Performances	Reception and Year 1
1st December	10th December	16th December

Carols at The Old King's Head – 2nd December

Stock Primary Choir will be performing at the Old King's Head on Wednesday 2nd December at 5.30pm. Please do come and support the choir at this event.

Oral Health Check – 7th December

Smiles Dental Centre will be carrying out the Oral Health Checks for Reception and Year 3 children on Monday 7th December. Please could you complete the consent forms if you have not already done so if you wish for your child to have the check. Please email admin@stock.essex.sch.uk if you do not consent.

One Plan Meetings

If your child has a One Plan, your child's class teacher will be in touch to arrange a One Plan Meeting.

Clubs

Please note that the Autumn clubs will be finishing on **week beginning 30th November 2026,** with the exception of Choir, which finishes on 7th December 2026. The staff have thoroughly enjoyed running these clubs and we hope that the children have enjoyed taking part in them.

We are delighted to offer both lunchtime and after school clubs for the Spring Term. These clubs will be available to view and book next week.

Attendance and Winter Illnesses

Please see below a table of information from the UK Government and NHS to support parents in recognising when they are able to send their children in to school. As a school we understand that children become ill, particularly in the winter months. If your child has a cold or cough, we will ensure that they have easy access to their water bottles throughout the day and are looked after well. If your child has been prescribed medication or antibiotics that would need to be administered in school hours then the school are able to administer these for your child. Please hand the medication in to the office and complete the medication administration form.

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Christmas Post Box

The school will have the Christmas Post Box open again this year. Students are welcome to bring Christmas cards to post in the post box from Monday 1st December. If your child wishes to bring in Christmas cards for school friends, please ensure that the envelopes are clearly labelled with the recipient's full name and year group. The post box will close on Monday 14th December.

Year 6 Leavers Party Fundraising

We're holding a raffle to help raise funds towards our Year 6 Leavers' Party and give our children a special celebration to remember as they finish primary school!

There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs, and every ticket purchased helps us make the leavers' party extra special for our Year 6 children. 💚

🎟️ Tickets: £5 each
🎁 Amazing prizes to be won!
📅 Draw date: 7th December 2026

We would really appreciate your support. Please buy a ticket, share with family and friends, and help us give our Year 6 children the fabulous send-off they deserve! 🌟

Any questions about prizes please ask 😊

Thank you for your support! 💚

https://raffall.com/430549/enter-raffle-to-win-prizes-from-golf-days-to-eurostar-travel-hosted-by-hadams2027

BCCS 'Light the Way'

Help us shine a light on the important work BCCS does and give them the boost we need to raise funds to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of young people across Essex and East London.

Follow these three steps to support our campaign:
1 – Take your special 'Light the Way' envelope
2 – Fundraise throughout the Advent period
3 – Return any donations to your teacher

Reflect on the message of the Advent candles
HOPE the belief that good things are possible
PEACE kindness, harmony and brightening hearts
JOY comes from giving & sharing
LOVE is the true spirit of the season





Three Churches Art Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the 'Three Churches Art Competition': Edith, Ruby and Ella. These three pupils won the competition and their artwork is now proudly displayed on the 'Three Churches' Christmas information posters, as show here. Well done to everybody that took part, there were some excellent entries.

PTA News

Christmas Fayre

We hope everyone enjoyed Saturday's PTA Christmas Fayre. The event was a great success - we are just calculating the final costs and will be forwarding the details of the money raised next week.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make it a success - we could not do these large events without the co-operation of the school, the volunteers who set up all the rooms on Friday night, those that volunteered on the day on the PTA and class stalls, everyone that helped to tidy up at the end and last but not least you and your families for coming along on the day to help support the event.

This was the first year for us to have main sponsors, with family run businesses and children at the school, and for leaflets to be distributed throughout the village. We hope we were able to help promote their businesses while at the same time advertising our Fayre.



Christmas Wrap - 3rd December (KS2) & 4th December (KS1)

This event is now live on PTA Events with gifts for £3.50 each. To enable us to prepare for the event and to ensure that we have enough gifts on sale please place your orders by Monday at 8pm. The event will then be removed from PTA Events and no further orders can be taken. When placing your order you will be asked to list who the gifts are for and your child will be given a slip of paper on the day of their wrap, with these details, as a reminder when choosing their gifts.

Due to the availability of the hall we will now be holding the wrap on Thursday morning at 9am for KS2 and Friday afternoon at 1.30pm for KS1. If you are able to help at either of the events please let your rep know.

PTA Lottery

The lottery draw for November was made today and the winners are as follows -

- 1st Prize of £40 goes to the family of Zac A in Year 3 with lottery ball no. 80
- 2nd Prize of £17 goes to the family of Rose A in Year 1 with lottery ball no. 52
- 3rd Prize of £12 goes to the family of Blake N in Reception with lottery ball no. 56

Please forward your bank details to Stockcofepta@gmail.com so that we can transfer the winning amounts to your bank.

Easy Fundraising

Suzie Stock did a fantastic job of signing up parents and family members to our Easy Fundraising account at the Fayre on Saturday. Your class rep has forwarded details to easily sign up using your smartphone. Once signed up it will automatically run in the background and if Easy Fundraising is available when you are making your on-line purchases a % of the sale will be transferred to the school. Please share the link below to everyone you know too!

The top Easy Fundraiser between the date of the fayre and the end of the calendar year will win a bottle of champagne.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=15389&invite=fc9jm7&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link

Dates for Your Diary

December
1st – Year 2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal, 9.15am
2nd – Carols at the Old King's Head – 5.30pm
3rd - Year 2 Nativity Performance, 2.30pm
(Parents Invited)
3rd and 4th – PTA Christmas Wrap
7th – Reception and Year 3 oral health checkup
8 th – Pantomime Years 1-6
8th – Skittleman for Reception children
9 th – KS2 Dress Rehearsal
10 th – KS2 Christmas Performances. 1.45pm and 6.30pm
(Parents Invited)
11 th – Decoration Day
(Parents Invited)
11 th – Carols at the Bakers Arms – 7pm
14 th – RockSteady Concert, 9.15am KS2 and 10.30am KS1
(Parents Invited)
15 th – Reception/Year 1 Dress Rehearsal
16 th – Reception/Year 1 Christmas Performance, 9.15am
(Parents Invited)
18 th – Last Day of Term
18th – Christingle Service
18th – Christmas Dinner Day
18th – Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon

January
4th – Children's First Day Back to School
6th – SATS/Residential Meeting for Year 6 Parents 5pm
21st – Young Voices at the O2

February
10th – PTA School Disco
15 th – 19 th February Half Term
22nd – Pupils Return to School

March
1st – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
(Parents Invited)
3rd - Bikeability Group 1, Year 5
3rd - Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
(Parents Invited)
4 th and 5th - Bikeability Group 2, Year 5
4th and 5th – PTA Mother's Day Wrap
11 th and 12 th - Bikeability Group 3, Year 5
18th – PTA Wonka Ticket
22nd – RockSteady Concert, 9.15am KS2 and 10.30am KS1
(Parents Invited)
26 th March – 9 th April Easter School Holidays

April
12 th – Pupils Return to School

May
10 th – 14 th SATS week
21st – 24 th - Year 6 Residential Trip
31st May – 4 th June – May Half Term

June
17th and 18th – PTA Father's Day Wrap
21st – Residential Trip Meeting for Current Year 5 Parents, 2.30pm (Parents Invited)

July
2nd – Sports Day
(Parents Invited)
10th July – Flower Festival
16 th – Reserve Sports Day
(Parents Invited)
19 th - RockSteady Concert, 9.15am KS2 and 10.30am KS1
(Parents Invited)
22nd – PTA Summer Party
23rd – Last Day of Summer Term