

# NEWSLETTER

16TH APRIL 2026



Welcome back to the Summer Term. This is always a busy, action packed term full of a variety of learning and fun. We are looking forward to some warmer weather and the chance for more outdoor learning. We kick off the term with our Careers Week (see below) Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Bonnet and Bake Off. The creations were fantastic and so imaginative.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 2026

- Careers Week W/C 20.04.26
- Rock Steady Concert - 23.04.26 (9.15am)
- Careers Week Finale - 24.04.26 (2.45pm)
- School Spring Clean - 25.04.26 (10-2pm)

### May 2026

- Bank Holiday (School Closed) - 04.05.26
- Headteacher Forum - 06.05.26 (2.45pm)
- KS2 SATs week - 11.05.26 to 14.05.26
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Maypole - 22.05.26 (2.15pm)
- End of Term 5 - 22.05.26 (3.15pm finish)

### June 2026

- Inset Day - 01.06.26
- Term 6 starts - 02.06.26
- Whole School Art Week - W/C 08.06.26
- Summer Exhibition - 18.06.26 (9.30am)

### July 2026

- Headteachers Forum - 01.07.26 (2.45pm)
- Rock Steady Concert - 09.07.26 (9.15am)
- Sports Night - 03.07.26 (6.00pm)
- Reserve Sports Night - 10.07.26
- End of Year Production (Otters) 15.07.26 (6.00pm)
- End of Year Disco - 16.07.26 (6.00pm)
- Leavers Service - 17.07.26 Year 6 families only (9.15am)
- End of Term 6 - 17.07.26 (1.00pm Finish)



## CAREERS WEEK

We have been delighted by the response from our volunteer parents who have generously given up their time to come and share some things about their jobs with our children. Our week kicks off with an assembly which will be followed by our visitors during the afternoons. Careers Week will culminate on Friday with our 'Food and Farming Day'. All the children will be meeting a local vet, finding out about crop protection, making bread, planting herbs and enjoying a visit from some animals and farm machinery. We would like to invite you to join us at the end of the afternoon for hotdogs and a chance to chat with the children about their learning.

**For catering purposes, please can we kindly ask for you to purchase your hotdogs in advance, these will be available to buy on Parentmail under accounts and products tab, click on products and then the hotdog item. You will need to tick the box next to your child's name and then add quantity of hotdogs required and add to cart. Hotdogs are priced at £2.00 each.**

**We will not be selling on the day, advanced purchases only, orders will close at 1pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.**

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

As our school continues to grow in numbers, space becomes tighter, as does school funding. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our school community (recently displayed with the response to our Amazon Wishlist and our fantastic FOSP volunteers) so would be keen to explore if anyone has links or suggestions as to how we might raise more substantial funds for bigger projects such as an additional Garden Room.

This might be links with local businesses, access to grants, benefactors and philanthropists.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## NEW LEARNING

The start of the new term means new themes and learning in each of our classes. Please follow the link below... where you can find out what your children will be learning in the coming weeks. This is also the place to look for general information about the class, including timetables and reminders.

<https://www.stadhampton.oxon.sch.uk/topic/children>



**Make sure you order all HOT DOGS in advance via parentmail**

## PARENT SURVEY

Our school governors would like to invite our parent community to complete their annual survey. This is an opportunity for them to find out what is working well and what we could do to improve things for the children and wider community. The survey is completely anonymous and can be completed by both parents in a family if you wish.

The survey will be open from Friday 17th April until Friday 1st May and outcomes will be shared following our analysis.

Please follow the link below

<https://forms.gle/VPtoKeg2vnJh6ae88>

## TIME CAPSULE

As part of our 50th Anniversary, we plan to bury a time capsule in the school grounds.

We would like your help in suggesting items to include. The size of the capsule is 10 x 40cm cylinder, so we will be limited in its contents. Please take a few minutes to discuss ideas with your children and let us know what you come up with.



## ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

If your child is absent due to illness, we will not be able to provide work to be completed at home during this time. Our priority is for children to rest, recover fully, and return to school feeling well.

## OPAL

We have created a wishlist of items that we would like to collect, especially if you are having a bit of a spring clean at home. If you have any of the following, we will gladly take things off your hands

- pallets
- tyres
- drain pipes (any lengths)
- Small world play figures (HappyLand type things?)
- toy cars
- dressing up clothes
- wool
- builders merchant bags (as clean as possible please)
- Milk crates
- bread trays
- Scaffolding planks
- wooden cable drums



## TERM 5

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are please to be able to offer the following after school clubs in term 5

#### Hockey Club

Tuesday's 3.15 to 4.15pm - KS1 (Y1-3)  
Thursday's 3.15 to 4.15pm - KS2 (Y4-6)  
\*Bookings Via ParentMail

#### Little Muskettters Fencing Club

Friday's 3.15 to 4.15pm - Y2-6  
\*External booking direct

**Starting 24.04.26**

#### Little Masters Art Club

Little Masters will be returning in the new academic year.



## SCHOOL SPRING CLEAN

Saturday 25th April 2026  
10:00am-2:00pm

We would greatly appreciate your help with a variety of tasks including painting, clearing, tidying, cleaning, and general maintenance. To thank you for your time, we will provide bacon and vegetarian rolls, along with tea and coffee.

A sign-up sheet is now available via the link below, where you can choose from a range of tasks. Please note that some activities may require specific skills or experience, so we kindly ask that you only select tasks you feel confident you can complete.

We truly appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14hG1JjzQyOHaOtusxRTUg1PPjmVHSLa3Brc8KCfWhJ4/edit?usp=sharing>

(please copy link into your web browser)

## CURRENT SCHOOL AVAILABILITY

We have a few spaces available in our current year groups. Please do pass our information on if you know any families who may be considering a new school or relocating.

Year 2 - 1 space  
Year 3 - 2 spaces  
Year 4 - 2 spaces  
Year 6 - 6 spaces

## WOW WALK TO SCHOOL

Thank you for your continued commitment to our WOW scheme. It's great to see the effort our families are making by walking to school or choosing to park at the church and walk the rest of the way.



# WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER CLUB BOOK

## READING RECOMMENDATIONS

This weeks book recommendation by Mrs Blackmore



The Adventures of Portly the Otter:  
Untold Tales from The Wind in the Willows  
By M. G. Leonard

### A Charming Spin-Off Full of Heart and Adventure

I'd been eagerly awaiting this book ever since I pre-ordered it, counting down the weeks until it arrived. The moment it landed on my doorstep, I couldn't resist diving straight in. This delightful spin-off follows the adventures of Portly the Otter, a minor character from the beloved classic The Wind in the Willows, now stepping into the spotlight for his own journey.

Aimed at readers aged 7-12, the book is beautifully illustrated with vibrant colour artwork — perfect for children transitioning from picture books to reading independently, or for sharing with an adult.

I loved seeing Portly embark on his own adventures, from learning to swim, making new friends, and even venturing into the mysterious “Wild Wood.” Familiar faces from the original story make welcome appearances, adding a nostalgic touch for fans of the classic.

Themes of courage, independence, resilience, and problem-solving are woven seamlessly into the narrative, making it both relatable for young readers and enjoyable for adults. It's a modern tale that respects its roots while offering something fresh and engaging.

This was my first time reading one of this author's works, and it's left me eager to explore more of her books.

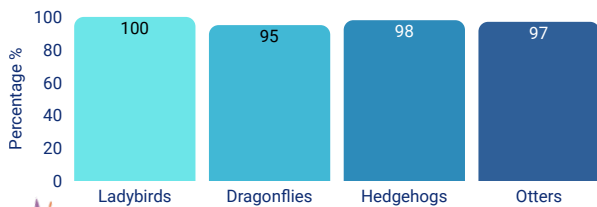


## ATTENDANCE

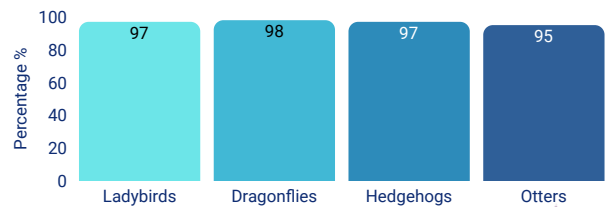
The school has an attendance target of 97%, so far this academic year our overall attendance is 96.6%. Each child has an important part to play in helping us meet it. Regular attendance supports learning, builds confidence, and ensures every pupil can make the most of the opportunities school offers.

Thank you to all families for supporting good attendance—together, we can continue to build strong habits that help every child thrive.

Attendance 23rd to 27th March 2026



Attendance 13th to 17th April 2026



Well done to ladybirds for highest attendance in the last week of last term.

Well done to Dragonflies for highest attendance this week.

## CAKE CLUB

Would you like your child to be in with a chance of winning a cake each Friday? Cake club membership costs £10 for the year; which can be paid in full, or at £3.50 per term to guarantee your entry. Membership means your child's name will be entered into the Cake Club draw each Friday to win the cake kindly donated by a different family each time. If you would like to take part in Cake Club and help us raise funds for FOSP, please see Mrs Venner or leave money in the office clearly marked with your child's name.

Calling all bakers. We have created an online cake club rota: [Cake Club Google Sheet](#) - Please do pop your name down against any of the available dates if you would be willing to bake or donate a cake. If you are unable to edit the google sheet directly, please email the office with the date you'd like and we can pop your name on for you.

**Please can we ask that all cakes made are nut and gelatine free.**





You are invited to  
*Stadhampton Primary  
School's*

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Maypole & Celebrations




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FRIDAY      MAY      FROM 2 PM  
                 22nd

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Cratlands Close, Stadhampton, OX44 7XL

Please RSVP to  
[office.2455@stadhampton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2455@stadhampton.oxon.sch.uk)



# Community Events

 The North Wall  
Arts Centre

Long Nose Puppets presents

## **Flyaway Katie**

**Saturday 18 April**  
11am & 2pm

An inspiring flight of fancy about the power of imagination  
based on the popular children's book by Polly Dunbar



For ages  
**2-7**

**Tickets: £12 (children £8, under 2s free)**  
**Bookings: 01865 319450 / [thenorthwall.com](http://thenorthwall.com)**