



NEWSLETTER

15TH MAY 2026



100th

OUR YEAR 4 REPORTERS.....

Hello, this is the year 4 girls reporting about our cupcake sale for David Attenborough. We raised £130.00 and the girls made 115 cupcakes and sold all of them. We are donating it all to the world Land Trust and can buy a acre of land to protected as well as six trees!

We appreciate every ones effort
From Annie, Lucy, florence, Isobel and last but not least Margot R the mascot.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2026

- Outdoor Classroom Day - 21.05.26
- 50th 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)



SATS

Congratulations to our Year 6 children on the successful completion of their SATs. The children took each paper in their stride, and we are so proud of them all. Now on to the real hard work of cycle training, end of year production, transition visits, Sports Night, art week and the leavers events!



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

As part of our regular initiative of walking to school, next week is National Walk to School Week. Unfortunately, we have not been able to progress the moving of our gate onto the field as quickly as we would have liked. However, next week, we will be opening the field gate as a trial and would encourage families to use the footpath as a safer alternative than walking along the main road.

The gate will be open at 8.45am with a member of staff greeting the children. Parents are welcome to walk children down to their classroom entrances (although, of course, if you don't fancy the walk, send them independently)

Parents can then exit the school grounds via the normal route once children have been dropped. The gate will be closed at 8.55am. We won't lock it if we see families half way down the footpath but if you are running a little later, this may not be the best entrance to use.

Since this is a trial, we will keep the end of the day arrangements the same for the time being.



MISS CHURCH

We are sad to announce that Miss Church will be leaving us at the end of this academic year, moving on to a local primary school. Miss Church has been a great asset to our school, especially with her musical skills and will be very much missed.

Plans are underway for recruiting and we will inform you when these are finalised.

HEADTEACHER FORUM

We only had one parent join the forum this time where we discussed outdoor learning and walking to school. We will continue to run the final forum at the planned time but following some feedback from parents, next year, we will vary the days of the week and times to enable more people to attend.

Please can we remind parents that we are always happy to discuss things with you and that the correct route for problem solving is via the school, not gossiping on WhatsApp or in the school grounds.

REMINDER

MONDAY 1ST JUNE INSET DAY

Please note: school will be closed on Monday 1st June as this is an INSET day. We will reopen on Tuesday 2nd June at 8.45am.



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

Let's go
outside

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY THURSDAY 21ST MAY

As part of our work on the environment and sustainability, we will be participating in Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday 21st May. Each class will be taking part in a range of activities making use of our incredible school grounds. The weather is being quite changeable currently, so please ensure children have coats, trainers and wellies in school so they are prepared for all eventualities.

FOREST SCHOOL

Ladybirds will continue to visit Forest School on a Tuesday morning after half term. Otter Class will be having their sessions on a Tuesday afternoon.

Ladybirds will need to come to school in Forest School clothing but Otters will need to come in school uniform and change into Forest School clothing at lunchtime.

Even though the weather is warmer, children still need long trousers and long sleeved tops due to stinging nettles and prickly things. It also protects against the sun on really hot days.



OPAL (OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING)

The children have had the opportunity to play with 2 new areas during the past week. Our slack lines have been installed between the trees by our tree surgeons and we have installed a specific digging area (thanks to Dan and Jacob Smith and Mrs Venner). In addition, the wheeled vehicles are back out. We are meeting our OPAL consultant next week to explore further play opportunities. If you have any small world toys (HappyLand type things) or dressing up clothes you no longer use, we would be delighted to take them off your hands.







WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER CLUB BOOK


READING RECOMMENDATIONS

This weeks book recommendation by Mrs Mason-Cook






George really doesn't like his Grandma, and he is sure the feeling is mutual. After being bossed around by his Grandma one time too many - George decides to take action! He rummages for the biggest pot he can find, and sets off around the house and farmyard finding anything that he thinks would be helpful in making a magic medicine to 'fix' his grumpy Gran.

The results aren't quite what he expects!



I loved this book as a child and recently shared it with my children at bedtime, doing a couple of chapters a night. We all enjoyed it equally, there were plenty of giggles and gasps of surprise. Roald Dahl's kooky vocabulary really engaged the children, as did the mischievous theme.

Best suited to those aged 7+ I would say, although my five year old was hooked.

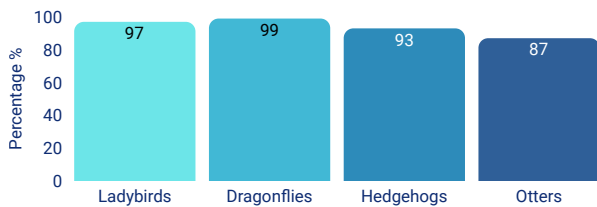


ATTENDANCE

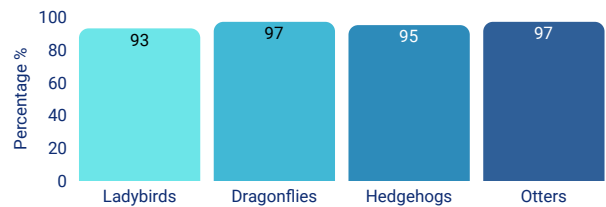
The school has an attendance target of 97%, so far this academic year our overall attendance is 96.6%. Each child has an important part to play in helping us meet it. Regular attendance supports learning, builds confidence, and ensures every pupil can make the most of the opportunities school offers.

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

Attendance 4th to 8th May 2026



Attendance 11th to 15th May 2026



Well done to Dragonfly class for last weeks highest attendance.
This week we have join highest with Dragonfly and Otter class - well done!

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.



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION/ MAYPOLE

Just a reminder that you are warmly invited to join us for our traditional Maypole afternoon which we are combining with the 50th Anniversary of the school being situated in Cratlands Close. We will be joined by friends of the school from the past 50 years. The afternoon will begin at 2.00pm with singing and dancing. Once the dancing is complete, the children will head back to their classrooms with their teachers where they will have a drink and some celebration cake.

Parents are invited to stay for coffee/ tea and cake which will be available in one of our marquees. Please bring along picnic chairs and rugs.

At 3.15pm, the children can be collected from their normal gates.



You are invited to

*Stadhampton Primary
School's*

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Maypole & Celebrations

FRIDAY MAY FROM 2 PM
 22nd

Cratlands Close, Stadhampton, OX44 7XL

Please RSVP to
office.2455@stadhampton.oxon.sch.uk

Community Events

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES
May half term activities
26-29 May

Xplorer

Fun Day

Cricket

For more information and to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities or scan the QR code

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XPLORER

MAY FUN FAMILY CHALLENGE
TUESDAY 26 MAY
WANTAGE AND WATLINGTON

EXPLORE THE PARK, FIND THE MARKERS, COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE, HAVE FUN TOGETHER

For more information and to book visit southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities or click the QR code




CRICKET & SOFTBALL CAMP

27 MAY - ARDINGTON CRICKET CLUB
28 MAY - DIDCOT CRICKET CLUB



Building future champions

Come and bat, bowl, catch and throw your way through our May day camps. Have fun and make friends with guidance from our qualified cricket coaches

10am-2pm, ages 8-12 only

£10 per child or £5 with YouMove card

To secure your place, visit and book at: southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities or scan the QR code






<p>Badminton</p> 	<p>Jr Gym Induction</p> 	<p>Pickleball</p> 
<p>Swimming</p> 	<p>YOU MOVE Faringdon Fun Day Wednesday 27th May 09:00-16:30</p> 	<p>Football</p> 
<p>Rollerskating</p> 	<p>To secure your place, visit and book at: southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities or follow the QR Code</p> 	<p>Seated Exercise</p> 