



Stanton Drew Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023



14th Dec – Molly C
16th Dec – Isabella
18th Dec – Oscar
21st Dec – Madeleine
24th Dec – Rory
4th Jan – Emmeline



December

Frid 8th KS2 Theatre trip and KS1 entertainer in school – letter emailed
Tues 12th Nativity at the church – email sent
Wed 13th Chinchillas Roman Baths trip – letter emailed
Thurs 14th PTA school disco – 5pm – 6.30pm – village hall
Frid 15th End of Term 2

All the dates are also published on the Federation website. Additions or changes will be in bold

End of term

This term will end next Friday 15th December. Children are welcomed back to school on Tuesday 2nd January 2024. Have a lovely Christmas!

Update from Mr Cook

As we approach the last few days of term, we can reflect back on a very busy and successful term; no surprise of course that this week and next week are full of festive activities.

Please do come and join us in the Church next Tuesday 12th Dec for the 2pm and/or 5pm performance! Hopefully the children in KS2 enjoy their pantomime trip this afternoon and the KS1 children enjoy their entertainer. A **huge thank you** to the PTA for their constant hard work and fund-raising over the course of the year to support great treats like this!

On Wednesday 13th Dec we have Chinchilla's children visiting the Roman Baths in Bath and on Thursday 14th Dec we have the Children's Disco with special guest DJ Mr Marriott, so another busy week!

Thank you to all of you for your support of the school, enjoy the weekend and see you next week!

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Year 4

A representative from the Rotary Club visited us last week and gave all the children in Year 4 a dictionary to take home....



Archie Project

This week, Chinchillas had their first trip to Stanton Court as part of the Archie Project. They had lots of fun meeting some of the residents and making lots of mess with glitter to make pictures! The children also gave every resident a Christmas card they had made in class, they are looking forward to their next visit!



Friends Gifts

Members of the Friends came into school this week and kindly presented every child with a Christmas gift..



Christmas Jumper day

We had a very festive day in school Wednesday when all the children and staff dressed in Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch with crackers funded by the Friends.



Meerkats

Children in Meerkats have been learning all about the different seasons in Science and had fun making 'snow' out of bicarbonate of soda and hair conditioner.



Lemurs

Children in Lemurs visited Chew Valley School this week to take part in a touch rugby tournament against other primary schools in the cluster. They played well and enjoyed the experience.



Attendance

The DfE have issued very comprehensive guidance on the importance of regular school attendance and its correlation with success in school and ultimately, qualifications like GCSE and 'A' levels. The latest percentages by class are below, (a reminder that caution needs to be taken with data of this type – i.e. number of children in the class, age of children etc however, it's a good indicator).

Meerkats	Chinchillas	Lemurs
93.1%	95.8%	94.9%

Class attendance percentage from start of T1 to 5th December 2023



Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence may seriously affect their learning. The Department for Education (DfE) defines a pupil as a 'persistent absentee' when they miss 10% or more schooling across the school year, for whatever reason. The table below indicates how what might seem like just a few days of absence can result in children

missing a significant number of lessons.

	Sessions* missed	Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Lost hours of learning
Excellent	0 – 4	100% - 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	8 – 15	98% - 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	19 – 34	95% - 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	38 – 54	90% - 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	57 – 76	85% - 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190

*One session is one half day i.e. there are two sessions

Within the policy, where there are continued concerns about a pupil's attendance which are not resolved informally, parents/carers may be asked to meet with the school to discuss the matter more formally. In some cases, this may result in a formal action plan being produced. The school may also invite other involved professionals, where relevant. Also, where a pupil has a high level and/or frequency of absence, LSP may require suitable evidence in order to authorise any future absence where illness has been given as the reason. If this is the case, the school will make the parent/carers aware of this expectation in advance.

Tennis

For Term 3, Year 3 and 4 will be having tennis coaching on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit including trainers, a warm tracksuit, a warm waterproof coat, and their named bottle of

water on Fridays for next term. The club will provide a tennis racket for your child, but they may bring their own if they wish.

PH Sports – The after school club at Bishop Sutton Primary will continue to run every day to 6pm and can be booked through this link – <https://phsports.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>

After School Activities – Term 3

We would like to confirm the after-school activities for the school that we are able to offer for Term 3. I do hope that this is something that may be of interest to some of our children. Basketball can be booked and paid for using the online link:

Children on benefit related free school meals may attend free of charge, please email the school office if your child would like to attend.

Basketball – please use this link to book

<https://getsported.org/StantonDrewPrimarySchoolY3to6BasketballClub2024Term3>

	Tuesday from 9 th Jan	Thursday from 11 th Jan	Thursday from 11 th Jan	Friday from 12 th Jan
Activity	Chess Club	Yoga	Craft Club	Basketball
	Mr Schofield	Mrs Richardson	Miss Everson	Akeel Yousaf
Time	1515-1615	1515-1615	1515-1615	1515-1615
Cost	No cost	£22.50	No cost	£25
Booking	Form from teacher	Parentpay	Form from teacher	Online
Open to	Selected Y5&6	Years 1-6	Years 2-6 (max 8)	Years 3-6

Certificates

Well done to the following children who received certificates (for hard work or positive attitude, great behaviour or good manners etc) in the latest celebration assemblies:



Meerkats	Chinchillas	Lemurs	Leaves	
Blue	Abel	Leo	Molly	
Maggie	Harvey	Flo	Thea	
		Lyra	Freddie	

Note: the records are made by Year 6 children, so apologies if there are any omissions/mistakes

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 Email: sdps@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk
 Twitter: @BSSDFederation

Term Dates 2023-24

Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

INSET days 2023-24

- Monday 19 February 2024
- Monday 3 June 2024

Term Dates 2024-25

Term 1	Wednesday 4 September 2024 to Thursday 24 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 7 January 2025 to Thursday 13 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 04 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Tuesday 3 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

INSET days 2024-25

- Monday 2 September 2024
- Tuesday 3 September 2024
- Friday 25 October 2024
- Monday 6 January 2025
- Friday 14 February 2025
- Monday 2 June 2025

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from all the children,
staff and governors
at Stanton Drew Primary School



Friends News

Christmas Table Top Sale

Thanks to everyone that came along to support the Table Top Sale on Saturday 2 December.

Also a big thanks goes to everyone that donated cakes, chocolate, spent time helping on the stalls and helped to tidy up afterwards. 😊

The village hall was busy throughout the afternoon, and we managed to raise just over £500 which is fantastic!

One of the external stall holders emailed after the event to say:

"I am just writing to let you know how much I enjoyed participating in your table top sale. I enjoyed the event and it was so nice to see so many lovely children enjoying themselves."

Have a Merry Christmas everyone!



School Christmas Raffle

The Friends have organised a raffle to be drawn on Thursday 14 December at the school Christmas Disco. Check out the list of all the lovely prizes!

If you would like to donate a prize (or know of a company that would like to donate) then please contact Catherine or Sarah (stantondrewfriends@gmail.com), or put a message on your class Whatsapp group.

Please contact Catherine or Sarah (stantondrewfriends@gmail.com), or via your class WhatsApp group if you need more raffle tickets and we will organise for additional books to be put in your child's bag.

All unsold tickets can be dropped off at the school office.

Christmas Raffle Prizes

Meal for 4 and bottle of house wine – The Fox and Goose
Lunch for two – The Pig
£50 cookery school voucher – The Pony
£50 voucher – Chew Valley Kinesiology
Free MOT voucher – South Bristol Service Centre
Free Service voucher – South Bristol Service Centre
Voucher – Maxwell's Hair Salon
Prize – The Druid's Arms
12 bottles of cider – Thatchers
Fruit basket – Arthur David
Voucher – Salt and Malt
£10 voucher – Pet Hub
£10 hot drinks voucher – JARs Deli
Gift – Natasha Clutterbuck (local artist)
Vouchers – Farrington Play Barn
Vouchers – Planet Volt Soft Play
Bottles of wine - Joanna Tiley Estate Agents
Bottle of wine – Carpenters Arms
Selection of hampers
More prizes to follow!



School Lottery

We have lost a few supporters as children have left the school, so we are looking for new people to sign up.

Go to: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stanton-drew-primary-school>

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner for the school every week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot. There is no commitment to stay in the lottery and players can choose to leave at any time.

School Christmas Disco

Come and join Stanton Drew Friends for our Christmas Disco on Thursday 14th December 5pm - 6:30pm at Stanton Drew Village Hall. DJ, party games, kids pocket money treats, parents cash bar!

Please book and pay for the disco using the link below.

Stanton Drew School children only, siblings are allowed.

Please note there are no paper tickets, it is names on a list.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me on sarahecran@gmail.com

<https://forms.gle/udSfYcaUmQxgAQds6>



New members

We are still looking for new members to join the Friends, you can help as little or as much as you want. If you are interested in finding out more about joining the Friends, then please email Catherine at stantondrewfriends@gmail.com or message 07738 569503.



Future events

- Clothes collection – Friday 19 January



Facebook groups

Keep up to date with events and updates by following the **Stanton Drew Primary School Parents & Carers** page and **Stanton Drew Primary School Friend Association** page on Facebook. The Friends post when a new event has been booked so make sure you follow both pages. 😊



Stanton Drew Primary School Friend Association




Stanton Drew Primary School Parents & Carers

Easy Fundraising


Please sign up to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to get a free donation for the school every time you shop online. It's really quick and also simple to use.

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Christmas Crafts

December 2023

Get the holidays off to a festive start with these creative workshops for children:

A Host of Angels Monday 18 December
Make an adorable angel decoration to hang on your Christmas tree.



Colourful Candlelight Tuesday 19 December
Transform a jam jar into a beautiful candle holder, inspired by the Cathedral's stained glass.



Festive Foliage Wednesday 20 December
Use natural materials to make a festive centrepiece to adorn your table this Christmas.



Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

£3.10 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE

Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities

