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Stimulating Curiosity, Raising Aspirations & Inspiring Ambition

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Newsletter

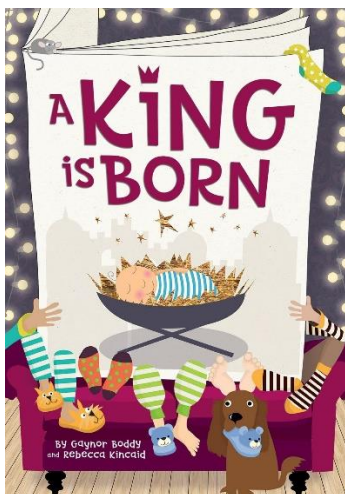
Dear Parents, Carers & Grandparents

We certainly have been busy this half term with a focus on respect for all and lots of opportunities to find the awe and wonder in our beautiful world. I have been so impressed with the children and their never-ending enthusiasm and passion for learning and making a difference in our world.

We had a wonderful visit to school by a company called iRock School of Music who hosted an amazing music assembly. The inspirational 30-minute taster assembly was led by a professional musician, who performed popular songs and give the children the chance to build a band live on stage! This forward-thinking teaching method demonstrates how children can perform in a band in just a few minutes. It was a roaring success!

Sporting Success again for Stockham – Congratulations to our Boccia Teams who competed in a local tournament. They should great resilience and determination. Well done you have made all of us at Stockham very proud!

It doesn't feel very long since last Christmas, but somehow, it is closing in again!



Our EYFS and KS1 children are practising their songs and speaking parts for their nativity so confidently. This year, the children in Foundation and KS1 will be performing the nativity 'A King is Born.'

Foundation & KS1 performances will be held on:

Monday 9th December at 1:30p.m

Tuesday 10th December at 6:00p.m. (children back in school by 5:30p.m.)

All performances will be held in the school hall.

KS2 Christmas Celebration

We are also preparing for our KS2 Christmas Celebration using poetry and songs.

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Wednesday 11th December at 9:00a.m.

Monday 16th December at 5:30 p.m. (children back in school by 5:15p.m)

All performances will be held in the school hall.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 11th December. This will also be our Christmas or Brightly Coloured Jumper Day for all children if they wish to participate in the occasion.

Whole School Pantomime Visit

Remember we are all off on Thursday 12th December for the Stockham annual visit to the Wyvern theatre in Swindon to watch the Pantomime Cinderella.

Thank you

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated a luxury item in order for the FOS to make some super hampers for the FOS Christmas Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 17th December after school in the hall.

I would also like to say another huge thank you to the Comrades Club in Wantage for their amazing generosity this Christmas. By supporting the children of Stockham Primary School by donating a beautiful Christmas tree to the school. It looks amazing!

Nut Allergy Reminder

Please ensure that children do not bring any food containing nuts into school as part of their break time snack or packed lunch. We have children with nut allergies and such foods could cause extreme allergic reactions. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Sickness & Absence

At this point in the year, we generally see an increase in the number of children with a sickness bug. Whilst we want children to attend school as much as possible, we do not want to spread any 'sickness bugs' unnecessarily. If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, please do not send them to school until they have been completely clear of symptoms for at least 24 hours. For example, if they were last sick on Sunday they should not return to school until Tuesday at the earliest. If your child is sick in school, we will phone home and ask that they are collected immediately. Children must not be sent back in to school if they have been sick or had an upset stomach until they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours.

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Starting School in September 2025

It has wonderful to meet so many new parents who have come to look at Stockham over the last few weeks. It was a pleasure meet to and every one of you. If your child is due to start school in September 2025, please remember to submit your application through the Oxfordshire County Council website.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>

Closing date for applications is the 15th January 2025.

Attendance



Attending school on time each and every day ensures children don't miss out on any key learning and helps us give children the best possible start to their lifelong journey of learning. At Stockham School we want our children to be in school learning and striving for success. Research has shown that regular attendance and good punctuality are crucial factors in children achieving their full potential in education.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all items belonging to your child are clearly labelled with their name, and ideally, their class or year group. Doing so ensures that items can be reunited with their owners quickly and without issue.

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How can I find age appropriate games?

With Christmas coming up - do you need suggestions on age appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games. Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>

<https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Broadband Set Up

Have you set up appropriate settings on your broadband/Wi-Fi? Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up.

Test Your Internet Filter

SWGfL have created a tool to test your filtering to give you an indication that your broadband is blocking certain categories.

Access it here: <http://testfiltering.com/>

Remember, children may have devices that use mobile data, so they won't always be connected to your Wi-Fi. Ensure you set up parental controls on these devices too.

Is YouTube safe?

The NSPCC have produced this article discussing the risks associated with using YouTube and the safety settings and features that are available depending on how old your child is and what they do on YouTube. You can access the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/>

Road Safety

CBBC Newsround have some top tips to think about so you can stay road safe as the nights are getting darker earlier. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/av/67462322>

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End of Term

Friday 20th December – we will finish at the **normal Stockham Christmas time of 12.00p.m.**
Please collect your children from their normal pick-up point. We return after the Christmas break on Monday 6th January 2025.

Planned Events for Stockham 24 25

Term 1 and 2		
Event	Date	Time
New Parents Visit for Sept 25 intake	2 nd October 24	9:30am- 10:30am
School Photographs	3 rd October 24	
Athlete Visit to school	9 th October 24	
Flu Nasal Spray	17 th October 24	
Halloween Disco- FOS	18 th October 24	6:00pm- 8:00pm
Harvest Festival	22 nd October 24	Foundation & KS1 – 9:00am KS2 – 9:45am
ACE Assembly	24 th October 24	
SEND Reviews	23 rd October 24	3:30- 5:00 invite
INSET	25 th October 24	
Join you child @ school – Reading	5 th November 24	Additional letter sent before October half term
Year 5/6 attending The Beacon Wantage Literary Festival	6 th November 24	Information to follow
Travelling Book Fayre in school	11 th November 24	
Anti-bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks	12 th November 24	Information in this newsletter
Parent Consultations Evenings	12 th & 13 th November 24	3:30 – 7:00 Letter sent before October break
Children in Need Wear yellow or spots	15 th November 24	
FOS – Non uniform day for luxury items hamper raffle	29 th November 24	
Foundation & KS1 Christmas Production Nativity 'A King is Born.'	9 th & 10 th December 24	Monday 9 th December – Doors open 1:15p.m. Tuesday 10 th December – Doors open 5:30pm.

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KS2 Christmas Concert at school	11 th December 24	9:00a.m.
Christmas or Brightly Coloured Jumper Day	11 th December 24	
Christmas Dinner Day	11 th December 24	
Whole School Pantomime	12 th December	
Showcasing Stockham	13 th December 24	2:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.
KS2 Christmas Concert at school	16 th December 24	5:30p.m. Children back by 5:15p.m
Foundation – Christmas Songs	16th December 24 cancelled as a separate event as Foundation are involved in the nativity	This date has been replaced by the Foundation children being involved the nativity 'A King is Born.'
SPS Christmas Fayre	17 th December 24	3:15p.m.
ACE Assembly	19 th December 24	9:00a.m. invite
End of Term 2	20th December 24	12:00p.m.

Term 3 and 4		
Event	Date	Time
Reports to Parents	Date to TBC	Further information to follow
Join you child @ school – Maths	22 nd January 25	Foundation & KS1 from 8:50am-9:50am During the break session there will be a Parent Meeting in the hall from 10:00- 10:30. KS2 from 10:35am- 11.35am
Winter Disco - FOS	7 th February 25	Information to follow
E-Safety Day	11 th February 25	School assembly and work in class
SEND Reviews	12 th February 24	3:30- 5:00p.m. invite
ACE Assembly	14 th February	9:00a.m invite
Year 6 to attend Junior Good Citizens	28 th February 25	Information to follow
World Book Day	6 th March 25	School Council & work in classes
Join you child @ school – Science	18 th March 25	Foundation & KS1 from 8:50am-9:50am

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Comic Relief	21 st March 25	School Council & work in classes
Parent Consultations Evenings	25 th & 26 th March 25	Information to follow
Class Photographs	1 st April 25	Information to follow
Showcasing Stockham	2 nd April 25	2:00- 3:00p.m.
ACE Assembly	3 rd April 25	9:00a.m. invite

Term 5 and 6		
Event	Date	Time
Join you child @ school – History	7 th May 25	Foundation & KS1 from 8:50am-9:50am During the break session there will be a Parent Meeting in the hall from 10:00- 10:30. KS2 from 10:35am- 11.35am
Year 6 KS2 SATs	12 th -15 th May 25	
Year 2 KS1 SATs	May 25	Information to follow
Foundation & KS1 Sports Day	19 th May 25	Information to follow
KS2 Sports Day	20 th May 25	Information to follow
SEND Reviews	21 st May 25	3:30- 5:00p.m. invite
ACE Assembly	23 rd May 25	9:00a.m. invite
Year 6 Residential	4 th -6 th June 25	Information to follow
INSET Days	20 th & 23 rd June 25	Schools closed to children
Year 4 Multiplication Test	2 nd & 9 th June 25	
Year 1 Phonic Screening	9 th & 16 th June 25	
Showcasing Stockham	4 th July 25	2:00- 3:00pm.
Reports to Parents	14 th July 25	Information to follow
Summer BBQ - FOS	11 th July 25	Information to follow
ACE Assembly	18 th July 25	9:00a.m. invite

(Please be aware at this stage all dates are subject to confirmation and are given as a guide only.)

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