



Stocks Green Primary School

'Learning to Live, Living to Learn'

Newsletter - Friday 19th December

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As I write this, Christmas is well and truly in full swing at Stocks Green Primary School. We have seen some heart-melting performances in the Year R and Year 2 nativities. It is such an honour to do the jobs we do and see the children grow overtime. Watching the Year 2 nativity, it is impossible not to look at how the children have grown in confidence since they were the timid ones doing the Year R nativity performance two years ago and then singing on the stage last year for the Year 1 concert. Performance is something we are immensely proud to develop over time at the school.

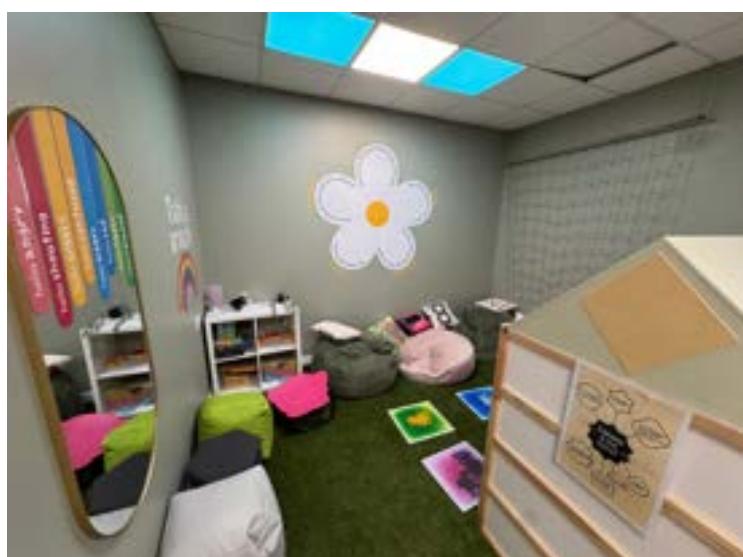
Talking of performance, what a spectacle the church performance was this year. The children sang so beautifully and proudly. It is always a special moment capping off the Christmas season in school with Christmas songs in the church and we are very grateful to St Johns for allowing us to use their facilities.

As we approach the New Year, we start to think about next steps for the school and our continued development. Mr. Endersby recently hosted an incredible parent session outlining the schools developing approach to regulation, support and the Launchpad. I have included a few images of the incredible space he has created alongside Mrs Tracey and with the help of parents and Barratt Homes. If you get a chance, I highly recommend reading the excellent information that has been sent regarding this new resource.

Can I also take the opportunity to remind parents that from January only Year 5 and 6 will be allowed pencil cases in school. This is because we know that the fancy all singing all dancing pencil cases that the children have today quickly become a distraction. We provide the children with all the equipment they need, so they do not need a pencil case in school. However, we believe that it can benefit Year 5 and 6 as they prepare for secondary transition, as well as being able to regulate themselves more confidently.

On a personal note, I wish to thank the whole school community for your support throughout this term. I am very grateful for the wonderful school community we have. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope that you have a fantastic New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2026!

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LAUNCHPAD PICTURES

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PREFECT UPDATE

This week has been a very fun and exciting week as most classes have started their Christmas preparations.

In Reception, they have been making snowflakes out of circles and triangles, making Christmas paper chains and learning about the letter 'R' in phonics.

Year 1 have been creating patterns out of 3D and 2D shapes for maths and have just finished their stories of Treasure Chests and making baubles. They have two naughty elves that have been watching over them and creating mischief around the classroom though. They have written the words: 'snow' in shaving foam and 'Happy Christmas' in toothpaste!

Year 5 have been exploring why we have day and night with oranges and torches. In art, they are doing typography. In writing they are preparing their Christmas stories, which are coming along nicely.

Year 4 have been making lovely Christmas stockings in D&T and completing their big question in History. They are learning Netball in PE and finished their swimming lessons at Tonbridge pool last week, after doing two terms of it. They have also had some fun writing letters to Mr Hipkiss to tell him to 'maintain his environment' in his office!

Year 2 meanwhile, have been doing silhouette paintings of the Great Fire of London. They have also been doing Christmas cards and some very impressive letters to Father Christmas. Year 2 have done a very fantastic nativity; their teachers said they worked SOO hard, and their play turned out brilliantly.

So, as KS1 practice the story of Mary and Joseph, Year 3 have been busy writing their opening adventure stories and discovering periods of the stone age back approximately 2.6 million years ago, and all details on the houses. They are doing French on Wednesday, a lot of different quizzes and they have recently just finished their book on 'Oliver and the Sea wigs.'

In Year 6 they have been writing about Father Christmas high tech gadgets and in maths they learnt fractions of amounts and converting measurements. They have also been busy decorating the classroom and using SUCH LONG lights and have said great lines from a Christmas story each at the church.

All classes have been preparing songs to sing at the church, and we hope you enjoy the surprise performance from Year 6.



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OPEN READING LESSONS

Thank you to all those who attended the Open Reading Lessons recently. We had some incredible feedback to the survey we sent out with 100% of parents saying that they found the opportunity useful, provided them with strategies for supporting their child at home and that they would like to attend again in the future.

We started these sessions to help with our School Improvement Target of 'Increasing parental engagement and understanding of pupils' learning'. We are aiming to provide more Open Lessons during the rest of the academic year as well as making some other small changes to communication, which we hope will support parents moving forwards.

If you did not manage to join us this time for an Open Lesson, we hope that you may be able to join us in the future.



CHOIR AT THE FARMERS MARKET



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BIKE BUS

Our Friday Bike Bus has now run 26 times since June, with around 15 riders joining each week. With music, bubbles, and the occasional fancy dress, it's become a brilliant, fun way to start the school day. Our last one was filled with Christmas tinsel, Christmas songs and Christmas fancy dress!

Each ride is supported by experienced Bike Marshals at the front and back, along with parents, to help the group stay together.

We're pleased to share that the Bike Bus has also received over £1,000 of council funding for next year, which will go towards hi-vis vests, bike bells, and other equipment.

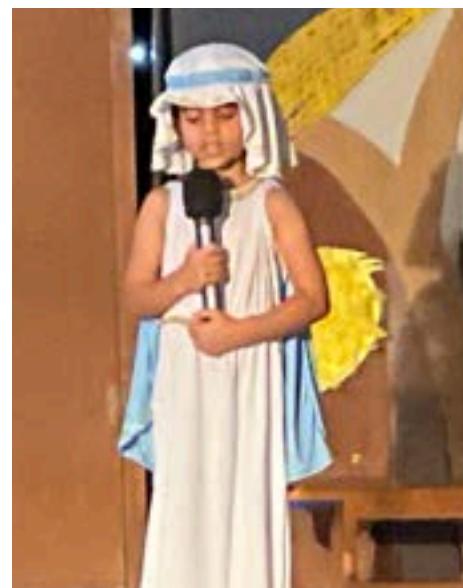
Thanks to all our riders and volunteers for keeping the Bike Bus joyful, safe, and growing each week!



YEAR 1 SINGING



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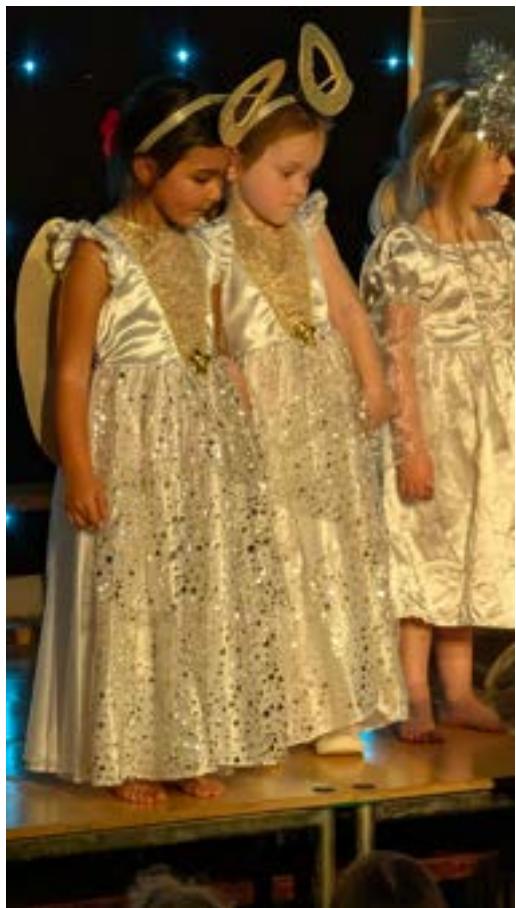
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PTA - CHRISTMAS FAIR

A couple of weeks ago now, our incredible PTA put on the most fantastic Christmas Fair! Our PTA events are rapidly becoming famous beyond just the local area. The grotto created by the PTA elves was simply out of this world and was the perfect setting for Santa to come and visit the school.

As many parents are aware, the PTA plays an ever increasingly important role in supporting the school to deliver our offer to families as budgets get tighter and tighter. So, with that in mind, it is simply incredible that they raised over £5,300 from the Fair. I wish to thank the PTA for all their efforts and the incredible generosity of the our parent body in supporting the event so well. This funding really will make all the difference to the school.

The PTA has also asked me to remind parents about some exciting events they have coming up.

1. Panto – 8th January in school
2. Pub Quiz – 27th February
3. KS1 and KS2 disco – 20th March
4. Stocks Fest – 27 June



PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR



YEAR 2 PERFORMANCE AT HYLLDEN HEIGHTS



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please remember that the full, and constantly updated list of dates, is on the school website under 'News and Events' - 'Yearly Planner'. It can also be accessed at

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFM8lPhRVw/8VzWtjH8GL43QK9p2eK6uA/view>



19/12/25 - END OF TERM



5/1/26 - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS



6/1/26 - SCHOOL REOPENS FOR PUPILS



26/1/26 - YEAR 4 TONBRIDGE SCHOOL - DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY - FOOD TECH



WEEK BEGINNING 2/2/26 - OPEN MATHS LESSONS



9/2/26 - INTRAHOUSE SPORTS



10/2/26 - SAFER INTERNET DAY



13/2/26 - END OF TERM 3



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23/2/26 - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS



24/2/26 - SCHOOL OPEN FOR PUPILS



25/2/26 - YOUNG VOICES AT THE O2

SUPERSTAR CORNER

Well done to all our hardworking superstars from the last four weeks.

The Values Cup goes to a child who has shown our school values during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

28/11/25: Esther C - Year 6

5/12/25: Alisa T - Year 4

12/12/25: Finley S - Year 1

19/12/25: Florence A-W - Year 2

The Values Cup for Sport goes to a child who has shown our school values during a sporting events, such as PE or a tournament, during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

Values Cup for Sport Winners:

28/11/25: Dylan C - Year 5

5/12/25: Maia M - Year 3

12/12/25: Liam F - Year 5

19/12/25: Amelia W - Year 2

Our 'Above and Beyond' certificates are awarded to those pupils who have gone 'Above and Beyond' with their learning and attitudes in class all week.

Above and Beyond Winners 28/11/25:

Year 1: Louden B

Year 2: Hollie H

Year 3: Ben M

Year 4: Emmie H

Year 5: Finn J

Year 6: Jonti F

Above and Beyond Winners 5/12/25:

Year 1: Saaya V

Year 2: Hunter F

Year 3: Archer S

Year 4: Annabel B

Year 5: Harrison S

Year 6: Jessica H

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LOCAL EVENTS

Stocks Green prides itself on being a part of the local community of Hildenborough. We have been asked to share information about some events going on in the local area.

The local Farmers' Market has asked me to share the following message, 'On 23rd December we will have Father Christmas and his Elf at the market- **TOTALLY FREE** for the children to come and visit, with a **FREE** gift for each child from Father Christmas. As the Market ethos is all about community and giving back- it would be great to see as many of the Children as possible. Oh and there will be Mulled Wine (non-alcoholic option available) for the Parents to enjoy.'

HILDENBOROUGH FARMERS' MARKET



**FREE SANTA GROTTO & GIFT
TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER
8:30AM - 11AM**

HILDENBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

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Above and Beyond Winners 12/12/25:

Year 1: Ihor T
Year 2: Amaya I
Year 3: Max L
Year 4: Ella G
Year 5: George C
Year 6: Riley B

Above and Beyond Winners 19/12/25:

Year 1: Lizzy C
Year 2: Freddie M
Year 3: Rupert C
Year 4: Jack W
Year 5: Toby B
Year 6: Jacob L

**SEASIDE
WINTER
Winter Mini Challenge**

Kent Libraries

Story Garden

Join in with this year's Winter Mini Challenge!

A fun **free** Challenge that encourages children to keep up their reading from 1 December to 20 February 2026. It's free to take part online, where children can unlock special digital rewards and earn a printable certificate once they meet their reading goal!

For more information, speak to your local library team, scan the QR code or head to wintermini.org.uk

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JAN/FEB 2026 - CREATIVE CRAFTS



Rainbow Friday Club

Come and create with modeling clay, blow painting, cloud dough and more.

Explore a different way to create each week. 3.15pm-6pm

Places are limited to 10. Snack is included and costs £13.50. Bookings can be made weekly.

To reserve your child's place
Or find out more please

Email contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com

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