



Spring Term Newsletter 1 – Friday 20th February 2026



Dear Parent/Carers,

Hope this newsletter finds you all happy, healthy and brimming with positivity. We have certainly endured some persistent wet weather over the last few weeks, but the sun continues to shine here in school. Children are relishing their learning, stretching their potential and proving, yet again, how fantastic they all are.

Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon we hold a special assembly, which highlights achievements across the course of the week. Our focus of attention is not merely limited to academic success but encompasses all elements of school life. We exemplify the importance of manners, kindness, respect and effort in everything we do or attempt. We concentrate upon perseverance, courage and resilience, when approaching or encountering new scenarios. It's also a celebration of weekly house successes. The Year Five Pupil Leadership collate the school's house points from each class, before the assembly begins, then present the totals at the front of the hall. Birthdays are also an integral element of the Friday celebrations, where children are eager to play the piano whilst we all sing happy birthday. We have even been blessed with a rendition of happy birthday played upon the violin.

Learning across the school

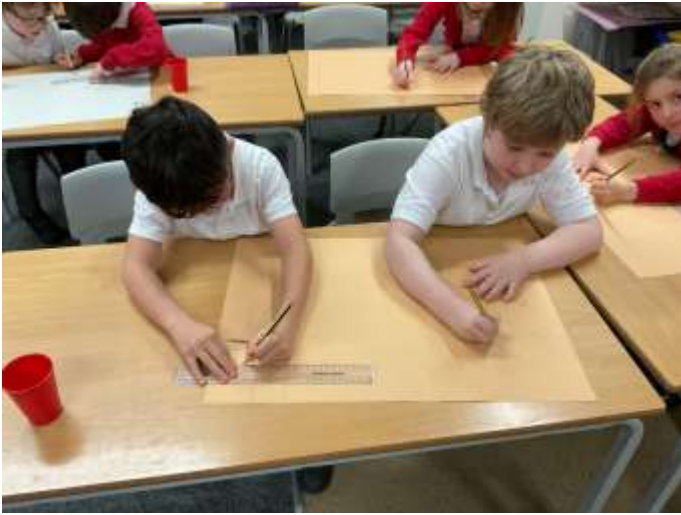
Enthusiasm resonates throughout the school, from our young nursery learners to our highly experienced Year 6. Enthralled and engaged, children actively participate in their learning, consistently willing to discuss their knowledge and understanding of all activities encountered. The photos below, highlight a mere fragment of this half term's learning for the children.

Reception





Year 1 and 2



Year 3 and 4



Year 5



Year 6



Gamelan Workshop

Excited beyond belief, Year 5 were warped into the musical world of Indonesia for a brief moment in time. Fortunate to attend a Gamelan workshop held at Stanchester, the children relished the opportunity to play a range of instruments. They followed notes and different rhythms with skill and expertise, impressing the workshop leaders and even the music teacher from Stanchester!





Cross Country

Once again, we thank Ms Cockram for braving the elements, to orchestrate and organise the Cross-Country runners. All children performed superbly, despite the quagmire they encountered.



Worship and Open the Book

These assemblies are always a reflective wonder on a Wednesday, after lunch. We are lucky to be surrounded by such a wonderful array of individuals, who deliver informative and engaging assemblies revolving around stories from the bible. This term's theme has been perseverance. Children love performing and enjoy the opportunity to partake within the storytelling of our visitors.



Ancient China Workshop and Drama Performance

Year 6 whole-heartedly welcomed George from Altru into their class. He delivered a fabulous workshop on the Shang Dynasty, culminating in a super dramatic performance by our budding actors and actresses.



Forest School

Despite the wonderfully wet weather, regardless of the wind and the longing for some marginal sunshine, Sowena continues to engage our intrigued learners into the wonders of the great outdoors.



Stanchester and Hungry Caterpillar

Yet again, Stanchester provided us with a wonderful workshop based around Eric Carle's famous book, The Hungry Caterpillar. All children enjoyed participating in the activities and loved the opportunity to perform with the Stanchester students.



Skipping Challenge

Stupendous strength, determination and perseverance radiated across the course of the day, as all children throughout the school participated in our first ever 'skipping challenge'! Ropes were rotating, feet were fervently fast and competitive challenges were completed. What a day! A huge thank you to all children who showed such enthusiasm for the skipping and to all adults who attended towards the end of the day – What a turn out and super support!



Year 6 – Heart dissection



School Prayer

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Let our school be a place of respect for one another .

Help us to remember that as many hands build a

house , so many hearts create our school .

Help us to work together and help each other to

meet new challenges .

Keep us firm in your love for us and each other .

In Jesus' name .

Amen



Dates to remember

Monday 23rd February – Children return after half term

Friday 27th February – Book share

Monday 2nd March – Cross Country Competition - TBC

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (Dress as your favourite character)

Friday 6th March - Non-Uniform Day (Easter Egg or Cash donation) - TBC

Monday 9th March – Hands On Science – assembly and workshops

Thursday 12th March – Carymoor - recycling assembly and workshops

Friday 13th March – Dress as a Scientist or an experiment

Wednesday 18th March – Wells Cathedral Trip (Earth and Saturn)

Friday 20st March – Red Nose Day – Non-uniform (Cash donations)

Monday 23rd March – Cross Country Competition - TBC

Wednesday 25th February – Year 5 WOW Day Stanchester

Friday 27th March – Easter BINGO! - TBC

Wednesday 25th March – Parent's Evening

Thursday 26th March – Parent's Evening

Monday 30th March – Beat Boxing and Parkour – assembly and workshops

Wednesday 1st April – Bristol Museum trip (Year 5 and 6)

Thursday 2nd April – Church Service 2.30 start

Online Safety News



Lemon8 is a lifestyle focused social media app that has been growing in popularity among young people. The app is owned by ByteDance, the same company behind TikTok, and it blends features similar to Instagram, Pinterest and TikTok, with highly visual posts about fashion, beauty, travel and other interests.

Like many social media platforms, Lemon8 has an age rating of 13 and above according to its terms of service, and some features are only available from age 16. Reviews note that although the app offers creative and inspiring content, its parental controls are limited and there are concerns around privacy, public posts and direct messaging.

It is worth checking whether your child is using Lemon8, and if so, taking some time to explore the app together. A number of detailed parent reviews are available online, including guidance on potential risks, privacy settings and how to talk to children about staying safe on the platform.

You can find more information here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/lemon8-app-parents-guide/>

An advertisement featuring a young boy looking at a smartphone. The text reads: "Parents/Carers can access this FREE online session to" followed by a list of topics: "Learn about different types of exploitation.", "Understand the signs that a child may be at risk or being groomed.", "Discover how offenders groom and exploit children, both on and offline", and "Know how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns!". It also includes a QR code for the 18th March session and another for the 30th March session. The text "Families are often the first to notice their child is being exploited." is prominently displayed. A logo for "Avon & Somerset Constabulary" is visible in the top right corner. At the bottom, it says "Led by Prevention Officer Andri Nicolaou from the dedicated child exploitation team."

Supporting your child online can feel challenging, but there are excellent free resources to help.

[Common Sense Media](#) offers app and media reviews plus tips for healthy screen time. [National Online Safety](#) and [ConnectSafely](#) provide guidance on social media, privacy, and cyberbullying. [Internet Matters](#) and [Thinkuknow](#) offer age-appropriate advice for safe online use. Exploring these resources can help you set boundaries, have open conversations, and support your child in navigating the digital world safely.



20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day will...

Improve focus and concentration

Have a world of imagination and creativity opened to them

Have stronger writing skills

Improve and strengthen memory

Be exposed to **1.8 million words a year**

Have a broad vocabulary

Have better general knowledge

Improve test results

Improve communication skills

Develop a love for learning

Learn how to develop empathy

Improve critical thinking skills

Have reduced stress levels

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