



Spring 1

Weekly Bulletin

WEEK 2 – Friday 16th January 2026

This half term's values are:

LOVE

Biblical Verse of the Week

Let all that you do be
done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



Head's Update

Healthy Schools Week

Thank you for a great Healthy Schools Week! We have been promoting activities throughout the week to encourage children and families to lead an active and healthy lifestyle, following the Chief Medical Officer's recommendation of 60 active minutes a day. We hope you had a chance to complete the activities that were sent home in last week's bulletin.

Hub Director Check In – Phonics Focus

Kate Lund, our Hub Director, visited on Monday for our regular school check-ins. As a trust, we have a real focus on phonics at the moment to ensure that all pupils in Year 1 pass their statutory Phonics Screening Check in June. We have looked at pupils who are on target following our last assessment, and have already put in place additional support for those children that need further consolidation. This also highlights the importance of supporting our Reception children, as we want to ensure they have a strong foundation in phonics before they move to Year 1.

Please can we ask parents/carers to support with this at home by reading with your child at least three times a week (or more if possible). This will consolidate their phonetic knowledge through regular practice with segmenting and blending sounds, as well as building reading fluency.

FREE Parent Course: Help Your Child to Read and Write

Sounds-Write offers a **free** course for all parents to help your child get off to a good start with reading and writing.

The course will show you how to:

- Help your child take their first steps in reading and spelling.
- Understand how to help your child build, write and read simple CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words.
- Correct your child when they make mistakes in reading or writing simple words.
- Gain a basic understanding of how phonics works.

To access this free course, visit: <https://sounds-write.co.uk/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>

Attendance Reminder

Regular attendance is key to your child's success. Consistent attendance enables your child to fully engage in learning, develop essential skills, and make the most of their educational opportunities. Whilst we understand that children's attendance can be affected through illness and especially when there are seasonal changes, it is important to send them back to school as soon as they are well enough to do so, rather than keeping them home for prolonged periods of time. Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for further guidance and information.

ATTENDANCE

Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

89% or below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

96% - 90%
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%
Excellent!



Have a great weekend.
Mrs Singh

Attendance

This week's attendance is:	89.40%
Overall attendance (this year) is:	95.50%



Sports Awards of the Week

Acorn: Bella

Pine: Patrick

Oak: Laura



Class	Learning Champ	Learning Champ
Pre-School	Angus	Benji
Acorn	Harley	Marcie
Pine	Delilah	Isaac
Oak	Ethan	Scarlett



Dance/Gymnastics Stars of the Week

Preschool: Elliott

Acorn: Bella & Isobel

Pine/Oak: Lily



LOVE		
Acorn	Pine	Oak
Florence	Rosie	Peggy

Reminders

Cool Club parent parking

Due to limited spaces, and staff requiring access at all times, we ask parents to please park on the road and walk up the path when dropping off or collecting their children from Cool Club. This is to keep yourselves and the children safe from the busy drive and car park. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Forest school clothing

Please ensure children are sent in with a suitable change of clothes for forest school, **especially waterproof trousers**. Where the weather has been wet, and with unknown weather ahead it is meaning those without waterproof trousers are missing out. This is by no means ideal, but the only option we are often left with to ensure safe play, and to protect and keep uniform clean.

Many thanks for your understanding.

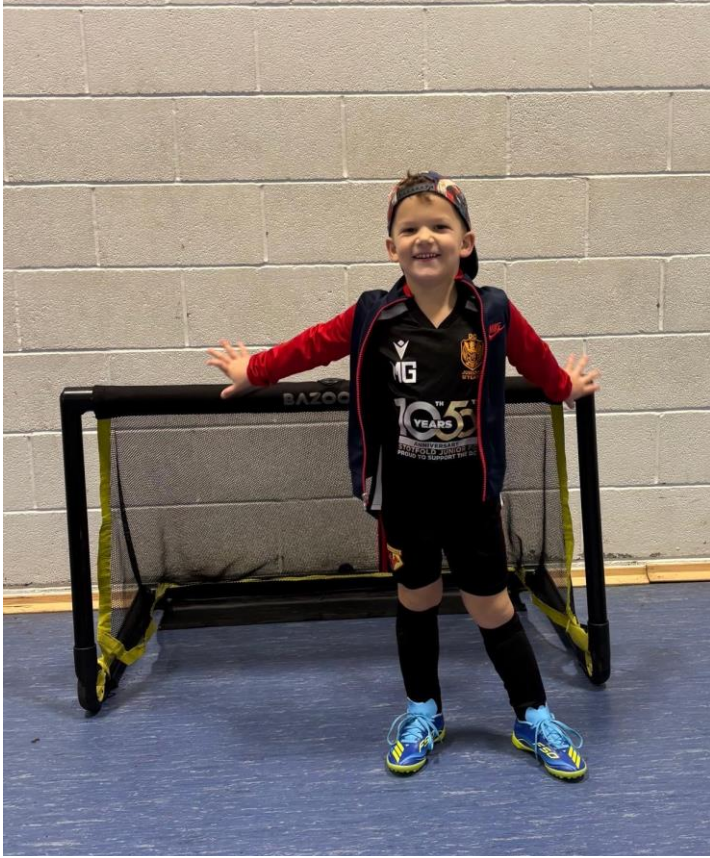
Diary Dates (2025-2026)

12th-16th January 2026	Healthy You Children & Schools Week
6th February	Bikeability Level 1 Year 3/4
12th February	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
14th February	Spring Term 1 ends
24th February	Spring Term 2 begins
25th February	Acorn parent consultations - AM
26th February	Acorn/Pine/Oak parent consultations
20th March	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
26th March	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
28th March	Spring Term 2 ends at 1:45pm
13th April	Summer Term 1 begins
4th May	Bank Holiday – May Day
21st May	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
22nd May	Summer Term 1 ends
1st June	Summer Term 2 begins
17th July	Summer Term 2 end at 1:45pm
7th July	Parent Consultations

'Healthy Selfies'

Thank you to all those that sent in their photos in celebration of 'Healthy You' week. It's been super inspiring to see all the things the children get up to in order to keep fit and healthy!

Here is Miller at his football training, he plays for Stotfold FC!



Bobby ice skating, he has lessons twice a week and really enjoys them!



Delilah enjoying sledging on Royston Heath!



April enjoying a ride on her scooter!



Felix, Maisie and dog Baxter enjoying a walk at Royston Heath!



Martha and Elliott walking in the wilderness!



Here is Emmie eating some salmon omelette – yum!



Isabella dressed up ready for Karate lessons!



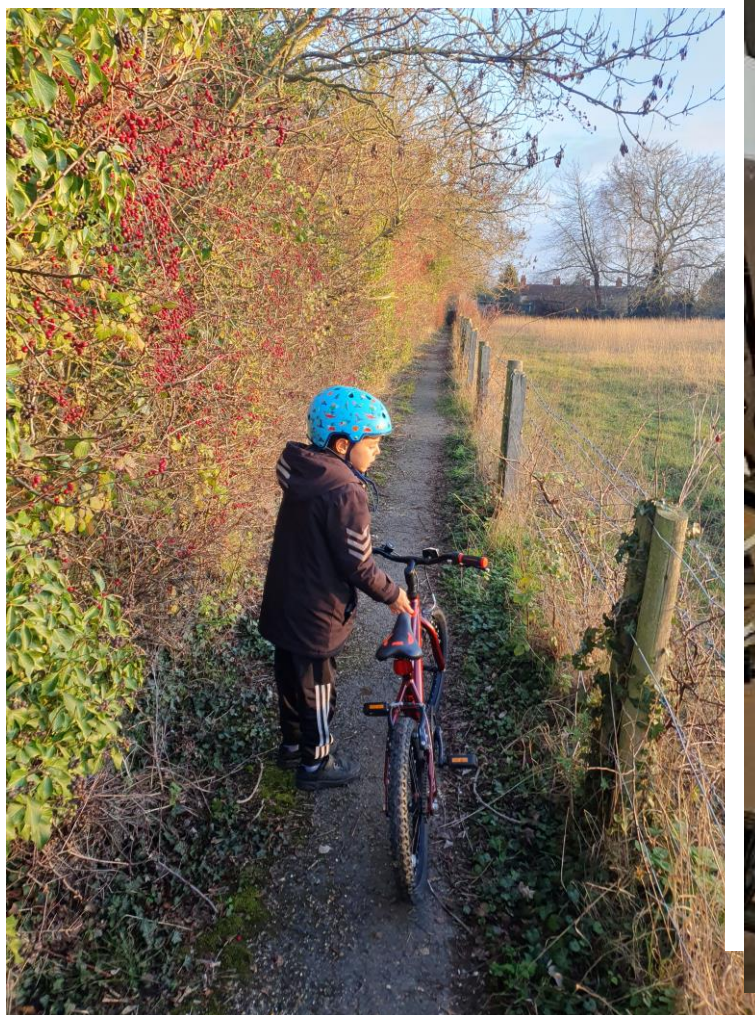
This is Jake riding his bike and enjoying a dog walk!



Tommy does 1-1 football session every Monday evening!



Tristan has been enjoying taking his new bike out to explore!



Mrs T lifting weights at the gym!



Marcie and Sonny love walking the dog!



Check out Mila who is a flyer for her team 'Missiles' in her cheerleading club Arrows Elite.



Iola is a very keen and talented horse rider – very impressive!

Here is Mrs Wright's post-run selfie!



Ella making some tasty cheese scones!



Gil and Florence eating a very healthy, colourful fruit salad!



Oliver NH takes part in a sport called bike trials, which involves riding a specially designed stunt bike with no seat over a series of challenging obstacles. He and his brothers all attend Bike Trial Academy twice a week. Oliver regularly takes part in competitions and completed his first official competition last year. The academy is run by current world champion Charlie Rolls, who coaches the children. Through the academy, Oliver and his brothers also have the opportunity to travel and train both in the UK and internationally with Charlie and the rest of Team GB.



Mrs Marchetti has 2 bulldogs, Sherlock and Sylvie that she enjoys walking everyday! In the summer Sherlock especially likes to join Mrs Marchetti when she swims in the sea and goes body boarding!



Vanessa keeping herself busy and on the move through various fun activities!



Updated Clubs List – Spring 1 2026

We are pleased to announce our updated Spring 1 Club list, which offers a range of activities for your child to enjoy.

CLUB TIMETABLE

SPRING 1 – JANUARY 2026

See what clubs we have on offer this term!

Day	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	School Council Meeting Mrs Singh 12.30 – 1.00 Library	
Tuesday	Drama Club Lisa 12.30 – 1.15 Mondrian Class	
Wednesday	KS2 Faithful Followers Club Fiona Davis (St Mary's Church) 12.15 – 1.00 Library	
Thursday	Fitness Fun Club Mrs Wright/Mrs Davies 12.45 – 1.15 Hall	
Friday	Lego Club Mrs Marchetti 12.45 – 1.15 Library	Gymnastics Royston Football Club Coaches 3.15 – 4.15 Hall Need to book

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**Thank you for your
continued support.**