



# Stogursey C of E Primary & Pre-School

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## Welcome Back to the New School Year!

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

I hope this message finds you well, and that you've had a restful summer break. It's been a wonderful first week back at school, and I am delighted to welcome you all to our very first newsletter of the 2024/25 academic year.

As I've made my way around the school, visiting classes, I've been so pleased to see how hard the children are already working and how smoothly they've settled back into their routines. Welcome to the new Reception children. Their enthusiasm, confidence and effort have truly been a joy to witness, and I'm sure we are in for a fantastic year ahead.

I am out on the gate most days, so please do feel free to say hello. If you need to speak with teachers, we kindly ask that non-urgent conversations be held after school to ensure a smooth start to the day for everyone. If there's anything urgent, either myself or the staff member on duty will be available to help at the gate in the morning. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to a brilliant year ahead!

We welcome Mrs Becky Cummins to the school as a Teaching Assistant in Triscombe class. Mrs Cummins was working in our pre-school and has now moved up into the school.

Kind Regards

Gary Tucker  
Headteacher

### **Beacon**

What a wonderful start Beacon class have had to the new academic year! I have been so impressed with how they started and with their dedication and their attitude to learning.

We've hit the ground running and the children have been engaged with class quizzes across the curriculum and they have certainly stepped up and met my high expectations.

I am looking forward to the rest of this term where we will be diving into coastlines, high quality texts to support writing skills, looking at discrimination and how to be inclusive and Sikhism. In Maths, they will be looking at models and structures and how to apply mathematical concepts within them as well as practising arithmetic.

The children and the staff have made me feel so welcome here in Stogursey and I am very excited for the year ahead.

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## Alfoxton

Welcome back to all in Alfoxton Class this year!

We are excited to begin the new school year and ready to learn new things! In English, we have started our unit of work based on the story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. This graphic, child-friendly model was chosen from the CLPE-recommended high-quality texts for children. On Monday, we were busy acting out scenes from the story, as you can see in our photos.

We started our Maths learning journey by revisiting doubles to ten and adding three integers. We enjoy working with manipulatives to make abstract Maths concepts real.

As the Stogursey Arts festival is coming up soon, we have been busy making papier mâché Angler Fish which we will add lights to so that they glow - we can't wait to share them in the local exhibition and then take them home to decorate our bedrooms! You can enjoy the photos of us making our papier mâché models. Next, we are going to paint them!



## Triscombe

Welcome back to school Triscombe class! We hope you all have had a lovely summer spending time with family and friends and went on endless adventures. It's been a busy week in Triscombe, Reception have started their phonics and Mastering Number sessions. Year 1 and 2 had a fun dance PE lesson where we choreographed a dance routine with 3 moves. We discussed the weather and what seasonal changes we can see around the school and village. We will be on the lookout for more of those changes that show us that Summer (the most favoured season) is well and truly over.

## Preschool

We have had a lovely week at Preschool, settling in existing children and welcoming new!

We have been relearning our routines this week and have made the most of the sunny afternoons, by going out for walks around the village. We have walked to the castle, the well, the park and visited the shop to buy some resources for preschool. The children have all settled well and we are looking forward to starting our topic for this half term which is 'Where we live'.



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## TT Rockstars

By now, if your child is in Years 3-6, you would have received a letter setting out your child's login details. The expectation is that tables are practised at least 10 minutes each day on this. If you require a Chromebook to do homework such as this, please contact Mrs Nicholls at the office to loan one. Please encourage your child to do this daily. We will be holding regular whole school competitions and we want maximum participation. Prizes will be up for grabs!



## Happiness Wraparound Clubs

At the start of the year, it is always good to refresh ourselves on the booking rules regarding this. On occasions last year, some children weren't always booked in advance and this causes problems in ensuring that we have enough food in school to provide meals. Please adhere to the rules on this. They are outlined here on the school website [https://www.stogurseyprimaryschool.co.uk/web/breakfast\\_and\\_after-school\\_happiness\\_clubs/563842](https://www.stogurseyprimaryschool.co.uk/web/breakfast_and_after-school_happiness_clubs/563842)

May we also remind you that ringing the main school office bell particularly at the Breakfast Club may not get anyone's attention and so please ring the wraparound bell on the side gate so that your child can start promptly and you can get to work quickly!



## Communications

We mainly put out our communications through the Arbor App and email. Please do check this regularly as it contains important information as well as the weekly newsletter.



## Swimming

This starts this coming week for Year 4-6. Please ensure that if your child is in Reception, Y1, 2 or 3 that they come in to school every Tuesday in PE kits as outlined in our uniform policy. Every child does PE with the sports coaches on Fridays and so all children will need to be dressed in PE kits.



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## Wellies

We are still using the field and so far, it has been dry at the top end. There will come a time when we will need to put wellies on so please ensure your child's wellies are named and in school on the racks outside Alfoxtan Class.



## Volunteers

We really could do with some helpers for Stogursey Adventurers on a Monday afternoon between 1pm and 3.30pm. If you think you would like to do this, please contact the school office for more information. We are hoping to restart our reading volunteers shortly and Miss Day will be in touch about this. If you wish to volunteer for this, please let her know. This might also involve being a supervisor of our library and so this opportunity will suit a volunteer with full training given.

**VOLUNTEER**



## Important Dates

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November:

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November:

KS2 Swimming starts

Harvest Festival at the Church 2.30pm-3.30pm

Individual and Sibling Photos

Whole School Flu Vaccinations

Half Term

Parents Evening 16.00pm-18.00pm

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