



Stone St Mary's C of E
Primary School
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Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the January's newsletter.

Welcome to 2025 unbelievably we are in the last week of Term 3, there is lots of exciting learning going on and class worships so please keep an eye on the diary dates, so you do not miss anything.

As the weather is still cold and wet, please make sure your child brings in a coat with them everyday.

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children coming into school without having breakfast, please make sure your child has breakfast before they attend school every day and also provide them with a snack for break time, this helps to keep their concentration on their learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rolfe 😊

Young Voices at the O2

Around 60 pupils from our years 3, 4, 5 & 6 went to the young voices concert at the O2 in London on Friday 24th January where they joined other schools in the country who took part in the largest children's choir in the world, there was lots of lovely singing and great fun was had by all who attended.



Recent events

- ▶ Collective Worships - Congratulations to Turtles, Grasshoppers & Otters classes who have all performed their class worship. Congratulations to them all!

It is a great time for the children to be able to reflect on school values and visions and use different class messages to help them in life.

Also, a big thank you to all the Parents/ carers who attended and supported worships – the children love to see you watching them and seeing how proud you are of them!



- ▶ During November, the children made their own Christmas designs for Xmas designs and items could be purchased, thank you for your support the school raised £380.00 from your orders.



- ▶ On Thursday 16th January we held a Key Stage 1 maths parent workshop, thank you to all parents / carers who attended in person or via the online meeting.

We have sent out the slides out to all parents via email. We hope that you have found this parent workshop helpful to assist your child's learning. If you questions, please speak to your class teacher or Miss Groves.

Parent Workshops

Agents for change

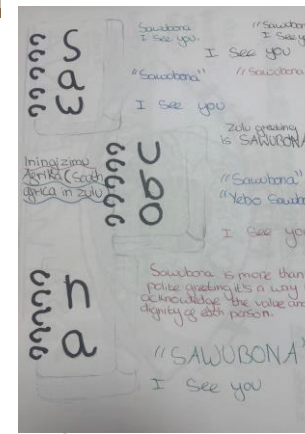
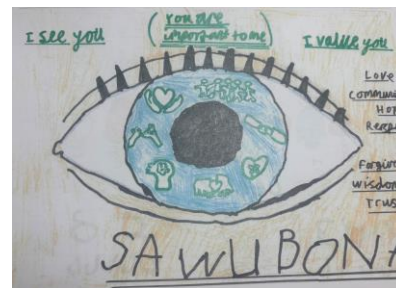
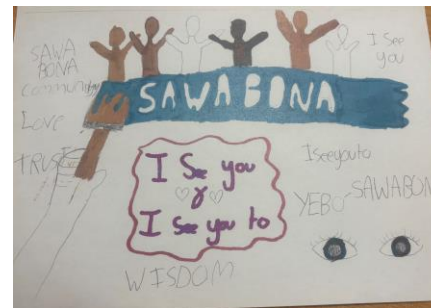
- ▶ Last term we recruited some new agents. While our current Agents for Change continue to lead worships and promoting our school values, we are pleased to announce that we now have a Year 4/5 group of children who are in the process of completing their Agents for Change training.

They have been busy already this term monitoring classrooms to check they are inclusive of our school context and monitoring books corners etc to ensure there are a range of diverse books children can explore, read and see themselves in.



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- ▶ Some children have created posters to display around the school to remind people that they are seen, they are valued and they are important, below are some examples of the Children's great efforts.
- ▶ ***'I see you, I value you, you are important to me'***



Sporting events

- ▶ On Wednesday 15th January six of our year 3 and 4 took part in a Glow in the dark dodgeball event! Lots of fun was had by all. The team showed passion, determination and teamwork throughout their matches, they even learnt new skills during the evening.
- ▶ On Thursday 16th January, eight of our Year 5 and 6 children represented the school in a basketball event. The spirit of teamwork, respect and determination were seen throughout the event. Well done to all those who took part.
- ▶ On Wednesday 22nd January some of our Year 4's took part in a Trust dodgeball competition, well done to all the children who took part they came 6th in the competition.



Attendance and Lates.

- ▶ If you need to report your child absent or your child needs to attend a medical appointment, please inform the office and provide proof of appointments.
- ▶ If your child is absent from school, **please make sure you telephone and speak with the office before 9.00am.** If we do not receive a reason for absence on the morning, then this will be recorded as unauthorised. **We are unable to accept emails for absence.**
- ▶ The gate closes at 8.55am, after this time you must press the buzzer at the main gate and your child needs to come through the school office, once your child is in the office you will not be able to take them any further.
- ▶ If your child arrives at **9am or after they are late**, Persistent lateness contributes to a loss in your child's education. So please ensure you are getting your children to school on time.
- ▶ Holiday's during term time will not be authorised, first time penalty notices will be issued for unauthorised absence with £160 per parent, per child paid with 28 days. Reduced to £80 per child, per child if paid within 21 days, per parent, per child. Penalty notices are issued per parent for each child that was absent.

Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

Parking

Emergency Exit area for Bluewater.

► **NO VEHICLES** should be parked Bluewater emergency exit at any time it needs to be clear should there be an emergency in Bluewater shopping Centre this area would allow access for emergency vehicles, and is in the interest of our community safety should there be the need to use it, We have been advised by the Bluewater shopping Centre they will be issuing penalty notices to anyone parking in this Emergency exit area (pictured) , the penalty notices will be issued automatically and will be sent to your home address (No yellow notice will be issued).

Other reminders about parking and driving protocols that we like all of our parents to adopt when dropping off and collecting your children in order to keep all of the children safe!

- 1) Please park in a legal bay and not where you should not park – particularly across a crossing place!
- 2) Try to park further away from the school and walk in to reduce the traffic around school – there are plenty of safe places to park a little walk from school.
- 3) Try to observe the unwritten rule of a one-way system in that we drive from St. James Road end and keep going that way up into Louvain Road so that cars are not needing to pass each other as much – this helps the flow of traffic and is much safer.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Who
10/02/2025	Maths week		
11/02/2025	Parent's Tea and cake - School improvement update	2.00pm	Main hall
12/02/2025	Lions - Class worship	9.15am	School hall
14/02/2025	Dress up as a Rock star or a number		
14/02/2025	Last day of term 3		
24/02/2025	First day of term 4		
03/03/2025	Book week		
06/03/2025	World book day - Dress up as your favourite book character		Whole school
12/03/2025	Meerkats - Class worship	9.15am	School hall
14/03/2025	Staff development day - Children do not attend school		