



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



A warm welcome to all our new starters this term and welcome back to our returnees. I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. It has been lovely to hear about everyone's Christmas holidays and what the children have been up to.

Please see below the term dates for the Spring term and note that the inset day which was originally scheduled for 13th February is no longer applicable (we moved it to the 5th of January for a staff training session).



SPRING TERM DATES

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - Half Term Break

The pre-school is closed for the week.

W/c 9th March - Bring Mum to Pre-School week

A chance for the mum's to come in and play with their child in pre-school. Please pre-book a time slot with your class teacher

W/c 23rd March - FoSH Easter Egg Hunt

The children will have the chance to go out into the school grounds and hunt for eggs. Each child receives a chocolate egg to take home, thanks to FoSH.

Friday 27th March - LAST DAY OF TERM

A chance for you to come in and see your child's class, chat with the teachers and see what they have been getting up to.

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - EASTER HOLIDAYS (School Closed)

Monday 13th April - INSET DAY (School Closed)

Tuesday 14th April - Summer Term Starts

Term Dates

All term dates are available to view on the website.
<https://www.stocktonhouseschool.co.uk/term-dates-3/>

Sign up to our Calander <https://www.stocktonhouseschool.co.uk/diary/subscribe/>

I wanted to officially welcome our newest member of staff back to our Stockton family, Mrs Zaki has returned to work in Poppy class and lead the weekly Muddy Acorns sessions.

Your child's learning journal will be sent home this week. Enjoy looking through what they have been getting up to. Please make any comments on the form attached inside, sign and return to us on your child's next session. Please note: we need the folders in school to enable the staff to add to them and keep them up to date.

A few reminders:

If your child is sick: please keep them at home. We have several medically vulnerable children at the setting with severely compromised immune systems.

Collection Times: Pick up is by the hour, your class teachers are usually at the door from 5 mins before the session times ends.

Early Starts: Pre-school starts at 9:00am unless you have booked and paid for an early start (in advance), in which case you are able to drop off from 8:30am. Children not booked on an early start may not enter before 9am.

Pick Up Time: Please do NOT allow your children to play on the steps by Butterfly class or the mound outside the main entrance to the school. It is not safe and we do not want any accidents.

Friends of Stockton House School - FoSH

The Friends of Stockton House School or FoSH for short, is our fundraising committee dedicated to raising additional funds which enables us to purchase "nice to have" extras like; Christmas gifts for the children, the duck hatching experience in the spring, and Easter eggs for the children. We have also been able to purchase some big outside items for the children to enjoy recently including; the wooden play castle in the big garden, a wooden gazebo in the nursery garden and the bell tent in Forest School, all through the money we raise during the year.

We are continuing our focusing for fundraising efforts this term on purchasing a new playframe for the big garden to replace the current one, which we have had in place for the last 8 years. The children love the swings and slide so we want to be able to replace it with something similar which will last (see image below)

We will be booking another Little Recyclers collection for early in the Summer term but if anyone has any fab and fun ideas which we can put into place to help raise additional money, please do let us know.

More information on how you can help FoSH fundraise is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Bring Mum's to Pre-School Week

During the week of the 9th March it's the Mum's (or any female relative) turn to come in and spend an hour with your little one in class (We also offer our Dads and Grandparents a chance to come into school later in the Summer / Autumn terms).

You can sign up for a date and time with your child's class teacher after half term.



I think that is it for now but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Office as we are more than happy to chat.

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Sickness – please keep them home!

If your child is poorly or you have to give them Calpol in the morning then they must not attend. It is not fair on the child or the class to send them in when they are not well, plus we have children in school who are medically vulnerable with conditions which mean their immune systems, are severely compromised. Your child will tell us if they have had “pink medicine” so please refrain from sending them in if poorly. They are only little and just need to be at home to get better with cuddles on the sofa.

Collection Times – please do not be late!

Collection of children must be **by** their scheduled end time. It isn't like 'big school' whereby you collect 'from' the time they finish – it is 'by' the time they finish. If your child attends, for example, 9am to 2pm they must be collected **before or by 2pm** so that the children who have paid for the next session (i.e. 2pm – 3pm) can continue with their activities.

If you know you are going to be late to collect, please call us **before** your child's scheduled finish time. Do not wait for us to call you as you will receive a late collection fine (£30 for the first 15 minutes or part thereof and then £2 per each minute thereafter) as per our Fees, Funding and Payment Policy. It is not fair on either the staff or the child to be late to collect so please ensure you allow enough time to get here.

Early Starts

Pre-School starts at 9:00am unless you have pre-booked an early start. Children coming in before 9:00am have paid to do so. Your class teachers will be at the door from 9:00 to open up.

Pick Up Time

Please do **NOT** allow your child to play on the steps by Butterfly class or the mound outside the main office - they are not safe and we do not want any accidents.

Split Provision – please let us know

If a child attends another pre-school, nursery or childminder setting it is important that we are informed. Please can you confirm via your child's Home Link book if they attend, giving details of the person or organisation including email and phone number. We will send a sharing information letter for you to sign so that we can share development information with the other preschool, nursery or childminder.

Clothing – appropriate LABELLED clothing

Just to remind you that children need a sensible pair of shoes to wear and comfy clothing to play in (including cycling shorts underneath skirts). They also need a water bottle each day and a coat even if it looks dry.

Please also ensure we have weather appropriate spare clothes in school for your child, we do go out in all weathers and sometimes they still get wet underneath their wet weathers. All clothing **MUST** be clearly labelled!

Parking

Please park considerately, so there is room for everybody and keep within the marked bays and remember it is not Brands Hatch and the speed limit is only 5mph.

Water bottles

Please make sure that you only send your child in with water in their water bottles! Any bottle found to contain liquid other than water will be emptied and replenished with water.

Office Admin Hours

Just a reminder that the office is only manned by one person so we may not be able to answer the door, phone or get back to an email or text immediately. We do endeavour to reply to all calls and emails the same day; however, there will be occasions where this will not be possible, especially if we have gone down to a class or the garden to deliver a message, so do bear with us.

HOW WE ARE TRYING TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR CHILDREN...



AMAZON WISHLIST Did you know we have an Amazon Wishlist? Click here to make direct purchases for the pre-school: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2CY7710OPOGTQ?ref_=wl_share



LITTLE RECYCLERS TEXTILE COLLECTION

Following the success of our last collection in November, we will hold another Little Recyclers collection for all unwanted textiles (clothes, shoes, bags and accessories). **Date TBC**



FOREIGN COINS

You can donate old and foreign coins and notes.



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY Please keep supporting us and be in with a chance of winning a weekly cash prize as well as the main termly prize of £25k!



EASY FUNDRAISING Once you have signed up we receive small commissions on your online purchases (without costing you a penny more). If you do online food shopping or order take aways, this is a quick and simple way to help us raise money.

RAFFLES We run 2 raffles per year (Summer & Christmas) and are always looking for kind and generous businesses and companies to donate prizes - is this something you can help with ?

Also we would also love to hear from you if your business is able to charity match fund the money we raise through a raffle ? We have been lucky to receive this in the past and it really does make a huge difference to the money we can raise.



Do you follow us on Facebook ? Further information on all fundraising activities will be posted on our page. Keep up to date with what we are organising and how you can help us: www.facebook.com/friendsofstocktonhouseschool

HOW CAN YOU HELP...

1) Easy Fundraising - Please tell your family and friends to sign up too! www.easyfundraising.co.uk

2) Your School Lottery - Sign up today, for just £1 a week - ask friends and family to join too: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/stockton-house-school>

3) Direct donation to the FoSH account - Many parents in the past have asked about making a monthly or termly donation into the FoSH account in order to support the pre-school so here are our bank details:

The Friends of Stockton House School
Account Number: 66037484
Sort Code: 60-08-42
Reference: "Donation"

4) Second Hand Uniform - Do you have any to donate back to the school? Do you need a few extra pieces? Email fosh@stocktonhouseschool.co.uk to check stock, place an order or return outgrown items.