



Newsletter

May 2026



We cannot believe how quickly this academic year is going! The Summer Term is always a busy and exciting time at Stockton House Pre-School, filled with special events, celebrations, and wonderful memories for the children. We would like to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout the year.

Please make sure that you read through the newsletter, so you don't miss out on anything, plus there are some new dates below for your diaries.



SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - Half Term Break

The pre-school is closed for the week.

W/c 15th June - Bring Dad to Pre-School week

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

Wednesday 10th June - Family Sports Day

Come and watch childrens races, have a picnic lunch and watch an amazing falconry show.

Wednesday 1st July - Formal Parents Evening

Time to be pre-booked, come in to take a look at your childs folders and leavers report, enjoy a glass of wine and chat to your childs key worker.

Tuesday 14th July - Kindergarten Leavers Assembly

A special event to celebrate our Kindergarten children leaving us to start big school in September. Tissues at the ready.....

Friday 17th July - Last day of Term

The Summer break begins now.

There have been a few staff changes around the school since September and I wanted to officially welcome our new members of staff to our Stockton family.

Caterpillar Class: Miss Garner (Room Leader) & Mrs Mortlock

Butterfly Class: Mrs Oliver (Room Leader), Mrs Kirkup, Mrs Ebner, Mrs White & Mrs Ashley-Buck

Poppy Class: Mrs Manley (Room Leader), Mrs Zaki, Mrs Carvalho & Mrs Wright

Daffodil Class: Mrs Bannister (Room Leader), Mrs Drury, Mrs White and Mrs Archbold

Mrs Bracken is currently working between the 2 Kindergarten classes, but will be sadly leaving us on 19th June '26 for a new and exciting venture in AI and I hope you will join us in wishing her well.

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 we are currently enjoying as well as 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 focus 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 have booked another Little Recyclers collection for Thursday 4th June 2026 so please donate all unwanted textile items to us before this date. The link below explains what can and can't be donated. Last time we raised £133.65 and collected 297kg.

<https://thelittlerecyclers.co.uk/acceptable-items>

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

Year R settle in Sessions (Daffodil & Poppy Class Children)

Schools will be sending out dates/times for settling in sessions to those whose children will be going to school Sept '26. Please email the office with these confirmed dates that affect your child so the classes can plan their daily activities and keep our attendance records up to date.

Bring Dad's to Pre-School Week

During the week of the 15th June it's the Dad's (or any male relative) turn to come in and spend an hour with your little one in class

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

Sports Day (All Classes)

Our annual Sports Day will be taking place on Wednesday 10th June. We are very excited for the children to take part in a range of fun races and activities. It is always a fantastic opportunity for the children to build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and most importantly, have lots of fun!

This year we will be offering a hot dog stall which can be purchased on the field. The ice cream man will be visiting again and we have a super special Falconry display for the children (and adults) to enjoy.

Further details regarding dates and timings will be shared shortly.

Leavers Assembly (Daffodil & Poppy Class children only)

As we come to the end of another wonderful year, we will be celebrating our Kindergarten Leavers with a special Leavers Assembly.

This is a very special occasion where we recognise the children's achievements, growth, and readiness for their next adventure in school. The children will enjoy singing songs, sharing memories, and receiving their certificates as we say goodbye.

While it is always emotional to see our children move on, we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and all they have achieved during their time at Stockton House Pre-School.

We ask if possible no siblings attend the event as they can be a distraction whilst the children perform.

Formal Parents Evening

Wednesday 1st July 6:30-8:00pm - please reserve a time slot with your child's keyworker (sign up sheets available after half term).

You can come to pre-school (without your child), enjoy a drink and nibbles and chat to your keyworker. Learning journals for nursery children and leavers reports for kindergarten children will be available to look through. We recommend you arrive 5/10 mins before your booked time.

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. Now that the weather is turning warmer please ensure your child has a sunhat at school and that their change of clothes bag is “seasonally appropriate”.

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 Thursday 4th June 2026**



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 two raffles a year.

Can you donate a prize to the Summer Raffle ?

Please purchase a ticket or two (£2 each) available from the office after half term.

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) Purchase some raffle tickets or donate a prize!

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

3) 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>

4) 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"

5) 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.