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Newsletter 19 – 30th January 2026

Class News

Nursery	- have been exploring making rainbows using different mediums.
YR	- have been making 'What am I's?' to describe African animals.
Y1	- have enjoyed learning about the similarities and differences between the UK and Kenya.
Y2	- have enjoyed using beebots to program a set of instructions.
Y3	- have loved exploring biomes in Geography.
Y4	- have absolutely loved performing our assembly to everyone.
Y5	- have enjoyed learning about Space.
Y6	- have been learning how ideas of evolution have changed over time.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been working so hard on their learning and are making such progress. It has also certainly been an interesting week with flooding in many areas. Please take care over the weekend.

SISA

We are still looking for new volunteers to join SISA. SISA is our fantastic Parent Teacher Association, and the support it provides makes a huge difference to the experience our children have at school and nursery. Thanks to SISA, we have been able to fund major playground equipment, the Nursery and Reception outdoor play area, benches, samba drums, iPads, interactive whiteboards, book bags, water bottles, and even special gifts for pupils throughout the year. SISA also proudly fund and run the school swimming pool which is something truly unique to our school!

There are many ways to get involved, whether you have lots of time or just a little. If regular volunteering is not possible, one-off help is always appreciated, such as running a stall at the Christmas or Summer Fair or baking for a cake sale. You can also support by offering any skills you might have or by donating raffle or auction prizes through your workplace. Meetings are held virtually at varying times during school terms to accommodate as many parents as possible. Volunteering is a rewarding way to feel more connected to the school community, and we would love to welcome more parents on board. If you are interested in joining or finding out more, please email sisastives@outlook.com, contact us via the **SISA St Ives School Dorset** Facebook page or phone or email the school office on **01425 475478** or office@stivesprimary.com.

If you feel volunteering for SISA is not for you, we are keen to find out what the barriers are so we can consider your feedback. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could take two minutes to complete a short anonymous survey using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com>

Reminders:

Hair Pieces

This is a polite reminder that hair pieces other than scrunchies, small bows and plain headbands are not to be worn to school.

School Shoes

There is a growing number of children wearing trainers. Children should be wearing black school shoes on school uniform days.



NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 6th February we will be supporting the NSPCC's Number Day. The children are invited to come into school wearing clothes that have a mathematical theme, e.g. displaying numbers, shapes, repeating patterns, etc. The children will be spending the day taking part in mathematical challenges and activities and will also be using their maths skills to do some baking. We will be asking the children to bring in a donation to support this very important charity.

Value of the week: Respect

The whole school have learnt about our school value 'Respect' and the impact this has throughout the school. The children listen and engage with such respect, well done!

Breakfast & After School Club Bookings

Please remember to book your children into Breakfast and After School Club via Bookwhen in advance of the session. The office is experiencing an increased number of children who are attending these clubs without bookings and payment. For ease of reference, bookings can be made here: <https://bookwhen.com/stivesprimary>

Online Safety

Children and young people are increasingly turning to social media for mental health advice, but much of what they encounter online is unverified, oversimplified or misleading. This guide explores why platforms like TikTok and Instagram have become go-to sources, and how misuse of clinical language and viral trends can distort children and young people's understanding of mental health.

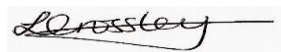
The guide looks at topics such as encouraging open conversations, identifying reliable sources, and strengthening school-home collaboration. Use this information to build young people's critical thinking, resilience and confidence in seeking appropriate professional help when needed.

Dates

February 2026

Friday 6 th -	MAT Dance Festival (Years 3 & 4)
Friday 6 th -	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 9 th -	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th -	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th -	Nursery Celebration of Learning at 2pm
Thursday 12 th -	Nursery Celebration of Learning at 2pm
Friday 13 th -	School Closes for half-term
Monday 23 rd -	Back to school
Monday 23rd -	Book Look (KS1 3:15-4:30pm & KS2 3:20-4:30pm) (in preparation for Parent Consultations)

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher

PE Kit days for January 2026

YR – Wednesday & Thursday
Y1 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y2 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y3 – Monday & Wednesday
Y4 – Monday & Thursday
Y5 – Monday & Thursday
Y6 – Monday & Thursday

