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# Stonehill News

Welcome to the eighth edition of Stonehill News and the first one of the new school year! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and have settled well into the new year.

We have been really busy since the start of the year and we are excited to share with you what the children have been getting up to.

This year is a special year for Stonehill School because we are celebrating being open for 50 years. We are planning to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in many different ways over the year. Read on to find out more!

We would like to give special thanks to Phoebe, Sophia and Millie from Year 5 and Aliyna, Sophia, Serena and Bethan from year 6 for this edition of the newspaper.

By Phoebe, Aliyna and Serena



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# An Interview With Mrs Denton

How long have you been at Stonehill School?

Since September 2025.

What do you like about this school?

Everyone is very friendly and it is a nice community.

What would you like to improve?

Nothing because being the new teacher I think Stonehill is a really happy place.

Why did you want to be a teacher?

I like thinking of lots of creative ways to teach children.

Why did you want to work at Stonehill School?

I really liked seeing a whole school instead of just two classes like my old school.

By Bethan and Millie



## Quick Fire Questions

What was your favourite book when you were a child?

Snow Child

What is your favourite season?

Spring

What is your favourite meal?

Family Meals

What is your favourite colour?

Green

What is your favourite animal?

Giraffe

## Riddle Time

You explore me endlessly,  
Some fly some walk,  
But all decide to build,  
And some never stop,  
Until the world is made,  
In the image that you chose.

## Giggle Time

Why does my teacher wear sunglasses?





## Year 3 Djembe Drumming



Every Tuesday morning, Year 3 have been learning how to play the Djembe Drums. Caz, from Hertfordshire Music Services has been teaching the children in the hall.

Max said, "I like learning about the tone and bass and also like playing all the songs."

Joshua said, " I always have lots of fun with the drums."

Nevaeh said, "Year 3 are doing drumming, and we can play the drums to different pieces of music including: 'Walk the donkey' and 'Djembe'. She said, " It's very very loud and we do it in the hall. It's 10/10!"

The children will be performing to the school and parents at the end of next term.  
We look forward to it!

By Bethan

## Martial Arts Workshop

On Friday 10th October, we did a martial arts workshop. Andy Pollard from Savage Martial Arts worked with children in Years 3,4,5 and 6.

It was very fun and we learned how to defend ourselves and learnt different punches and kicks. We learnt the left jab, right hook and left cross. Two children from each class were chosen to break a special piece of wood. Below is a picture of Evie and Roni from Year 3.

It was very fun and everyone enjoyed it.

By Bethan



# Art Gallery

## Year 2



Year 2 have been learning about the colour wheel and about primary colours. Lottie said, "I have been learning that red, blue and yellow are primary colours and that you can't mix any colours to make them."



## Year 4



Linked to their 'Invasion' history topic, year 4 have been learning the skill of weaving.

They looked at the history of weaving and how it was used to produce clothing and artwork in Anglo Saxon and Viking times.

They investigated different yarn and compared them in terms of colour, thickness and texture.

Finally, they chose colours and yarns that they liked to design and make a small piece of weaving.





## Governors

A school governor is a grown-up who helps make sure the school is a good place to learn. They don't always teach in the classroom, but they help the headteacher make big decisions—like how to spend money, how to make the school better, and how to keep everyone safe and happy.

Did you know that Stonehill School has governors? Have you ever seen any governors in school?

Some governors are staff members, some are parents and others are members of the community who want to help the school.

## Guinea Pig Appreciation

This week is National Guinea Pig Appreciation week! We are celebrating our fluffiest, squeakiest members of Stonehill - Oreo, Fluffy and Monty.



# Harvest Festival

As part of our learning about harvest, children were asked to bring in food and toiletry donations for charity. The local charity is called Feed Up, Warm up. Feed up, Warm up is a local charity who distribute donations of non-perishables to those in need.

Shane, from Feed Up, Warm Up, led an assembly for the school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you so much to everyone that brought in a donation. Have a look at the photo below.



## We Recommend

Alvin and the Chipmunks

We recommend this film because it's funny and we love it!

Maisie, Seren, Hallie and Lottie (Year 2).



Which do  
you prefer?

Football or rugby?

History or Geography?

Answers

Joke: Because I'm so  
bright!

Riddle: Minecraft.

## 50th Anniversary Picnic



To kick off our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we all started learning about life in the seventies. We listened to music that was popular in the 1970s like Abba. We learnt about TV shows and films that were popular like The Wombles and Star Wars. We also learnt about fashion and looked at pictures of what people wore in the 70s like flares and tie dye clothes.

During the week, every child in the school made their own tie dye t-shirt.

Then on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September the school came together on the field and had a picnic lunch. Children listened to music, danced and played together. We all had an ice lolly after lunch!

To finish the picnic the whole school joined in a dance of YMCA.

Here's what some children said about the day:

Raheem (Y5) said, " I enjoyed the picnic with my friends."

Violet (Y2) said, " I enjoyed doing the YMCA dance."

Miah (Y6) said, " I liked the picnic because for once the ants did not eat my food  
this time."

Eliza (Y4) said, " I loved doing my tie dye tshirt."

# Let's Celebrate

## Year 3

Mya in Y3 is a mascot for Letchworth Eagles. She says she does it on Saturday afternoons to hype up every one in the game and after the game. She loves it and wants to continue doing it!

## Year 4

Lanah in Y4, took part in the Sunset Starlight Walk to raise money and awareness for Garden House Hospice Care. It was  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles. She said it was fun, and she got glow sticks at the end and also, got a free bar of soap and a medal. When she went home she celebrated with a dance party!

## Year 6

Naomi has been in a foster-care ad. She says it helps people understand what foster-care is and maybe see if people can foster kids who need to be fostered. She liked spending time with her family while filming but it was extremely cold and said it took a very long time. She would love to be in another ad.

Every Sunday, Ellie attends a dance class. In February there will be five shows playing of Beauty and the Beast. Ellie will be in the show as the wolf and the egg seller. She said it's very fun and you make friends very easily. Ellie is also joining a choir in December.

Serena, goes to karate and she has been working really hard to try and get an orange belt. After a lot of practising she finally got it! Well done Serena!

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

We hope you have a lovely half term and remember to stay safe!

