

Stonehill News

Welcome to this new edition of Stonehill News. Sorry for the delay in sending this out. We were hoping to send it to you before the Easter holidays but because it was such a short half term we didn't quite finish it in time.

You may notice that our members are different this time. We want to say thank you to Aliyna, Serena and Sophia for their help in running the newspaper.

There are lots of celebrations that we will be sharing with you this time including Easter and Eid!

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Resilience



The value of the half term has been Resilience. Have a go at completing the new House Point Competition challenge and bring it back as soon as you can .



An Interview With Miss Noble

How long have you been at Stonehill School?

For three years.

What do you like about this school?

I like how small it is, how it feels like a family and how everybody is very helpful.

What would you like improve?

I would like to be able to offer more play equipment and games for the children at play times.

Why did you want to be an LSA?

Because I like to help children learn.

By Sophia and Phoebe



Quick Fire Questions

What was your favourite book when you were a child?

The Twits

What is your favourite season?

Summer

What is your favourite meal?

Roast Dinner

What is your favourite colour?

Green

What is your favourite animal?

Tiger

Riddle Time

I have a body of snow, eyes of coal, a carrot nose but I melt in the sun.

What am I?

Giggle Time

Why did the thief shower before robbing the bank?



Hobbies

We would like to know about your hobbies! Huck told us all about how he has learnt to make models out of balloons and we even got to see him make some!

What Balloon animals can you make?

T-Rex, dog, sword and worm.

What's your favourite?

Tyrannosaurus Rex

What's the easiest?

Dog.

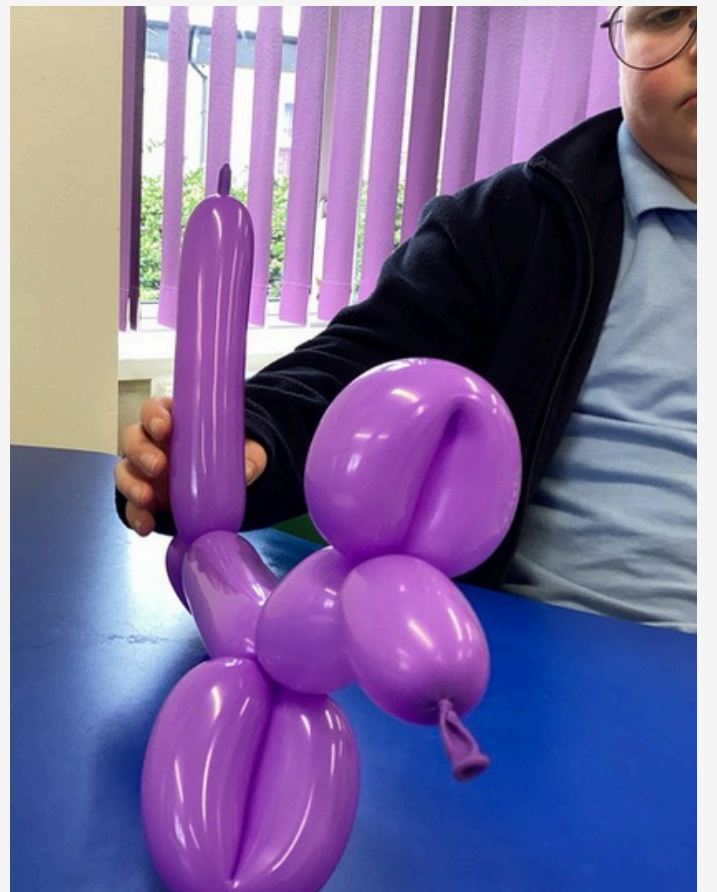
What's the hardest?

T-Rex.

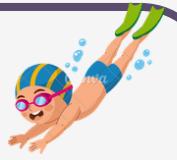
How did you learn?

My friend from America taught me.

By Phoebe



Swimming



Last half term, Year 3 and Year 5 started their swimming lessons. Each Friday (except for the week that the pool was closed!), the children in year 3 and 5 took a coach to The North Herts Leisure Centre where they had their one hour lesson.

We spoke to Immy in Year 3 who told us a bit more information.

What is your favourite thing about swimming?

Push and glides.

What did you enjoy about it?

I like swimming because I can learn how to swim so that I can go swimming in the ocean.



Choir

Mrs Boshoff has started a choir club on Wednesday lunch times and lots of children have signed up. We have spoken to Amber to find out a bit more.

What is the best part of the choir?

You can learn singing with other people.

Why did you sign up for the choir?

I signed up for fun and because I like singing.

What did you expect of it and did it meet your expectations?

My expectation was for it to be great and it is.

Governors

In each edition, we will be speaking to a different governor. We spoke with our new governor Thomson St Germain.

How long have you been a governor?

I have been a governor since September 2025.

What do you enjoy about it?

I enjoy the opportunity to support a wonderful school where pupils can do well in their learning and grow. I also enjoy working with other governors and school leaders to discuss and solve challenges so the school can continue to improve.

Why did you want to do it?

I am passionate about education and want children to thrive in a positive and supportive environment. I also want to use my experience to help the school continue to improve and be the best it can be.

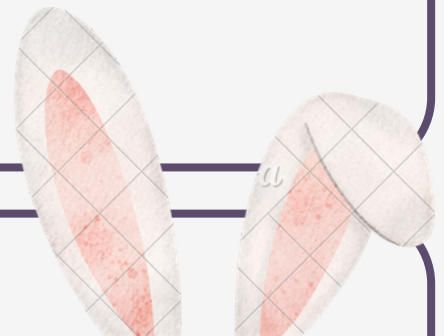
What is the best thing about being a governor?

The best thing about being a governor is the ability to take part in decisions that make the school a better place.

What do you do as a governor?

As a governor, I work with the headteacher and other governors to make important decisions and ask questions to make sure the school is doing well and keeps improving.

By Millie



Easter

Easter in 2026 was on Sunday, April 5th. It's a special celebration for Christians, remembering when Jesus came back to life after he died, showing hope, love, and new beginnings.

Before Easter, there is a time called Lent, when people spend 40 days getting ready for the celebration. On Easter Day, many families go to church, enjoy yummy treats like chocolate eggs and hot cross buns, and have fun egg hunts together.

Easter is also known for symbols of new life, like eggs and the Easter Bunny. The date of Easter changes each year, but it always falls on a Sunday between late March and late April.



By Bethan

Mothers Day

This year was the first time we have ever celebrated mothers day as an entire school! For the whole afternoon lots of parents or carers came into school and everyone was making flowers and cards with their adults. Nobody did their normal lessons. It all felt very special because everyone got to take part in all the fun activities.

There was coffee, tea, biscuits and cake for the adults to enjoy on their own.

Ramadan

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The exact dates of Ramadan change every year. This is because Islam uses a calendar based on the cycles of the Moon. This year, from the 18th of February to the 19-20th of March 2026 is the month of Ramadan. In the month of Ramadan, Muslims from around the world fast from dawn to sunset. They do this to experience those who are less fortunate and to show commitment to God.

The end of Ramadan is marked by a big celebration called 'Eid ul-Fitr' (the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast). Muslims are not only celebrating the end of fasting, but thanking Allah for the strength he gave them throughout the previous month.

Practising being grateful is a core focus during Ramadan. However, you do not need to be a Muslim to practise being grateful.

Which foods are you grateful for?

Which friends are you grateful for?

What items in your home are you grateful for?

What memories are you grateful for?

By Mohammed



Children's Mental Health Week

What is Children's Mental Health Week?

Every year Stonehill School celebrates Children's Mental Health Week. This year, the theme was This Is My Place. So, we celebrated belonging to our school community. We did a scavenger hunt and had a non-uniform day in school. We also decorated a piece of paper for a whole school art display. We did it so that every member of the school could contribute to the display.

By Sophia



We Recommend



Boaz in Reception recommends the book Dogman because it has good pictures.



Maeve in Reception recommends The film K Pop Demon Hunters because it has good songs.



iRock

This year some pupils have chosen to take part in a new club called iRock. The lessons take place in school on a Friday afternoon. The children have been placed into a band with a mixture of children from all year groups (Y1-Y6). The children are learning to play a range of instruments and how to perform in a band.

We spoke with the iRock Leader Zac and here is what he told us:

Why did you start doing iRock?

I was teaching privately and wanted to teach more children.

What is your favourite instrument?

Guitar since it was my first.

What is your favourite song?

Anything by the artists Beck and Aimee Man.

How many bands do you teach?

36

There are 4 bands and we will be sharing information about each band over the next few editions. This time we spoke to the members of the Band called Soda Pop.

Yr 3/2/1 Band B

Name: Soda Pop

Song: Shot Gun by George Ezra

Irockers: Seren, Immy, Mickey and Bella

What do you like about doing iRock?

Seren: I like learning to play the songs.

What do you like about doing iRock?

Immy: Doing crashes on the drums.

What do you like about doing iRock?

Bella: Playing and learning instruments with my friends.

By Bethan