

The Stables Independent School Newsletter



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**Nut Free
School**

A message from Mrs Porter

I hope you have all had a good week. You will know by now that 2026 is the National Year of Reading. Each day, your child brings home a book to read at home. This should be read with you daily, and a note made on their reading record. Thank you to all the carers and parents who are supporting their children to learn and love this valuable life skill. Keep on reading! After half term, your child will be receiving their annual World Book Day token for a £1 book! What better excuse to visit your local book shop and feel inspired!



Why shared reading with children matters

Reading together encourages natural two-way communication. Children listen, respond, ask questions and share their own ideas. Shared reading from an early age supports literacy by helping children understand sounds, rhythm, turn-taking and communication, while strengthening their social skills at the same time!

Dates for your diary

♦ February is LGBT History Month

- ♦ 9th - 15th February is Children's Mental Health Week
- ♦ 10th February - Safer Internet Day
- ♦ 13th February - Winter Topic Showcase, 9-11am in The Barn, and last day of term
- ♦ 23rd February - Back to school
- ♦ 5th March - World Book Day

TAKEHOME



Does seeing yourself in a toy or story help you feel like you belong?

In the news this week

A toy company called Mattel has released a new Barbie doll designed to represent people who have autism, with features such as a fidget spinner and noise-cancelling headphones. The doll was created with help from the autistic community, so more people can see themselves reflected in their toys.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think it's important for toys to show different kinds of people?
- How do you feel when you see a character or toy that is like you?
- Can you come up with other examples of books or toys that aim to help people feel included?
- How can we help other people feel included when they might feel different or left out?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

 SCHOLASTIC

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

GO
ALL
IN.

Book Clubs

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to...

<https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-SPWV661L>

to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.



Please place your order online by February 13th, 2026. Thank you!

HOMEWORK HEROES!



High fives for **TJW**, **Harry**, **Lucas**, **TJJ** and **Bobbie-Lee** for your homework efforts!

This week's Reader of the Week is **TJW** from **Otters**! Well done for reading both at home and in school!

Our Most Valuable Player certificate also goes to an **Otter**, **Ben**, for your determination in P.E.

Work of the Week



Finley, you completed some amazing fraction multiplication in maths! **WOW!**



TJJ for your incredible Charity Project Work! **WOW!**



Michael for the amazing start you made on your mittens in DT! **WOW!**



TJ for doing all your maths and then asking for more, which you also finished! **WOW!**



Theodore and Luke for your great teamwork when making a house for the Gruffalo's Child! **WOW!**

House Points - Week 4

Neck and neck at the end of week 4, for the **BLUE** and **YELLOW** Teams! This has been the most exciting term so far, with all teams in with a chance of coming first!



Wash!

Haircut!

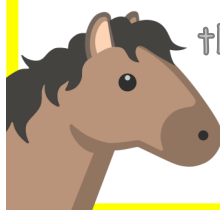
Brush!

Our favourite member of staff had a spa day! Looking good, **Murphy!**

Star of the Week

Keiran

Another fantastic week for the birthday boy! You showed great determination, and were always happy to give things a try, even when it might be tricky!





ONLINE BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR PARENT CARERS

Annual Conference
Saturday, 14th March 2026
John Innes Centre, Norfolk, NR4 7UH

Find out about all things SEND from

 **Information Stands**

 **Presentations / Workshops**

 **The chance to chat with professionals**

<https://www.familyvoice.org.uk/conference-2025-3/>



Miss Mullally-Knight and the boys from Badgers hosted staff in their Gratitude Café this week. They wrote invitations to individual staff members, stating what they were grateful to them for. These included, "being someone to talk to" and "being lovely". The children prepared a varied three course menu for staff to choose from. Their service was impeccable! They were all polite and helpful, for which we were very grateful! Mrs Porter left a generous tip of coins for the wonderful waiters (edible coins of course)!

