

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first full week we've had at STS! We have launched into the new academic year with enthusiasm and curiosity.

This week, our focus has been on building strong class connections and coming together as a whole school community. Across all year groups, children have been learning and practising their class and school routines, helping everyone feel safe and ready to learn. One of the most exciting parts of our week has been our whole-school exploration of the beautiful book *The Grand Hotel of Feelings*. For the first time, every class has joined in this shared journey, diving into the world of emotions—even the uncomfortable ones!

Each year group has focused on a range of emotions and explored strategies to help us when we feel this way. The children have shown incredible insight and interest during this learning, and their work is beginning to bloom across our school walls. Wonderful displays are popping up everywhere, showcasing their understanding and creativity.

Best Wishes,

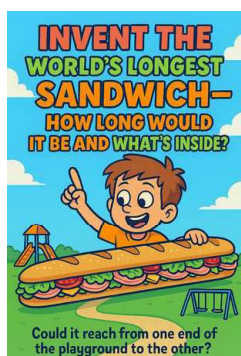
Mrs Davie

Headteacher

School Community Messages



As part of our new lunchtime routines this year, we've introduced ChatBites—a fun and thoughtful way for children to build connections and develop their oracy skills. Each lunchtime, children are given a ChatBite question prompt designed to spark meaningful conversations with their peers while they enjoy their meals. These prompts have led to some truly creative and insightful discussions, helping children express themselves, listen to others, and strengthen friendships. It's been wonderful to see the dining hall buzzing with thoughtful chatter and laughter!



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🎵 Choir Club is Back – Let's Sing Together!

We're thrilled to announce that Mr Richards and Mrs Booth will be launching their much-loved lunchtime choir club starting next Wednesday at 12:30pm in Mrs Booth's classroom (Year 6 Leopards). Children from all year groups are warmly invited to come along, join in, and experience the joy of singing together. Whether your child is a confident performer or just loves music, this is a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, make new friends, and have fun through song. We can't wait to hear the beautiful voices filling the school once again!

🍫 Hot Chocolate with Mrs Davie – Celebrating Our Values!

Today, some very special invitations were sent out to children across the school, inviting them to join me on Monday for a delicious hot chocolate and a friendly catch-up. This lovely part of our school week is a way to celebrate those children who have been living our school values, following expectations, and showing real readiness for learning in class. Teachers have been keeping a close eye out for those shining stars, and we can't wait to see who's been chosen!

💉 Flu Vaccinations – Important Information for Junior Parents

We'd like to remind parents and carers that your child is eligible to receive the annual flu vaccine for free, delivered in-school by the NHS on Wednesday 24th September. This is a fantastic opportunity to help keep our school community healthy as we head into the colder months.

To ensure your child can be vaccinated, please complete the online consent form by Sunday 22nd September.

👉 Complete the form here: <https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

📌 School code: CW138910

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the NHS team directly at 0300 123 5074 or Southampton.SAI@solent.nhs.uk

PTFA Annual General Meeting – All Welcome!

Our PTFA AGM will take place on Thursday, October 9th at 7pm in the school hall.

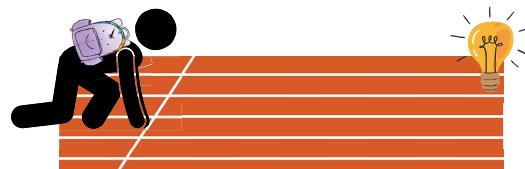
Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a cuppa and some cake as we reflect on the past year, nominate the new committee, and begin planning the exciting events for the year ahead. Whether you're interested in getting involved or simply want to learn more about what the PTFA does, we'd love to see you there!





TGMC corner

Being regulated means being ready to learn



We are a proud TGMC (the good morning club) school committed to ensuring our children are equipped with the strategies to build strong connections, understand their emotions and are ready to learn. Our regulation backpacks and strategies help us with this and this week we've focused on connection.

Access the parent portal, and all of the digital backpacks for free, by creating your own account using this link:

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Why do we need a Connect Backpack?

Humans are biologically wired for connection

Classrooms with strong relationships show better behaviour and engagement

Social belonging is a biological imperative, not a luxury.

Connection is the foundation of co-regulation.

Connection improves learning through safety and trust

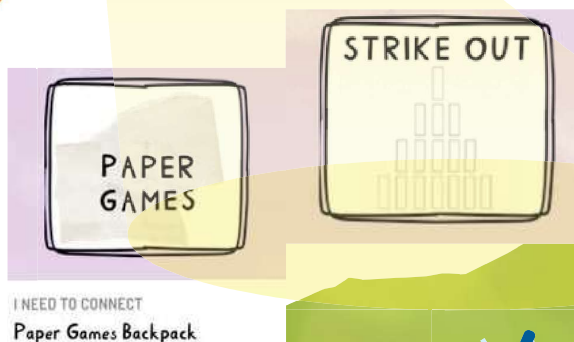
Teachers' presence and relational warmth buffer against adversity



Backpack spotlight

Try out this weeks favourite connection builder: strikeout.

What other paper and pen games could you connect over?



I NEED TO CONNECT
Paper Games Backpack

