



Newsletter— May 2026

It has been lovely to say "Hello to May"

"May flowers are whispers of love from the earth, a reminder that beauty is rooted in every moment"



KS2 SATs Year 6

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children for the positive attitude and determination that they have shown during SATs week. They approached each day with maturity, resilience and a 'let's go for it' spirit. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow and to watch them do their best to 'show off' everything they have learnt this year. I am sure they would all agree that a huge thank is owed to Mrs Hilton for the dedication and support she has given them, putting them through their paces so brilliantly. It was with a tear in her eye that she handed out their 2026 Leavers Hoodies today!



Tockholes Barn Bash

You're Invited to the Tockholes Barn Bash!

We're delighted to invite you, your family and friends to join us for the Tockholes Barn Bash on Saturday 6th June – it's set to be a fantastic evening for our whole community!

Tickets: £10 per adult (children go FREE)

Available from the school office, John (Eric's dad) and Ben (Mabel's dad)

We're also looking for local businesses who might like to support the event by sponsoring a barrel. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please do share the QR code below.

All funds raised will go directly towards enhancing resources and equipment for our school, helping us provide even more wonderful opportunities for our children.

We hope to see you there for a brilliant evening of fun and community spirit!



Vegetables and Flowers

Planting season is well underway, and it's wonderful to see such fantastic progress with our vegetables and seedlings across school.

Our Reception children have been busy planting marigolds and cosmos, and we're looking forward to seeing them bloom into beautiful bursts of colour over the coming months.

In our vegetable garden, we've already planted a wide range of produce including tomatoes, potatoes, courgettes, pumpkins, squash, cucumbers, peas, peppers and sweetcorn. Our strawberries and rhubarb are also now settled in and beginning to grow.

There's still more to come—next up we'll be planting beetroot, carrots, radishes and lemon chillies. We're excited to continue watching everything grow and thrive!



New Children Induction afternoons and parents welcome meeting

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new families to school in September, when the next generation of Tockholes students start their educational journey with us.

We are holding our induction afternoons for the children on Wednesday 17th June and Wednesday 1st July, 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Our parents welcome meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th June at 2:30pm. Welcome packs have been sent out to families.



Sports Afternoon

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual sports afternoon on Thursday 4th June at 1:30pm. Please come along to cheer the children.



Transition to High School

The transition dates for high school visits are July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Each school is different and usually offers 2 days. Please check your dates carefully.

Non-Uniform Day

To finish off this first half of the summer term, in exchange for a donation of £1, we will have a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd May. Funds raised will go towards additional resources/equipment for the children.

June Yr 4 and Yr 1 Assessments

During the first few weeks of June, our Year 4 children will be undertaking their statutory Multiplication Check and our Year 1 children will be undertaking their Phonics Screening Check.

There are some practice phonic powerpoints on the school website— [English Curriculum | St Stephen's Tockholes CE Primary School](#)

Below are some website links for games similar to the multiplication check. Any support you can give children with rapid fire questions will be helpful.

[Multiplication Tables Check - 2026 - Timestables.co.uk](#)

[Year 4, Key Stage 2, Practice Times Tables Tests \(Multiplication Tables Check\)](#)

[Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check](#)

[Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Practice](#) | [Free MTC Test](#) | [Times Tables Test](#) | [Smoothie Wars](#)



Diary dates—Summer term 2026

Wednesday 20th May —KS1 visit to Water Park

Friday 22nd May —Non-uniform day

Thursday 4th June —Sports Day

Saturday 6th June —Tockholes Barn Bash

Thursday 11th June—Choir event at St Silas Church

Wednesdays—17th June / 1st July—Reception Induction

Friday 26th June—Yr 6 Leavers Event in Chorley

Monday 13th July—KS2 Volcano Stem Workshop

Term Dates

Friday 22nd May 2026 School closes for half-term

Tuesday 2nd June 2026 School re-opens

Friday 17th July 2026 School closes for Summer holiday