

# Newsletter 2 – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Term is now in full swing, and it has been great to see students in learning and activities. A few updates for you.

**Attendance** - The Government looks at every school for the number of students whose attendance at school is less than 90%. Already Stone Lodge has one third of its students with less than 90%. We ask for you help to improve this.

- 90% school attendance is considered not good enough as it indicates that a child is missing significant time in school.
- 90% attendance means a child misses 10% of their time at school, which is equivalent to missing 1/2 a day every week.
- This level of absence can lead to missed lessons, impacting the child's learning and future educational opportunities.
- Research shows that attendance below 95% can significantly affect a child's grades and overall success in school.
- Maintaining good attendance is crucial for a child's well-being and future success in education.
- In summary, 90% attendance is a concern that requires attention and action to ensure children receive the necessary educational support.

We have quite a few children who have 80% attendance. If there is something we can do to help increase attendance for your child please let us know.

**Visitors** - We have lots of visitors over the next few weeks to check on progress we have been making as a staff team. Last week we had a safeguarding review, today (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>) we have Department for Education visiting, Wednesday we have a further review of English.

**Consultation** - Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey for the consultation around term dates for next year and a way of providing further information training time for staff. The consultation survey will stay open until 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence Chapman Interim Head of School –  
Regional Director SEND and Outdoor learning.

Consultation: Two-Week Half-Term  
Break & Early Friday Finish  
Proposal



### **Term Dates**

The Trust have now confirmed the date of the final PD Day during the summer term. The term dates are:

- Half term 27th October to 31st October 25,
- Trust PD day Monday 3rd Nov, Students return Tuesday 4th November
- Last day of term Friday 19th Dec

### **Spring Term 2026**

- PD day Monday 5th January 2026
- Term starts Tuesday 6th January 2026
- Half term Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026
- PD day Monday 23rd Feb, Students return Tuesday 24th February
- Last day of term Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holidays Saturday 28th March to Sunday 12th April 2026

### **Summer Term 2026**

- Term starts Tuesday 14th April 2026
- Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026
- Half term Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July staff training day**
- Last day of term for Students Friday 17th July 2026

**A reminder of dates for your diary**

**29th September 6-7pm  
Moving into adulthood evening. Open to all parents/carers and especially years 9,10 and 11**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 9.30 to 10.30  
come and meet the family support team**

**Half term week commencing  
27<sup>th</sup> October**

**PD Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Students return Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November**