

Stickland's CE VA Primary School



Spiritual, Moral, Cultural and Social Calendar 2025-26




At Stickland's, we recognise that the personal development of pupils; spiritually, morally, socially and culturally plays a significant part in their ability to learn and achieve. We therefore provide an education that gives children opportunities to explore and develop their own values and beliefs, spiritual awareness, high standards of personal behaviour, a positive caring attitude towards other people, an understanding of their social and cultural traditions and an appreciation of the diversity and richness of other cultures. This is integral to all aspects of school life.




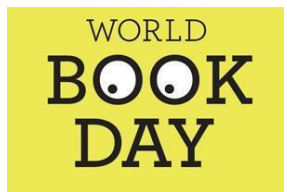
We ensure children's education is holistic rather than focussed narrowly on purely academic aspects of learning, providing pupils with a rounded education, including learning how to work and play together, understanding and respecting others' points of view, respecting and applying rules and understanding why these exist.






We prepare pupils to contribute to society and culture throughout their lives, and enable them to participate actively and positively in the life of the school, their local community and wider society. We encourage pupils to value themselves and their unique contributions to their own and others' lives, and in turn to value and celebrate others and their qualities and abilities.

These are just a few of the events that we have planned. This is by no means an exhaustive list!

Dates	Events	Aims
Every Thursday throughout the school year	Melbury Team Assemblies 	Spiritual, moral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To present the Bible in an accessible and enjoyable way To enable children to engage imaginatively with key Bible stories To introduce important values like faith, bravery, patience and courage To provide time to reflect on key messages relevant to our lives today
Regular timetabled half day sessions	Forest School 	Spiritual, moral, social and cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To appreciate and develop a respect for the outdoor environment To develop team work and independence To recognise and observe seasonal changes in the local environment
Termly	Cake sales To raise money for Bushbells school in Kenya.	Spiritual, moral, social and cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To learn about the differences in education and opportunity in another country To develop a link with children of a similar age in another country To understand how we can support those who have less than we do To understand what we can learn from others
Termly	Local walks to Melbury Estate Christmas - walk and sing carols to the staff and residents of the estate. Easter - walk	Spiritual, social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recognise and observe seasonal changes in the local environment

	Summer - walk and picnic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To appreciate and develop a respect for the outdoor environment To develop relationships with those in the local community
Throughout the year	Pen Pal Letters All children write to children at Bushbells school in Kenya and receive letters in return. The school council write and receive letters to a residential home.	Spiritual, moral, social and cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To learn about the differences in education and opportunity in another country To develop a link with children of a similar age in another country To understand how we can support those who have less than we do To understand what we can learn from others To develop relationships with those in the local community
9 th October	Harvest Festival Our whole school will collect food for the Evershot Food Bank, located at St Osmund's Church. 	Spiritual, moral, social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the importance of harvest To understand how we can support those who are in need To promote collaborative partnerships with the local community
11 th November	Armistice Day The whole school will join in a collective act of worship commemorating those who lost their lives in the service of their country. 	Spiritual, moral, social and cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help children understand the importance of commemoration Respect for the service of others to their country.
10 th - 14 th November	Anti-bullying week This year's theme is 'One Kind Word'.	Spiritual, social and moral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reinforce our school anti bullying ethos To ensure all children are equipped to recognise and challenge bullying behaviours To enable children to make a positive contribution to society
14 th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!	
14 th November	Children in Need 	Spiritual and moral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a sense of charity and foster sharing. To understand that many of us in our community have much more than others in the world/in the UK To understand how we can support those who are in need.
30 th November	St Andrew's Day (Scotland)	Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the importance and significance of our patron saints

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand Scottish Heritage and how this links with the United Kingdom
December	<p>Advent/Christmas The whole school will take part in a range of activities and acts of collective worship centred around this Christian Festival.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, moral, social, cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reflect upon and understand the true meaning of Christmas within the Christian faith
Friday 11 th December	<p>Christmas Jumper Day A chance to get into the festive spirit and pop on a Christmas jumper/outfit, whilst helping to raise money for the charity 'Save the Children'.</p>	<p>Moral and social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reflect upon those less fortunate than ourselves at this special time of year. To take part in a national fundraising event.
2 nd Feb	<p>Candlemas The Christian Festival of Lights</p>	<p>Spiritual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reflect upon a key event in the Christian calendar
10 th February	<p>Safer Internet Day 2026 Safer Internet Day 2024 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.</p> 	<p>Social and moral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reinforce our e-safety messages so that children are empowered to make safe moral choices in their internet use.
Feb 17 th and 18 th	<p>Shrove Tuesday/ Ash Wednesday LENT</p> 	<p>Spiritual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reflect upon a key event in the Christian calendar
1 st March	<p>St David's Day (Wales)</p>	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the importance and significance of our patron saints To understand Welsh Heritage and how this links with the United Kingdom
5 th March	<p>World Book Day</p> 	<p>Social, cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have fun as a school community To promote the positive benefits of reading To encourage an enjoyment of books and reading

<p>20th March</p>	<p>Comic Relief Children will be participating in activities aimed at raising money for children in the UK and around the world.</p> 	<p>Social and Moral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of child poverty and other factors affecting children in the UK. • To allow our children to support other, less fortunate children.
<p>15th March</p>	<p>Mothering Sunday In the week leading up to Mothering Sunday, we shall explore the importance of all of the female figures in our lives and find ways to give them thanks for all that they have done for us.</p> 	<p>Social, Spiritual and Moral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show respect towards our parents as is in the Ten Commandments • To be grateful to important women in our lives. •
<p>Good Friday and Easter Monday April 3rd and 6th</p>	<p>Easter - Whole school celebration of Easter culminating in a Church Service on 28th March</p> 	<p>Spiritual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reflect upon and understand the true meaning of Easter within the Christian faith
<p>23rd April</p>	<p>St George's Day (England)</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the importance and significance of our patron saints • To understand English Heritage and how this links with the United Kingdom
<p>21st June</p>	<p>Father's Day In the week leading up to Fathers' Day, we shall explore the importance of all of the male figures in our lives and find ways to give them thanks for all that they have done for us.</p> 	<p>Social, Spiritual and Moral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show respect towards our parents as is in the Ten Commandments • To be grateful to important men in our lives.
<p>July</p>	<p>Community 'thank you' afternoon All those who have visited and helped out at school over the year are invited for tea and cakes, with songs from the choir, to say thank you for their support.</p>	<p>Social, moral and cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To say thank you and show appreciation to those who help us in school • To promote collaborative partnerships with the local community