

THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



A NOTE FROM MRS HUMPHRISS



What an amazing event we had last Saturday when we welcomed ex pupils and members of the community to our school to view the archives and enjoy looking at the classrooms and remembering their school days. We were busy all morning welcoming people. A huge thank you to Mrs Dale and Mrs Slater who gave up their Saturday to meet & greet with me.

Another big thank you to Friends of Stratford Primary who also selflessly gave up their evening to decorate the school for Christmas. It all looks very festive and we appreciate the time given to do this. Make sure you keep an eye out for FOSP news and Christmas fair and festive evening info.

It is that time of year when the school rings with the sound of children singing as rehearsals are well under way for different performances. Reception are preparing for their animal nativity and Years 1 and 2 for their Christmas extravaganza. They are looking forward to sharing their talents with their families next week and the week after.

Dates for your diary



364

*The total
number of
gifts in the 12
days of
Christmas*



- 2nd December - Cygnets Christmas Fair
- 5th December - Y5 visit to Mad Museum
- 6th December - Reception Christmas Play & Y4 singing at local care home
- 8th December - Y4 singing at Victorian Christmas Fair 11am
- 11th December - Reception off to see The Gruffalo in Warwick
- 12th December - Rocksteady concert KS1 & KS2
- 13th December - Y1/2 Christmas concert 10am & 1.30pm
- 14th December - FOSP Christmas Fair
- 15th December - Christmas service Holy Trinity church 1pm
- 18th December - FOSP festive evening 5.30pm

STAY SAFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Did you know that parents and carers have free access to <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/> as part of our Digital Safeguarding subscription. There is a lot of useful information for parents on there, including information on setting parental controls, app and game reviews, and blog posts about the latest things to be aware of in the online world.

Parents also have access to free accounts for Qustodio (https://www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=OSHub&utm_campaign=warwickshire-uk), as well as a 30 day trial of the full product, which allows you to monitor two devices per email in your household. You may want to take advantage of this offer for any new devices that you are thinking of may be buying children for Christmas.



SAFEGUARDING - EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

EACH WEEK WE WILL SHARE SAFEGUARDING MESSAGES HERE FOR YOU

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE, HEALTHY AND WELL.

The holiday season is a wonderful time of year, especially for children. But it is also a time for accidents and injuries.

By watching out for some common hazards you and your family can enjoy a happy, healthy season.

When decorating for the holidays, keep these tips in mind:

- Let children decorate within their reach with non-breakable items. Hang breakable decorations, ornaments, lightbulbs and tinsel out of children's reach
- Some holiday decorations can be poisonous. Watch out for plants like mistletoe, holly, Jerusalem cherry and amaryllis. These are toxic if swallowed. Bubble lights contain a chemical that's harmful if swallowed or gets on the skin. Keep these out of reach. Snow sprays are hazardous if the powder is swallowed or the aerosol is sprayed in eyes or on skin. If you think your child has been poisoned, call your doctor or telephone NHS 111.
- Prevent fire mishaps by making sure all your smoke alarms are working. Turn off holiday lights before going out or going to bed. Keep your natural tree well-watered. A dry tree can catch fire more easily. Secure your tree in a sturdy stand so it can't fall over. Keep it away from heat sources such as radiators or portable heaters. If you buy an artificial tree make sure it is labelled 'fire retardant.' When using candles keep them away from Christmas trees. Stay in the room where candles are lit. Supervise children near them and always blow them out before going to bed.



Year Six enjoyed a workshop with The Royal Shakespeare Company



Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

'If music be the food of love, play on.'

'Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them!'

IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Stratford upon Avon Victorian Christmas Market 2023 - Temporary closure of roads

Wednesday 6th December - Sunday 10th December 2023

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (Road Closure No. 65) is in place for the above event. The following roads will be closed from 14:00hrs on Wednesday 6th December until 23:59hrs on Sunday 10th December:

Waterside (between Bridge Street and Sheep Street)

Bridge Street

Union Street

High Street

Wood Street

Meer Street

Lower Henley Street

Greenhill Market Place - car park area

United Reformed Church, Rother Street

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



**Friday 15th & Saturday 16th
December**

From 10.30am till 3.00pm

**Come and see the Church decked out with
over 30 trees, and vote for your favourite.**

**Santa will visit Saturday,
12nd to 2.30pm!**

**Display by Heart of England
Woodturners.**

**NO CHARGE, but donations
welcomed.**

Refreshments available



REPAIR CAFE

Stratford-upon-Avon

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH*

*except Jan/Feb, replaced by late January date



**Stratford
Methodist Church**
10am - 2pm
Parking available - please
walk/cycle if you can :)

REPAIRS ON OFFER CAN VARY EACH MONTH BUT USUALLY INCLUDE:

**ELECTRICAL - BIKES - CLOTHING & FABRIC - GENERAL REPAIRS
IT HARDWARE & SOFTWARE - TOOL SHARPENING**

**WE ADVERTISE REPAIRS ON OFFER EACH MONTH BY EMAIL,
FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM**

**REPAIRS OFFERED FOR FREE BUT
DONATIONS APPRECIATED**

TEA & COFFEE/CAKE INCLUDED

PLUS GIVE AND TAKE SWAP, WITH A DIFFERENT THEME EACH MONTH



GIVE AND TAKE



Stratford's home for community climate action



**Stratford
Town Trust**
creating a vibrant and
connected community



FOLLOW US ON:



**EMAIL INFO@NETZEROSTRATFORD.ORG.UK OR CALL 01789
295011 FOR INQUIRIES**

**[www.bit.ly/
StratfordRC](http://www.bit.ly/StratfordRC)**

HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON



Christingle

Service

Sun 10th Dec

5pm

All Welcome



An informal service, in Holy Trinity church,
with a free Christingle for every child.

A great way to get into the Christmas spirit
and support the work of the charity



The Children's Society!

Service lasts about 45 minutes.

Lives changed through God's love

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Attendance, Houses & More



House news

Shakespeare had a wonderful treat on Friday afternoon watching a Christmas movie and enjoying popcorn. They also had fun in the playground with the sports equipment.



Arden – this week's house cup winners

Arden = TBC

Hathaway = TBC

Hall = TBC

Shakespeare = TBC

This week's winners are:

Year 3 with 99% and

Reception = 98%

Rest of school

Year One = 94%

Year Two = 94%

Year Four = 95%

Year Five = 96%

Year Six = 95%

Whole school attendance is:

96%



FOSP - Friends of Stratford Primary News



Children Only Christmas Fair



On



Thursday 14th December 2023

Takes place throughout the school day.

Face painting and glitter tattoos, splat the santa, snowball competition, lucky dip, tombola, spin it to win it and much much more.

Lots of fun to be had and lots of prizes to be won!

There will also be an appearance from a very special visitor.....Ho, Ho, Ho!



£5 per child to be given in a clearly marked envelope to reception. Children will receive tokens to spend on the day, please see flyer in book bags.



An Evening of Festive Music and Family Fun



On
18th December 2022

17:30 - 19:30



To be held in the school playground

(Make sure you wrap up warm, if we have rain we will be in the school hall)

Enjoy an evening of festive music, with performances from **Year 4 Pupils** and **Shipston Brass Band**. There will also be plenty of opportunity to enjoy some of our favourite Christmas tunes.

Hot dogs, hot chocolate, mulled apple juice and sweet christmas treats will be on sale to get us all in the christmas spirit.

Father Christmas and his sleigh will be joining us with a present for the children and plenty of opportunities for a photo.

FOSP Christmas Raffle will be drawn (don't forget to buy your tickets)

There will be a special prize for the most festive family!

Adults £2.50 each,

Children over 1 £2.50 to include a present from father christmas,

Children under 1 free.

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

Please enclose all money in a clearly marked envelope with families name and break down of ticket requests (to include any children under 1 years of age) along with a telephone number to be given to Stratford Primary School office by Friday 8th December 2023.



This month's SEND newsletter includes:

- Free event to learn about Supported Internships
- HAF SEND Family Experience
- Free Independent Travel Training for young people with SEND
- Short Breaks and Respite survey deadline extended!
- New resource provides unique insight into neurodivergent language
- SEND Christmas events and activities
- Creating a Calm and Connected Christmas with your Autistic Child
- Rugby Autism Network recognised in The King's Awards for Voluntary Service

Follow the link to find out more:

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/send-november23-1218996?e=64d40326af>



Our Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) SEND Family Experience application form for the Winter school holiday is now LIVE!

Featuring a variety of funded family experiences, these are specifically aimed at supporting families where at least one young person has an EHCP and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

For more information about HAF, please [visit the HAF website](#).

To apply for a SEND Family Experience, please [complete the online form](#).

With Christmas well on it's way, here is a round up of festive activities in and around Warwickshire for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.*

[Spencer's Retreat, Spencer's Lane, Berkswell](#) - **Santa session for SEN families - various dates**

[Warwick Castle](#) - Sensory-friendly after dark light trail
- various dates

[Children's Play Village](#) - Budbrooke, Warwick

<https://www.childrensplayvillage.co.uk/christmas-visits/>
SEN session 17 December 2023

[Belgrade Theatre, Coventry](#) - Cinderella. Accessible performances: Captioned (30 November), audio described (9 December) and British Sign Language (8 December)

[Priory Theatre, Kenilworth](#) - Relaxed performance for those with sensory needs and other disabilities - Thursday 4 January 2024

[St Mary's Guildhall, Coventry](#) - Relaxed storytelling session - Saturday 2 December 2023

[Dobbies Garden Centres, nationwide](#) - Santa's Quiet Grotto - available at centres across the country for children with additional needs - Friday 8 December 2024

Some photographs from our open day for ex pupils and members of the community.

