



# THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



## DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 swimming begins
- 8<sup>th</sup> May - VE day - dress in red, white and blue for Royal British Legion
- 8<sup>th</sup> May - Reception visit to the farm
- 9<sup>th</sup> May - Celebration Assembly
- 9<sup>th</sup> May - Author visit - Crowne Plaza
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May - SATs week (no leave of absence will be granted)
- 16<sup>th</sup> May - Celebration Assembly & FOSP Spring Disco
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Walk to School Week
- 21<sup>st</sup> May - Class Photos
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 6 Road Safety visitor
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Celebration Assembly & FOSP YES day - Break up for holidays
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June - All children return to school
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 5 Greek restaurant visit

## HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 2631

Hall – 2329

Shakespeare – 2318

Hathaway – 2033



Congratulations Arden – this week's winners

## ATTENDANCE

**Please remember leave of absence cannot be granted unless exceptional circumstances.**



**Reception = 97.2%**

**Year One = 97.4%**

**Year Two = 97.8%**

**Year Three = 97.1%**

**Year Four = 98%**

**Year Five = 97.2%**

**Year Six = 95.1%**

**Whole School = 97.1%**

Winners of the dragons

Year 4

Year 2

Year 1

## MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF Mrs Humphriss

Welcome back to the first half of our summer term. It might be a short one but we have plenty packed into it.

There are many wider curriculum experiences in place; year 5 Greek workshop, year 4 Egyptian workshop, Reception farm visit, whole school visit to meet authors as part of Stratford Literary festival, football matches, road safety training, fire safety training. So many exciting things for the children to learn from.

Year 6 are about to participate in their end of Key Stage statutory assessments. The culmination of their 7 years of learning in primary school. We wish them lots of luck and know that they are well prepared. Assessments form part of our daily life at Stratford so for the children it is a normal part of school life. Mrs McCormack refers to them as 'Just another toast and biscuit sandwich.' This is because they have toast in the mornings, complete an assessment then have a treat of a biscuit at the end.

Thank you to everyone who is following our uniform policy. The children are looking smart. Please remember trainers should only be worn for PE unless there is a medical reason for wearing them at other times.

Please also remember that leave of absence from school will not be authorised unless it is exceptional circumstances. We understand that holidays are cheaper during term-time but that is not a reason to take your child away from vital learning. At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95%-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time. Thank you for supporting your child's education and future life chances.

Keep smiling everyone. The colder days will get warmer and the sun shines longer at this time of year, making us all happier and kinder.

## SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

### Roblox and Parental Controls - South West Grid for Learning

Roblox, the popular minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls. The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools. Their new raft of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner.

Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme. Real-time awareness measures have been increased and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow the link below for more:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-launches-new-parental-controls/>



## SEND NEWS

Some useful links for you all to support you.

SPECIAL NEEDS JUNGLE - go to this website for lots of great resources to support you and your family.

<https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/>

Council for disabled children find resources to get the help and support you might need

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/>

The National Autistic Society has a raft of information and resources to help your child

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

Mencap - celebrating global developmental delay awareness day

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/>

Barnados - changing lives, changing children

<https://www.barnados.org.uk/get-support/services/warwickshire-sendless>

Legal advice on family law

<https://childlawadvice.org.uk/>

## A ROUND UP OF SCHOOL

Year 5 were immersed in all things Greek on their return to school as they participated in a Greek workshop to inspire their learning and develop their historical skills.





**80**  
**VE DAY**

# DRESS FOR VICTORY

**WEAR RED** **WHITE & BLUE**

**Thursday 8 May** **£1**

Come to school wearing red, white and blue to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day) and raise money to support veterans in need



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## Thursday 8 May 2025

Stratford Town Trust and Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council are joining together to host a special event to commemorate this historic occasion.

2025 is also the thirty-year anniversary of the Peace Memorial Bandstand, constructed and installed by the Royal Engineers and opened in 1995 to mark 50 years of Victory in Europe Day. In honour of this anniversary, the Town Trust have carried out a complete refurbishment of the Bandstand.

6:30pm Bells will ring at Holy Trinity Church

7:20pm Official opening of the Bandstand

Followed by a performance from the City of Coventry Brass Band

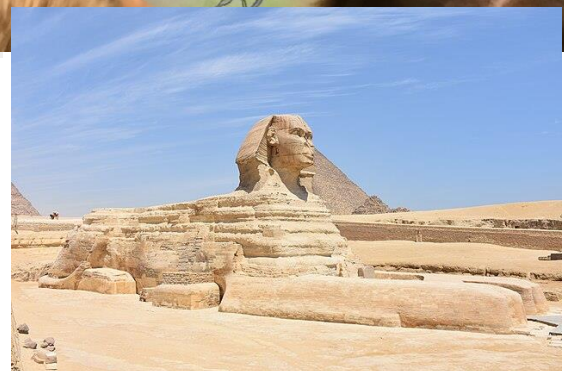
Procession to the Garden of Remembrance

9pm A short service of commemoration

Approximately 9:30pm the lighting of the beacon



Year 4 began their amazing theme of Egyptians with an Egyptian workshop



Amazing - the inaugural event of our Bike Bus took its first ride last week. This will be every Tuesday. Join in if you want to get fitter, keep cars off the road and enjoy a community group.

There were an amazing 27 'on the bus' including 16 children, 10 adults and a dog!! There was music and bubbles to help the party atmosphere and everyone really enjoyed it.

If you want to get involved then contact Simon at [Simon@thebicyclebus.co.uk](mailto:Simon@thebicyclebus.co.uk) or go to [www.thebicyclebus.co.uk](http://www.thebicyclebus.co.uk)



GREAT FUN WAS HAD ON INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY. A HUGE THANK YOU TO MISS POSTLETHWAITE FOR ORGANISING AND LEADING THIS EVENT







**21 – 25 May**  
**Stratford Community Arts Venue**  
**(Formerly The Play House)**  
**Stratford-upon-Avon**

Stratford Musical Theatre Company presents



# Annie

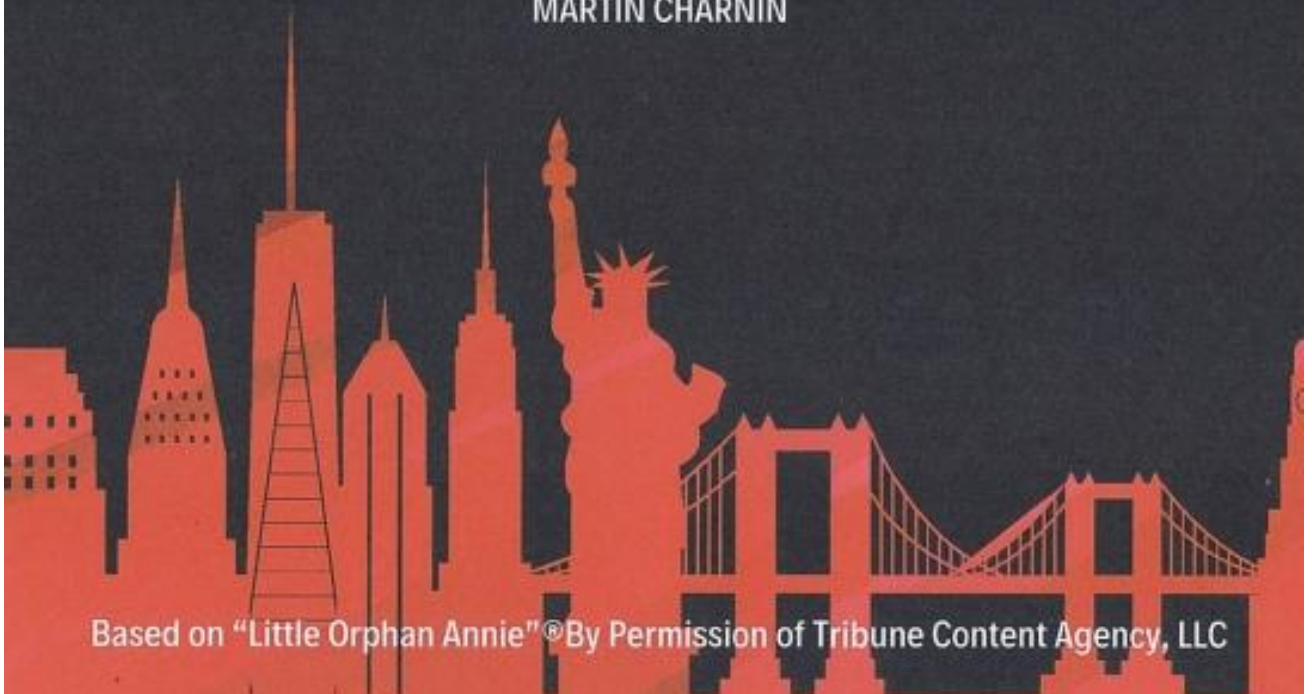
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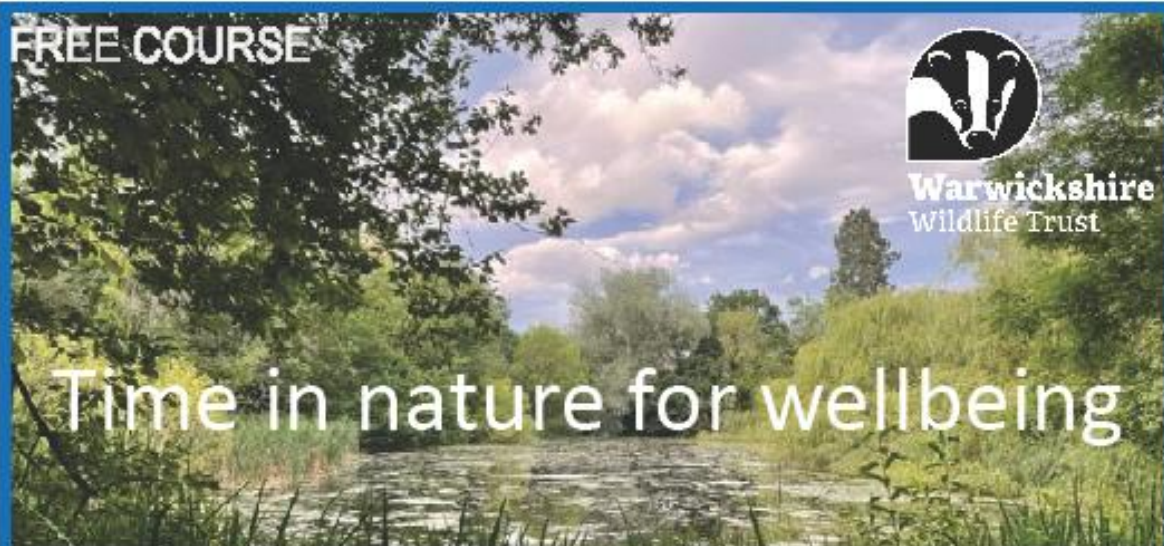
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CHARLES  
STROUSE

Lyrics by  
MARTIN  
CHARNIN

Original Broadway Production Directed by  
MARTIN CHARNIN



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## A free 6 week course for adults living with any long term physical or mental health condition(s)

Due to funding, places are for residents of South Warwickshire

(For areas that are included within South Warwickshire please see reverse of flyer)

### Course dates and times:

This is a 6 week course  
Running weekly on Fridays from 3pm—5pm  
Between Friday 9th May to Friday 13th June

### What can I expect?

You can expect to:

- Meet new people and learn new skills
- Spend time exploring pockets of nature in Stratford Town Centre
- Use your smart phone to take up close nature photos
- Try your hand at some simple nature crafts
- Look at nature in a new way, that helps us slow down and take time for us

### Location:

Escape Arts & Heritage Centre,  
the Yard, Off Sheep Street,  
Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6EE

What three words : photo.brass.luck

### Parking:

There are lots of Pay and Display car parks and a few designated Blue Badge car parks within Stratford town centre. We can cover the costs of parking for you, on completion of a short form.

### Public transport:

There are many bus routes and also a train station within Stratford Town Centre. The train station is approx. 15 minute walk from the venue.

### For more information or register directly,

contact Rosie Charter by email at [rosie.charter@wkw.org.uk](mailto:rosie.charter@wkw.org.uk) or call/text/WhatsApp: 07796 380 771

### Sign up to attend online:

Eventbrite : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/time-in-nature-course-for-adults-living-with-chronic-health-conditions-tickets-1316087486099?aff=oddtcreator>

RAWA : [www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/Courses](http://www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/Courses)

This service is provided in partnership with local councils, NHS and voluntary sector organisations in South Warwickshire.  
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust: Protecting wildlife for the future. Registered charity number 209200.

**Dementia Action Week**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May-Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Free Swimming available throughout the week for those living with a Dementia Diagnosis.

**Stratford Leisure Centre:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Adult Swimming 3:00pm  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>- Adult Swimming 3:00pm  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>- Quiet Adult Swimming 3:00pm

**Shipston Leisure Centre:**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>- Adult Swimming 1:30pm  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>- Adult Swimming 2:00pm

**Southam Leisure Centre:**


Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Public Swimming 9:00am  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>- Public Swimming 2:00pm  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>- Good Boost 11am  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Public Swimming 2:00pm


**Studley Leisure Centre:**


Monday 19<sup>th</sup>- Quiet Adult Swimming 9:30am  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>- Public Swimming 2:30pm

**Book through [Amywidman@everyoneactive.com](mailto:Amywidman@everyoneactive.com) or turn up to a session on the day.**



 [everyoneactive.com](http://everyoneactive.com)

 [facebook.com/everyoneactive](https://facebook.com/everyoneactive)

 [@everyoneactive](https://twitter.com/everyoneactive)

# What would you like to see more of in Stratford Town?

ENGAGE, CONNECT, DISCUSS

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 | 6-8 pm**

at Ken Kennett Centre, 100 Justins Ave,  
Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 0DA

Join your Stratford District Councillor, Letty Petrovic, for an open community session where residents can come together to share their thoughts, hopes, and ideas for the future of our town.

Whether it's about local spaces, services, housing, community projects, high street offering, activities for young people, or anything else – this is your chance to be heard.

- ✦ What would you like to see in Stratford-upon-Avon?
- 🌿 How can we protect and improve our shared spaces?
- 💡 What needs to change – and what should stay the same?



**Drop in, grab a cuppa, and help shape the future of our community.  
We want to hear from you!**



**WE ARE  
HIRING**

# Volunteer Coordinator

To apply visit >>>

[www.stratfordtowntrust.co.uk](http://www.stratfordtowntrust.co.uk)

**SPRING  
DISCO**



**Friday 16th May  
2025**

KS1 17.30-18.30  
KS2 19.00-20.00

Look out for booking forms  
in book bags  
£5 per child to include a gift!

