THE STRATFORD PRIMARY



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 1st July Library assembly summer reading challenge
- 2nd July Change up morning (children spend time in new classrooms)
- 3rd July FOSP meeting 7.30pm
- 4th July Sports day in The Paddock
- 7th July Multicultural week and Y6 Residential
- 10th July French day
- 11th July Sharing of multicultural week and Y6 return
- 15th July Rock Steady Concerts & Showcase evening
- 16th July Reports out
- 17th July Final Celebration Assembly of the Year
- 18th July Y6 Leavers Assembly and Final service of the year at Holy Trinity

Break up for summer holidays 2pm - all children to be collected from church

1st, 2nd, 3rd September - Staff Training Days (school closed to children)

Children return to school - Thursday 4th September 2025

HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 367

Hall – 370

Shakespeare - 259



Hathaway – 402 Congratulations Hathaway – this week's winners

ATTENDANCE

Over the year we have been reporting cumulative attendance from start of the academic year. For the summer term we will report Mon -Fri weekly attendance.



Reception = 89.2%↓

Year One = 94.6%↓ Year Two = 98.3%↑ WOW - Year Three = 100%↑ Year Four = 98%↓ Year Five = 98.4%↑ Year Six = 96.6%↓ Whole School = 96.5%↓

Winners of the dragons for week 23rd to 27th June

The dragons go to....

Year 3 - 100% AMAZING

Year 5 - 98.4%

Year 2 - 98.3%

MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF Ms Parton

Thank you all so much for the incredibly warm welcome back. It has been truly lovely to ease back into school life and to feel so supported by both parents and children – your kind words and encouragement have meant a great deal.

This week has once again been packed full of exciting learning and enriching extra-curricular activities! Reception shared their wonderful postcards with me – I was so impressed with the quality of their handwriting and the thoughtful explanations they gave. It's lovely to see such enthusiasm in their early writing. Year 1 have been busy creating non-chronological reports as part of their science work on Mary Anning. They also explored where dinosaurs once lived and even had time to consolidate their learning on money. What a productive week!

Year 2 had a fantastic adventure to the Cotswold Water Park. The children described the trip as "so cool" – high praise indeed! Mrs White reported that they represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.

Year 3 had the opportunity to visit Shottery Girls' Grammar School, where they used the library and took part in reading activities alongside older students. This was a fantastic way to nurture a love of reading, build confidence, and help prepare the children for future transitions.

Year 4 have been learning all about different shapes and angles. Sienna told me, "We've been learning about right angles and that there are different types of triangles!" The children also went swimming this week – a vital life skill and a highlight for many. Year 4 also shared some of their learning about burial cities as part of their Egyptian topic.

I was lucky enough to attend Aston Villa last week with children from Years 3, 4, and 5. As always, their behaviour was exemplary, and we just missed a place in the final. The children were still so proud of their achievements – and rightly so! Miss P also shared that we came 1st in the Fitt4Kids competition, and that Years 5 and 6 placed 3rd in the Pentathlon event for KS2. A huge well done to all involved! Year 5 have also been designing their own Greek meals and learning to compare the Dark and Archaic Greek periods – a great combination of creativity and history. Some of our Year 6 pupils took part in transition days last week as they begin preparations for their move to secondary school. They also had the opportunity to take part in a graffiti workshop and produced an incredible piece of artwork on the playground wall – do take a moment to stop by and have a look if you haven't already!

Let's hope this lovely sunshine continues into next week.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

Fall Guys Parental Controls

Fall Guys is a very popular game with children. It has a PEGI 3 rating and falls under the massive multiplayer battle royale genre of games, meaning there are things like chat, in-game spending, friends lists and more. It's important that games like this are set up correctly in accordance with the age of the child playing. For example over 13's have default access to party chat groups.

Internet Matters have a really good guide detailing all the parental features <u>HERE</u> and Wayne Denner has just published an article about a new voice reporting feature which is available within Fall Guys and also Rocket League, another really popular game with children. You can find Wayne's article <u>HERE</u>.



SEND NEWS or support



A round up of school life

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited the library at Stratford Girls' Grammar School for an engaging reading session led by sixth form students. The sixth formers, who regularly visit Stratford Primary every Wednesday to read with the children, orchestrated a series of activities designed to spark a deeper interest in reading. The session began with an interactive storytelling exercise centred on the legend of Romulus and Remus. The children were tasked with sequencing the events of the story, enhancing their comprehension and narrative skills. Following this, they channelled their creativity into designing Roman shields, linking the mythological tale to historical artefacts. The session concluded with a whimsical story about a curious creature from space that transformed into a cat upon arriving on Earth, captivating the children's imaginations. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session, which successfully combined historical education with creative expression, fostering enthusiasm for reading and storytelling.



There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island – Walt Disney

30th June 2025

Stratford upon Avon Primary

Years 3, 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit from Keira's (y4) sheep. We are so grateful to Keira's Mum for arranging for the sheep to come into school and ensure that the children have meaningful experiences. We love having the sheep come to visit and we all learnt more about how sheep are cared for and also how Keira and her Mum show them. A huge thank you. We are so grateful.



Fuzzy Concepts came and worked with year 6 and created a wonderful wall of art. Matt the artist was amazing and to create such an incredible wall which showcases our curriculum and values

















30th June 2025

Year 2 visit Cotswold Water Park It was a windy but wonderful day for them all













Year 3 were roaming all over the school as part of their ROMAN day. A centurion came to visit.





Year 3 were transported back in time as they took part in an exhilarating Roman Workshop that brought the drama and intrigue of Roman Britain to life. The day was a non-stop, high-energy experience packed with action, discovery, and hands-on learning. From cracking Roman numerals in the fast-paced 'Delta' game to battling it out in a thrilling Roman quiz, the children were fully immersed in every moment. They explored the sights and sounds of a Roman bathhouse, handled genuine Roman artefacts, and stood face-to-face with replica weapons and armour from both Roman and Celtic warriors. The atmosphere crackled with excitement as they re-enacted Boudicca's final, defiant battle and took centre stage in a Gladiator Show where every child stepped into character, whether as a courageous slave, a fierce gladiator, or a powerful Emperor. The day was a powerful blend of drama, teamwork, curiosity, and unforgettable learning that left everyone buzzing with enthusiasm!



A huge thank you to Naia and Sara in Year 6. They represented our school and the town of Stratford this weekend. The Royal Shakespeare Company dedicated a tree to celebrate The King's Coronation. As you can see by the photos The Lord Lieutenant - The King's representative also attended.

The girls were asked to prepare a speech with their thoughts on Stratford upon Avon and what they would like to see in the town in the next 10 years. Both Sara and Naia impressed everyone with their confidence, public speaking and well-prepared speeches. Here is a small snippet from their speeches.

Sara commented on the 'wonderful atmosphere which instantly puts a smile on your face.' She 'loves the fact people come from all over the world to see the town and our strong community feel where there is so much on for people to be active and participate in events such as 'Shakespeare parade.' Sara would love in the future for more cycle paths so children can cycle to school safely and for better crossings at roundabouts. Most of all Sara loves the heritage that William Shakespeare left us.

Naia talked about the 'wonderful feeling of opportunities wherever you go.' She loves the multicultural atmosphere created by the varied nationalities and the different flags hung high in the sky. These fill her with a sense of pride. Naia said 'this town embraces not only the future but the past, educating young and old minds on William Shakespeare's story.' Naia would love to see an increase in activities and opportunities for young people plus the creation of a youth council and also better recycling and litter picking groups to improve biodiversity.

