

# THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



## DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER



### December Dates

#### Reminder about upcoming events at Stratford Primary in December

- 10th December – 9:30 Reception Christmas performance- Tickets from the office
- 11th December - 10 am and 1:30pm Years 1/2 Christmas Performance- Tickets from the office
- 12th December - 9:30-11:30 Open morning for reception 2025
- 13th December -Celebration assembly (Invite only)
- 16th December – FOSP Festive Evening 5:30pm-7:30pm children and parents' welcome
- 17th December - KS2 Pantomime Beauty and the Beast
- 18th December- Christmas lunch day – children can wear a Christmas jumper or party clothes]
- 18th December- 4pm to 5.15pm – Showcase evening. Please return with your child to look at their books and walk our school to see displays
- 19th December – KS1 afternoon -Snow White/ last day for the Christmas Post box
- 20th December – Celebration assembly (Invite only)
- 20th December – 1pm- 1:45pm Christmas service – whole school at Holy Trinity Church.
- Parents and families welcome – (all children must be collected at 1:45pm from the church)
- 20th December - School closed at 2pm for Christmas holidays
- Monday 6th January – School closed for staff training
- Tuesday 7th January – Children return to school.



## MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF MS PARTON



Thank you to all our parents and carers who are and have been supporting us through one of the busiest times of the year. Your help and encouragement make such a difference as we come together to create a memorable festive season for the children.

The school has been transformed into a winter wonderland, with Christmas decorations adorning every corner. The beautifully decorated Christmas doors are a particular highlight, spreading joy and festive spirit throughout the school.

The stage has been in constant use this week, with Reception and Years 1 and 2 rehearsing tirelessly for their Christmas performances. The sound of children singing has filled the corridors, their beautiful voices lifting everyone's spirits as they prepare to showcase their hard work and talent. I am sure you are looking forward to their performances this week! And then, we can officially begin the countdown to the end of term!

There's so much more to look forward to this festive season:

- Don't forget, we have the **Reception Opening Morning** on the 12th.
- Our **Festive Evening** is coming up soon, filled with activities and seasonal fun.
- The Governors will be joining us to help with the **Christmas Lunch**, adding their own cheer to the celebration.
- We also have our **Showcase Evening**, a wonderful opportunity to see the children's creativity and accomplishments on display.
- Finally, we will wrap up the term with a service at **Holy Trinity Church**, a reflective and joyous way to close the year together.

## HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 691

Hall – 745

Shakespeare – 661

Hathaway – 764

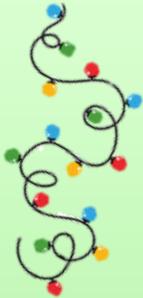


**Winners Hathaway**

# ATTENDANCE

George, Desmond and Mildred have enjoyed their days in the classrooms.

**Our attendance so far is amazing.**



Whole School =97.42%

Reception = 97.36% Year One =97.38 %

Year Two =98.10% Year Three =96.89%

Year Four = 97.94% Year Five =97.46 %

Year Six =96.80%



**Y2, Y4 & Y5 get the dragons – everyone is above national average.  
Thank you.**

## SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

### For Parents - My Family's Digital Toolkit

I've shared this resource from Internet Matters before, but with Christmas just a few weeks away I thought it worth sharing again. The Family Digital Toolkit is where parents can get personalised online safety advice based on a number of factors such as age, popular apps and platforms their children use, tackling online issues and more. As a bonus parents can also be entered into a draw to win a prize bundle (including an iPhone 15). Please click on the link for more information: <https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

### My Family's Digital Toolkit



There are **8 questions**  
It takes approx. **10 minutes**

Get personalised online safety advice, plus a chance to win an amazing prize bundle this Christmas.

## SEND NEWS

**Festive support pack to support children with SEND**

The Witherslack Group have produced a festive support pack that includes webinars, articles, podcasts and activities to support children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). Topics include social withdrawal and overwhelm, self-regulation strategies, festive therapy activities, sensory dysregulation, successful sleep and more.

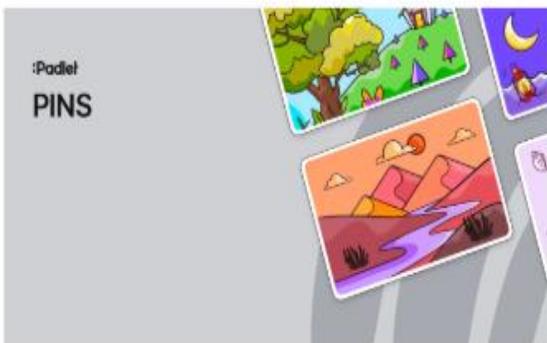
Please click on the link for more information:

<https://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/campaigns/festive-support-pack/>



Please find the link for the PINs Project wealth of support:

<https://padlet.com/warwickshireparentcarervoice/Neurodiversity>



PINs

Resources for our PINs (Partnerships for the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) project schools and families

padlet.com



## Winter HAF activities now available to book

The Winter [holiday activities and food \(HAF\)](#) activity listings are now available for eligible families to book for the school Christmas holidays.

Young people who meet the eligibility criteria are entitled to book up to four HAF sessions each. All activities are inclusive and HAF providers are also able to request additional funds for one-to-one support if this is required. However, this is dependent upon the availability and suitability of staff and may not always be possible.

The Warwickshire HAF team has been working hard to ensure that there are a number of SEND specific activities for each activity period. These are now listed on the [Winter HAF online directory](#).

If you feel that you would benefit from a SEND specific camp, please contact the provider of the camp and speak to them with regards to any specific needs and they will be able to best advise you. Parents and carers are advised to book ASAP to avoid disappointment at your chosen activity, as the sessions are likely to reach capacity.

Find out more about the HAF programme, including eligibility and how to apply for your HAF code at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf).

For any queries, please email [hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call the **Family Information Service** on **0800 408 1558**.

## AWARDS



Congratulations to Naia, Julia and Jaime! On Armistice Day, Julia and Jaime laid the purple poppy animal wreath in the garden of remembrance, and Naia gave a moving reading during the ceremony. Roger Bliss, the chairman of the Royal British Legion Stratford Branch was moved by the children's actions.

Roger Bliss visited the school recently. He presented the children with a badge. The purple poppy pin badge to represent the animals that lost their lives during the war. It was particularly special to welcome Roger, as he attended our school when he was younger.

Last summer, Stratford Primary School participated in NFU Mutual's bunting design competition, held to celebrate 40 years of their Head Office building in Tiddington. The competition received over 300 entries from schools across Stratford-upon-Avon and was judged with the kind support of the local charity, Escape Arts.

Chloe created the winning entry from Stratford Primary School and Millie-Rose was our school's second-place winner!

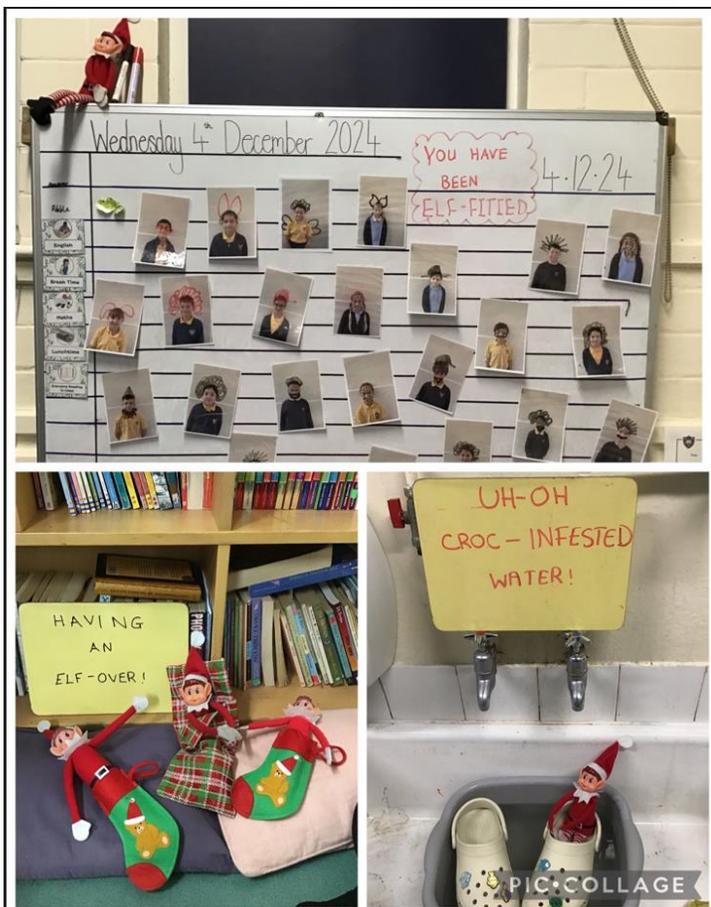
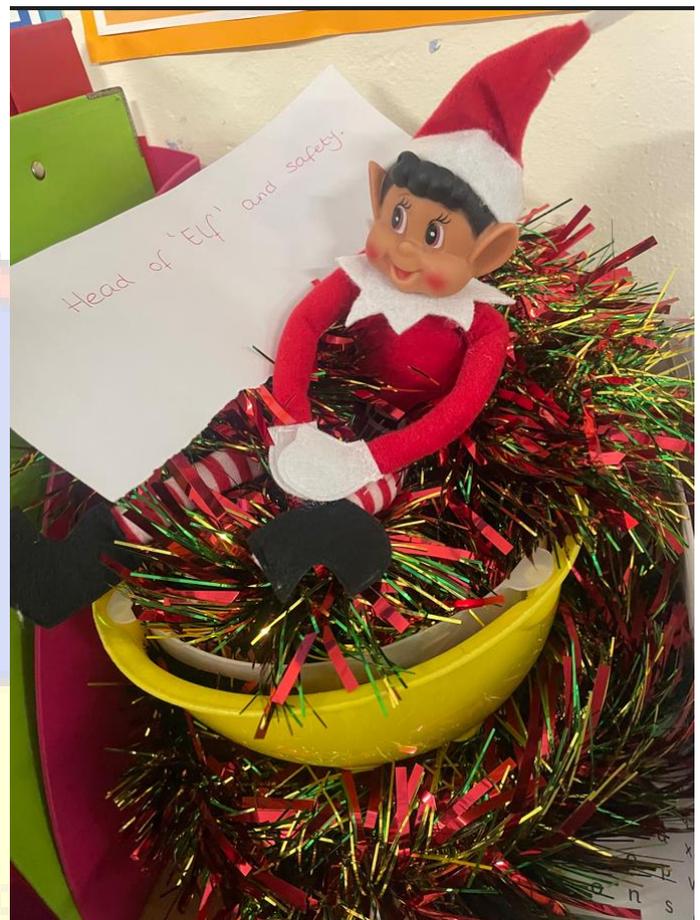
Congratulations to Chloe and Millie for their creativity and effort!



# CHRISTMAS HAS LANDED!







Year 4 have been hard at work creating some wonderful festive decorations, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm for the season.

The students have explored various crafting techniques, incorporating bright colours, sparkles, and festive themes into their designs. The results are truly impressive and will add a touch of magic to the school's holiday atmosphere.

Meanwhile, it seems some mischievous elves have been up to no good around the school! Reports suggest they've been causing playful chaos, leaving little surprises and cheeky clues for everyone to discover. Keep an eye out—you never know what they might do next!

# FOSP- CHRISTMAS FAIR

## Thank You to the FOSP Team

A huge thank you to the parent-run Friends of Stratford Primary (FOSP) team for organising another truly wonderful Christmas Fair. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the activities and soaking up the Christmas atmosphere. A particular highlight was Santa's visit, as he met each class and brought an extra touch of magic to the celebrations.







HOLY TRINITY  
CHURCH  
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON



# Christingle Service

Sun 15th 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.*

The Children's Society

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024

*"The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it"*

**SUNDAY 15th  
DECEMBER**

Christingle: 5pm

**SUNDAY 22ND  
DECEMBER**

"Blue Christmas" Service: 5pm

**MONDAY 23rd  
DECEMBER**

Lessons and Carols: 7pm

**TUESDAY 24th  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

Walk Through Carol Service:

3.15pm – 5.30pm

Midnight Mass: 11.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 25th  
CHRISTMAS DAY**

Holy Communion: 8am

Eucharist for all ages: 10am

*"Today in the town of David a Saviour  
has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"*

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CREATIVE & INNOVATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL



# MultiSports, Fun and Friendship!

ILEAP Charity and Fitt 4 Kids  
have a new session, giving young people with Additional  
Needs the chance to have fun, play sports and make  
new friends!!

It's all about sporty themed Fun and Friendship.  
We won't be too competitive, and we'll make sure you stay safe  
while getting some exercise. Qualified Coaches from our partners at  
Fitt 4 Kids will deliver the session alongside ILEAP staff.

Venue: Stratford Leisure Centre Sports Hall  
Day: Every Friday during term time  
Autumn term dates: 8th November - 20th December

Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm (6-13 years)

Please bring a drink and dress for the weather.

Cost: Just £2.50 per session

Join and book now at  
[www.ileap.co.uk](http://www.ileap.co.uk)

