THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD





Our October monthly round up



What a busy October, we have had. It has been wonderful to have experienced such warm weather. It means that we have been able to get out and about and enjoy the outdoors. Although our final week seems to be quite soggy.

We have had two visits from our trust team; our annual safeguarding review which was very strong. It was recognised that a strong safeguarding culture is evident across the school, underpinned by visible leadership and high expectations. As the school moves towards new leadership in January an action has been put into our review to continue the consistency created by the safeguarding team and for further staff training on artificial intelligence in an ever-changing world. We welcomed our new CEO Ally Brown for her first visit of the year and she shared her vision and values with the staff. She is keen to continue to build on the work our previous CEO led on but also to strengthen community within all the schools in the trust.

We have had a number of visits take place: Year 5 visited The Mad Museum to learn more about forces and mechanisms, Y1 have been to Holy Trinity to learn about how the church functions, Y2 visited Warwick Castle as part of their topic and Yrs 3,4,5 have all been to Heart of England forest to explore outdoor learning. Reception have welcomed several visitors as part of their 'People who help us' topic; the police, doctors, nurses etc.

Our open day on 13th October was very successful. Our Year 6 pupils were amazing tour guides and showcased our school so well. I was very proud of them. The children were openly talking about how we celebrate diversity and equality and sharing their own educational journey.

A huge thank you to our FOSP committee for running another successful disco. The children had a great time dancing away to various tunes. The foam party was a huge success and I loved all the costumes the children came in. It was a spooky day.

Have a wonderful half term holiday. Stay safe and enjoy time together as a family.



Mrs Humphriss

Head Teacher











Autumn One House Point Round Up

SHAKESPEARE	HALL	HATHAWAY	ARDEN
3864	4040	4289	4162

Attendance Round up for Autumn One Term

Reception - 97.7%

Year One - 98.2%

Year Two - 96.4%

Year Three - 96.9%

Year Four - 97.1%

Year Five - 98.5%

Year Six - 97.5%

Whole School - 97.5%

Girls - 97.6%

Boys - 97.4%

We are above national attendance in all year groups. This is excellent news. Thank you for ensuring your children attend school as much as they are able. Desmond says thank you.



Year Five and Six Girls Football

On the afternoon of Tuesday 6th October an enthusiastic and excited group of Year 5 and 6 girls took part in an inter-school football competition held at Stratford Girls Grammar School, supported by Mrs Fade and Amber.

There was nervous tension in their first match against Mappleborough Green Primary School. An exciting first goal from Annabelle settled the nerves and the team pulled together before a second goal followed shortly from Florence. The final score held at 2-0 to Stratford. This first win settled the girls' nerves as they hit their stride.

The second match against Holy Trinity was much tougher, as they play and train as a team on a regular basis. This was the Stratford teams first outing and a great goal from Olivia led to a 2-1 win to Holy Trinity.

The third school playing was Wilmcote, also on their first outing as a team, and Stratford's strength and team spirit shone through, resulting in fantastic goals to finish from Florence, Lila and Annabelle. Final score 3-0 to Stratford.

As the team worked together, their enjoyment in each match grew.

They beat Mappleborough Green for a second time, with a final score of 4-0, goals coming this team from Florence, Isabelle and two from Annabelle.

The final match of the afternoon was against Holy Trinity which they knew would be another tough match, but they put smiles on their faces and showed excellent team work as they worked hard to defend. Final score 3-0 to Holy Trinity.

Well done girls! You showed fantastic team spirit and your enthusiasm showed on your faces all afternoon. I am super proud of you all.









Reception learning about 'People who Help us' and role-playing careers of the future.









Year One visited Holy Trinity Church. They learnt about the different areas of the church.





Year 2 made puja plates as part of their RE learning about Navartri



Year 4 improving their tennis skills and ball control with the racket.



Friday 30th October

Warhammer Games Café

£10.69 | 6.30-8.30pm | Age 12+



Join us for a chance to build, paint and play with Warhammer figures. Starter model kits and paints will be provided or bring your own models.

Saturday 31st October

Nicola Baker Saving Snowflake

£9.62 | 10-11am | Age 8+

Journey to Whistledown Farm for a heart-warming adventure with the star of *Our Farm on the Dales*.



Saturday 31st October

Myles McLeod and Evgenia Golubeva Fairytale Fiasco

£9.62 | 10-11am | Age 5+



A lively hour of stories turned upside down, with a draw-along, and the chance to create a brand-new comic version of a famous fairytale!

Facepainting

FREE | 10.30-11.30am

FREE drop-in FUN!



Saturday 31st October

Drop in and Do Halloween

Free | 10.30am-12.30pm | Age 4+



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Half Term Events for Families

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Stratford Literary Festival

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Saturday 31st October

WORKSHOP Playbox Theatre of the Unexpected

£10.89 | 11.30am | Ages 7-11



This Halloween, join Playbox Theatre for an exhilarating, immersive theatre experience where imagination takes centre stage.

Saturday 31st October

Zak Simmonds-Hurn Comic Workshop

£9.62 | 1.30pm | Age 7+

Phoenix comic's artist behind *Know Your Monsters, Dragon Guard* and *Legacy* helps you create characters and bring them to life in your own comic strip.



Saturday 31st October

Dungeons & Dragons Games Café

£10.89 | 4-5.30pm | Ages 11-17



Borrow from us some dice and a ready-made character and get stuck in. No experience necessary – we'll help you all the way.

Sunday 1st November

Neill Cameron Donut Squad

£12 | 11am | Age 7+



The legendary and bestselling *Phoenix* comic artist brings us the latest instalment of his bestselling graphic novel series, featuring fan-favourite sweet treats.





Stratford Literary Festival

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Sunday 1st November

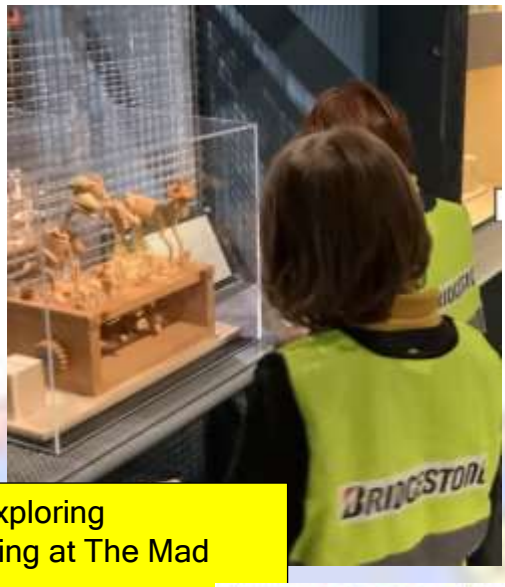
WORKSHOP Sonia Leong Drawing Manga

£9.62 | 12.30pm | Ages 11-16

A must for Manga fans! Learn the basics of drawing and designing your own Manga characters.

See the full programme and book at stratlitfest.co.uk!



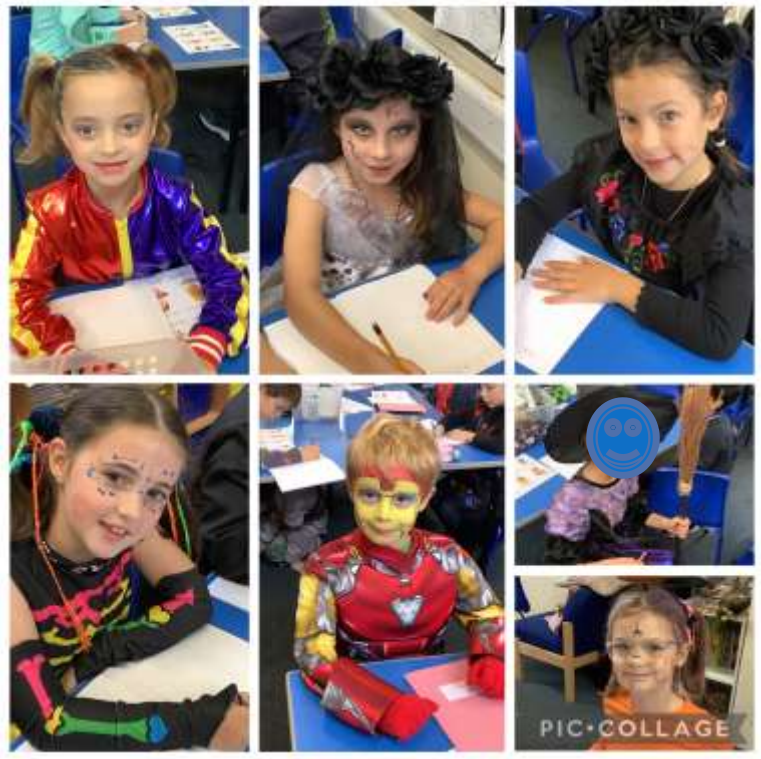


Year 5 exploring engineering at The Mad Museum

Happy Halloween. Some incredible costumes across the school. We have shared a small sample here. We hope you have a super Halloween this year and enjoy seeking pumpkins and having treats.









Year 6 have had a brilliant first half term and have completed their first project of the year! They have jumped head-first into their class novel 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman and have become experts in xenotransplantation after dissecting pig hearts and conducting their own research. They have written balanced arguments for and against this controversial operation - and there's been much disagreement around whether Cameron, the protagonist, should go ahead with it or not! Speak to Year 6 if you would like to learn more...

They have also studied healthy and unhealthy lifestyle choices, so they are now very articulate and informed when telling Ms Chapleo off for her caffeine addiction and insufficient exercise!

They have also mastered place value and the four operations in Maths; constructed marble runs in D.T. and showed them to their Reception buddies; and performed their glockenspiel compositions with gusto in Music!

Suffice it to say, they are ready for a week's break!

Forest school fun and exploring the outdoors























Year 2 visited Warwick Castle as part of their topic. They studied the mighty trebuchet and explored all the different areas.

Halloween Safety Tips

1. Younger children should always walk with an adult. Older children should always walk in a group.
2. Only go to houses where you can see a light on.
3. Use torches, glow sticks or reflective tape to make it easier to be seen in the dark.
4. Only go to houses where you know the people who live there.
5. Pay attention when walking past driveways to make sure cars aren't pulling in or out.
6. Be aware of flames e.g. lit candles, and keep at a safe distance.
7. Costumes and shoes should fit properly to avoid trips or falls.
8. Costume accessories, such as swords, shouldn't be sharp. They should be soft and flexible.
9. Do not eat any sweets / treats until your adult says you can.
10. Cross at a safe place along the road.
11. Walk, don't run.



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Have a safe halloween



- Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone.
- Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house.
- Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety.
- Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
- Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.

Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'

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Halloween

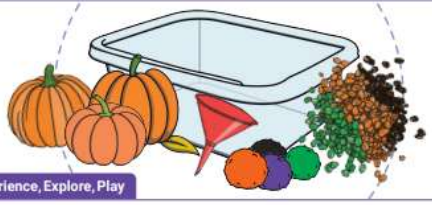
Sensory Bin



You will need:

- Clear container/tub, medium-sized
- Layers of orange, green and black dyed porridge oats
- Sprinkle of cinnamon or pumpkin pie spice
- Selection of small pumpkins or gourds (a variety of colours and textures)
- Orange, green, purple and black large pom-poms
- Large plastic spiders
- Small plastic cauldrons and pumpkins for filling and emptying
- Sand or waterwheel
- Scoops and tongs
- Optional resources – ladles, funnels, spaghetti spoon, orange silicone cupcake cases, plastic eggs

Please consider weaning guidance if you are using this activity with young babies.



Experience, Explore, Play

- Pour, sprinkle, shake and mix the different-dyed oat colours together.
- Make marks, patterns and movements in the oats.
- Enjoy watching and exploring the movement of the oats as they fall from the rotating sand/waterwheel, through the funnels or over the different-textured pumpkins and gourds.
- Fill, empty and transfer the oats between the cauldrons and pumpkin containers.
- Hide and discover toy spiders in the oats.

The ingredients used in this activity can be reused if stored in an airtight container.

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If you go down to the disco today… be sure of a big surprise!













Some of our Year 5 children visited Scholar Mews and Stratford Bentley care homes to brighten the resident's lives. They went trick or treating and enjoyed chatting and showing off their Halloween costumes. Thank you for representing our school so well.

Key dates to remember for Autumn Two Term

3rd Nov – Children return to school

11th Nov – Remembrance Day – KS2 children attend Stratford Memorial Gardens (adults are welcome to join us and join in remembering)

13th Nov – Poppy Trail – come along and visit our remembrance trail. Doors open at 2.30pm.

16th Nov – Odd Socks Day – celebrate Anti-bullying week. Our book fair opens too.

3rd Dec – Open Morning for Reception 2027 9.30 – 11.00

4th Dec – Reception Nativity 10am

8th Dec – Rock Steady Concerts

11th Dec – Year 1/2 Christmas play – two performances 10am and 2pm.

14th Dec – Reception Theatre visit and Year 1/2 Puppet Theatre visitor

16th Dec – Christmas Lunch Day – wear party clothes



17th Dec – FOSP Children's Christmas Fair

18th Dec – Final Service of the Year at Holy Trinity – Mrs Humphriss' last day.

Thank you to Mr Hodgkins, our site manager who is leaving Stratford Primary after 12 years. Craig has been an amazing staff member and a good friend to many who have passed through the Stratford doors. He has been promoted to facilities manager in a secondary school.

Craig has ensured throughout his time that our school building is maintained. It isn't easy keeping a 143 year old building in good condition. It is a bit like painting the Forth Bridge. Craig can turn his hand to anything. He decorates every classroom and the corridors. He fixes many broken things. He is on call for computers not working, drains that need unblocking, toilets that are not flushing, loose items, moving heavy items, cleaning carpets, high dusting, cleaning windows, mowing the grass, weeding, building items for EYFS (over the years we have seen pirate ships, trains, role play areas). Craig is probably one of the few people who knows how to build our stage. When cleaners are off, Craig sets to with the hoover. He is responsible for health and safety and making sure that all of the staff complete their statutory training. He is the fire warden and ensures our fire alarm system is fully functional. He tests the water and during his time also been a midday supervisor, a teaching assistant and football coach. If FOSP need something he helps out. No matter what we need when he hears the call 'CRAIG' he comes and helps. We really don't know what we will do without him.



He is our very own 'Bob the Builder' or should I say 'Craig the Caretaker.'

So thank you Craig for absolutely everything you have done. You have achieved so much in your time, there is too much to list. You truly will be missed and we wish you the very best of luck.

YOU WILL BE AWESOME!!!!!!!

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What's on the menu this half term?

doughnut muffins
pesto cheese straws
gingerbread men
bacon quiche tarts
stained glass window biscuits
milk rolls



Friday after-School cooking club for pupils at Stratford upon Avon Primary

From Friday 6th November

3.30 pm - 4.45 pm

YEARS 2-6

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Parent Governor Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a Parent Governor to join our School Standards Committee (SSC). This is a voluntary role with a four-year term of office.

What Parent Governors Do (and Don't Do)

Parent Governors help school leaders understand how decisions may affect pupils and families, bringing a thoughtful, balanced parent viewpoint to strategic discussions, while remaining impartial, and focused on what is best for pupils.

The role is strategic, not operational. Parent governors help to ensure that the school is held to a high standard, rather than getting involved in day-to-day issues or individual concerns.

Who Can Apply

You must be a parent, carer, or someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. No specific qualifications are required. Eligibility and disqualification rules apply (please see below).

What We're Looking For

We welcome applicants who can act as a critical friend who is supportive, yet willing to ask challenging questions. We are particularly keen to hear from parents with an interest in inclusion, including SEND, Pupil Premium, and disadvantaged pupils. The role involves contributing to the school's strategic priorities, monitoring progress and outcomes, and supporting leaders to deliver high-quality education.

Time Commitment

Around 10-15 hours per term, including meetings, reading papers, visiting the school, and taking part in any other governance activities. Full induction and ongoing support will be provided.

How to Apply

Please email a completed application form to the school office via admin2042@welearn365.com. Alternatively, a hardcopy can be handed in to the Front Desk. Application forms can be found on Class dojo.

If you wish to discuss the role, please contact to the school office on 01789 293201 or admin2042@welearn365.com (noting school holiday hours may apply).

Closing date: midnight on Thursday 5th November 2026.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, we will conduct an election via ballot. If this is necessary, voting papers and instructions will be sent to all parents and carers.

Thank you.

Guidance on ELIGIBILITY AND DISQUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS A PARENT GOVERNOR

Note that disqualification criteria for trustees, as detailed in the trust's articles of association, also apply to academy committees (SSC's) in a multi academy trust.