



THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

4th November – children return to school/Y2 Falconry/KS2 author visitor

**7th November – Poppy Trail open (visit between 9.15 – 10.15 & 2 – 3) & FOSP
Psychic evening**

9th November – Selected children represent school at Remembrance Sunday

10th November – Y6 WW1 visitor/Odd sock day for Anti-bullying week

11th November – KS2 Stratford Memorial Gardens for Remembrance

12th November – Y4 Choir performance Coventry Cathedral

13th November – Y2 Safety Seymour wkshp/Y5 C02 Workshop

14th November – Non-uniform day FOSP event – sweet donation for tombola

17th – 20th November – Book Fair

19th November – R/1/2 Author event – Holly Swain

HOUSE POINTS (plus Autumn One total)

Arden – 718 (8279) Hall – 772 (8951)

Shakespeare – 753 (8629)

Hathaway – 703 (7983)

Winners – Hall



ATTENDANCE



Attendance from 20th to 24th Oct

Our attendance so far is above national – Keep going everyone!

Whole School = 97.6%↑

Reception = 100% (Wow) ↑

Year One = 98.3%↑ Year Two = 96.7% ↓

Year Three = 96.9%↓ Year Four = 95.6%↑

Year Five = 97.2%= Year Six = 99.1%↑

The dragons go to YR, Y6 and Y1

The arrows indicate if the attendance is up or down from previous week.

Attendance statistics

Autumn Term One

117 pupils had 100% attendance 😊

53 pupils had good attendance - this means their attendance sits between 95% and 99%. 🍏

33 pupils are at risk of persistent absence - this means their attendance sits between 90% and 95% - but when we have checked they all have improved attendance from their last time off. 🍎

15 pupils are classed as persistent absentees - this means their attendance sits below 90% and they have missed 10% or more sessions - however all have improved attendance. ✈️

SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025:

POWER FOR GOOD

CALL TO ACTION:

Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow.

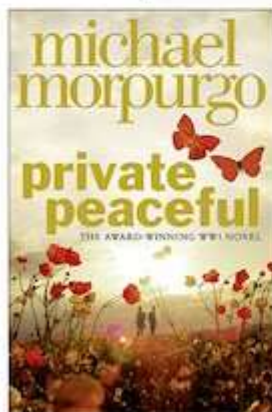
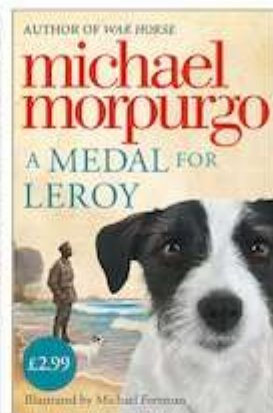
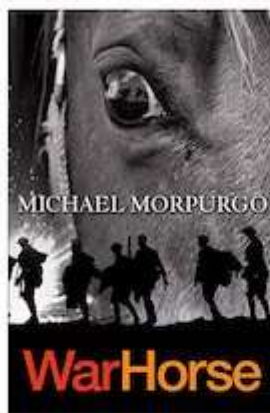
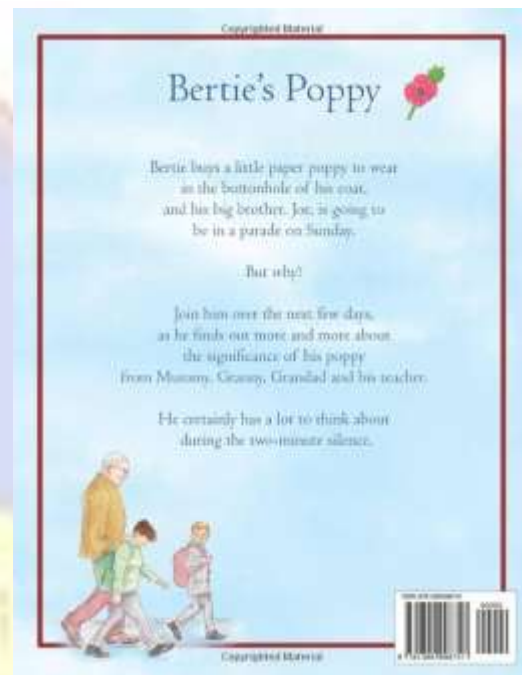
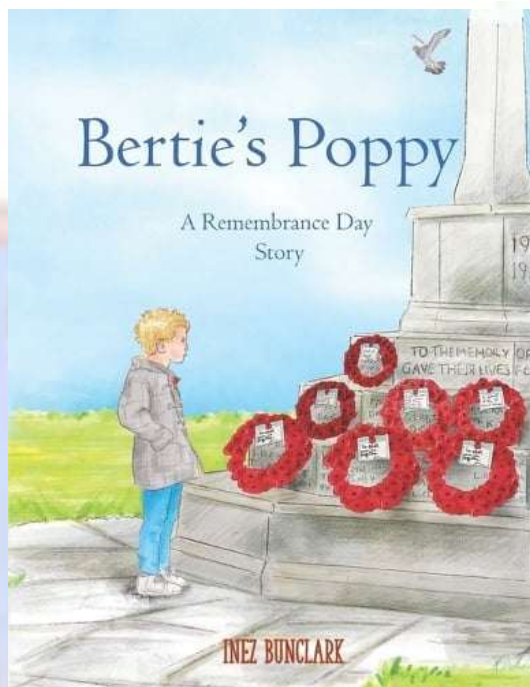
That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online.

Lasting change needs all of us. From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones — we all have a part to play.

Together, we can use our Power for Good to end bullying - for good.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



"In Flanders
fields the
poppies blow
Between the
crosses, row
on row"

John McCrae

Our vision and curriculum in action

To create a happy place, where children and adults learn and flourish in a creative, rewarding atmosphere and are given as many opportunities & experiences to increase their life chances and careers.



Our Year 5's bringing joy to the elderly at Scholars Mews with their great costumes. They loved trick or treating.



Spooky shenanigans on Halloween dress up day. Never stopped learning mind!

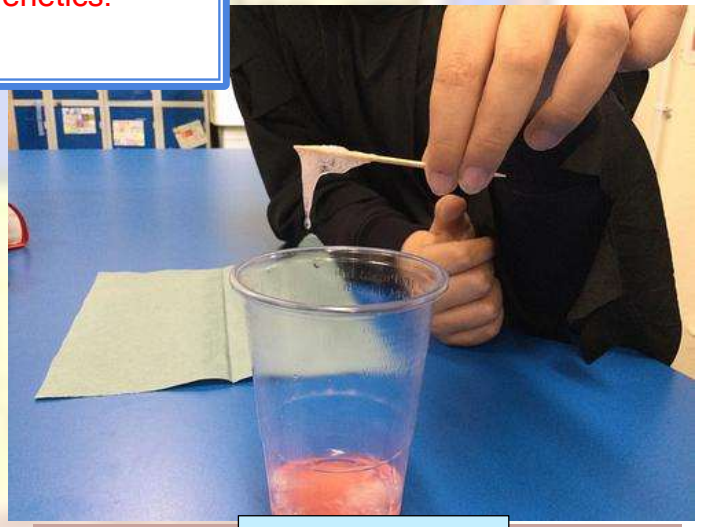
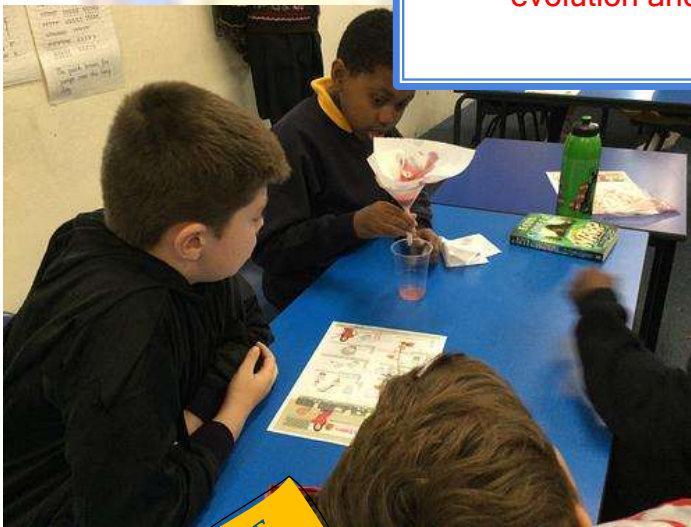


Year 2
engineers in the making





Year 6 extract DNA from strawberries in Science. They have been learning about Darwin and evolution and genetics.



Year 5

YEAR 3 - HEART OF ENGLAND FOREST



PIC-COLLAGE



Autumn Term Art
Replica Taotie motifs including finishing techniques.

PIC-COLLAGE

MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF MRS HUMPHRISS



Welcome to Autumn Two term and we very much hope you had a lovely, relaxing time as a family over the holidays. I had some time with my granddaughter; baking, watching Junior Bake Off and going to see The Museum of the Moon at Tewkesbury Abbey. It was awe-inspiring. I also took time to do some volunteering for The Royal British Legion. I sold poppies and other products for a morning. As you know this is a cause very dear to my heart but also to our school. Each year we remember the names of the men who are listed on Stratford's war memorial and who once came to our school as children. All of us when we look at our family history will see that someone has served or being part of wars or conflicts. My own great grandfather served in WW1 and was injured in The Battle of the Somme, my great uncle served in WW2 in North Africa, my late husband served for 25 years in The Royal Signals and served in Northern Ireland and all over the world and now my son serves in The Royal Navy and has completed 4 tours of the gulf; patrolling with his shipmates stopping drugs and weapons. Take time to look at your family history, donate to The Royal British Legion who look after veterans and their families. Remember that we are able to make choices today thanks to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in WW1 and WW2.

Please come visit our annual poppy trail on Friday. The children spend time creating poppies, learning about remembrance and love to see many of you visit their trail. Year 6 will be doing tours on Friday between 9.30am and 10.30am and then again between 2pm and 3pm. No need to book, just turn up and enjoy.

Already our term has started with 2 very exciting events. Year 2 met a beautiful owl this morning and learnt all about falconry as part of their new topic 'Animal Adventures.' The owl flew in the hall and the children are now very knowledgeable about these beautiful birds. This afternoon all of KS2 met Guy Bass the author of the series Stitch Head. He was extremely charismatic and kept the children enthralled with how he became an author and where his ideas come from. Our vision is all about ensuring children learn and flourish in a creative atmosphere. This is a couple of ways we achieve this.

We have a lot to look forward to over this term. Coming up this term - Remembrance, Anti-bullying week, road safety week, another author Holly Swain will be meeting Rec/1 and 2 many different Christmas events. Reception are currently learning their songs for their nativity, Years 1/2 will be performing their annual Christmas play. FOSP have 2 events - a psychic evening and of course the children's Christmas fair.

"FORGET you? How could I EVER forget you? Sure, I only remember the last nine minutes, but I know a BESTEST friend when I see one!"

"Bestest what?", squeaked Stitch Head.

"Oh, totally! BETEST friends forever! I knew we would be from the moment just after you said you weren't going to EAT me."

- Guy Bass, Stitch Head

Music to try at home

Twinkle, Twinkle

Find a dark place where you can view the sky and watch the twinkling stars.

Sing the following song:

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.*

Make a collection of bell like sounds that you can find around the house that twinkle like stars. Maybe try:

- Tapping metal spoons together
- Gently tap spoons on metal objects like saucepans
- Jangling keys
- Put some small coins in non-breakable container and shake gently
- Explore putting different jangly objects inside plastic bottles

Choose your sounds and play along as you sing your song.

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Peter and the Wolf

In 1936, the Russian composer, Sergei Prokofiev wrote a musical story for children about a boy called Peter who tries to catch a scary wolf. The story and all of the characters are represented by musical instruments.

Peter and the Wolf:
Find a version of Peter and the Wolf to listen to or watch.

☆ Listen to the piece and as each character is performed see if you can match them to the instrument you hear like the example below.

The bird			the strings
The duck			bassoon
The cat			clarinet
The wolf			flute
The grandfather			French horn
The hunters			timpani
Peter			bassoon

☆ Answer the question below:

- Do you think the instruments have been well chosen to describe each character? Why?
- How many times do you hear Peter's theme tune?
- Describe the grandfather's music (think of fast, slow, low, high words).

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Try some STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)



You need: salt, a glass jar, a clear lid, a piece of string and some hot water

Observe the process of crystallisation and make your child go WOW!

1. Mix a cup of salt and warm water in a 1:1 ratio. Note: The water should be around 80C and not boiling.
2. Pour an appropriate amount of solution into the cap and place it in a well sunlit area.
3. Crystallisation can take from a few hours to a few days! Patience is key to making beautiful crystals!
4. When the crystals are fully formed, pinch a hole in the cap and hang it up with a string

Can take up to 1-2 days



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This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025



Come to school
wearing your odd
socks to celebrate
what makes us all
unique!

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#PowerForGood

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

Anyone on your network of 5

Don't forget you always have a
trusted adult in school - it could be
your teacher, teaching assistant, Mrs
Humphriss or Miss Parton.



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FREE ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.



Mon 10th
NOVEMBER

7pm-8pm



Speaker

LYNDSEY VAUGHTON

Education & Wellbeing Training Lead (UK)
Smoothwall



Access the event here:

<https://meet.google.com/cze-sgju-fbj>

With a background in law enforcement, Lyndsey is a seasoned child protection advocate with extensive expertise in safeguarding education. She is passionate about fostering safe student environments, offering support in policy implementation, training, and committee establishment, as well as furthering her commitment to student wellbeing through her PhD research on the effects of domestic abuse on children.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

A Poem For Remembrance Day

"Please wear a poppy", the old lady said
 And held one forth, but I shook my head.
 Then I stopped and watched, to see how she'd fare
 Her face was old, and lined with care,
 Yet beneath the scars, the years had made
 There remained a smile that refused to fade.
 A boy came whistling down the street
 Bounding along on his carefree feet.
 His smile was full of joy and fun
 "Lady" he said, "can I have one?"
 As she pinned it on I heard him say
 "Why do we wear the poppy today?"
 The lady smiled in her wistful way
 And answered "this is Remembrance Day
 The poppy is the symbol for the gallant men and women
 who died in the war.
 And because they did, we are free,
 that's why we wear the poppy you see
 I had a boy about your size, with golden hair and big
 blue eyes.
 He loved to play and jump and shout, free as a bird he
 would race about
 As the years went by he learnt and grew, and became a
 man as you will too,
 He was fine and strong with a boyish smile,
 But he seemed to be with us a such a short while
 When the war broke out he went away
 I can still remember his face that day.
 When he smiled at me and said "goodbye
 "I will be back soon, so please don't cry" But the war
 went on and he had to stay
 All I could do was wait and pray.
 His letters told of an awful fight
 I can see it still in my dreams at night
 With the tanks and guns and the cruel barb wire

And the mines and bullets, the bombs and the fire
 Until at last the war was won
 And that is why we wear the poppy, son"
 The small boy turned as if to go
 Then stopped and said "Thank you lady, I'm glad I
 know"
 That sure did sound like an awful fight,
 "But your son, did he come home all right?"
 A tear rolled down each faded cheek, she shook her
 head but didn't speak.
 I slunk away, head bowed in shame,
 And if you were me, you'd have done the same,
 For our thanks in giving is often delayed
 Though our freedom was bought by those who paid.
 And so, when you see a poppy worn
 Let us reflect on the burden borne
 By those who gave their precious all
 When asked to answer that duty call
 That we at home, in peace may live
 Then wear a poppy, remember, and give.

