



THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

17th – 20th November – Book Fair and Road Safety Week

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

20th November – FOSP meeting @ The Bull 7.30pm

21st November – KS2 Police visitor – staying safe

1st December – Christmas Post box opens for business

4th December – Open morning for prospective Reception 2026

5th December – Reception Nativity Performance

10th December – Y1/2 Christmas Performance 10am and 2pm

11th December – Rock Steady Concerts / British Legion Carol Service

12th December – FOSP Children's Christmas Fair

15th December – Reception Theatre Visit

HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 1238

Hall – 915

Shakespeare – 1027

Hathaway – 1282

Winners – Hathaway



ATTENDANCE

Attendance from 10th – 14th November

Our attendance so far is above national – Amazing this week.

Whole School = 99.1%↑

Reception = 98.6% ↓ **Year One = 100%↑WOW**

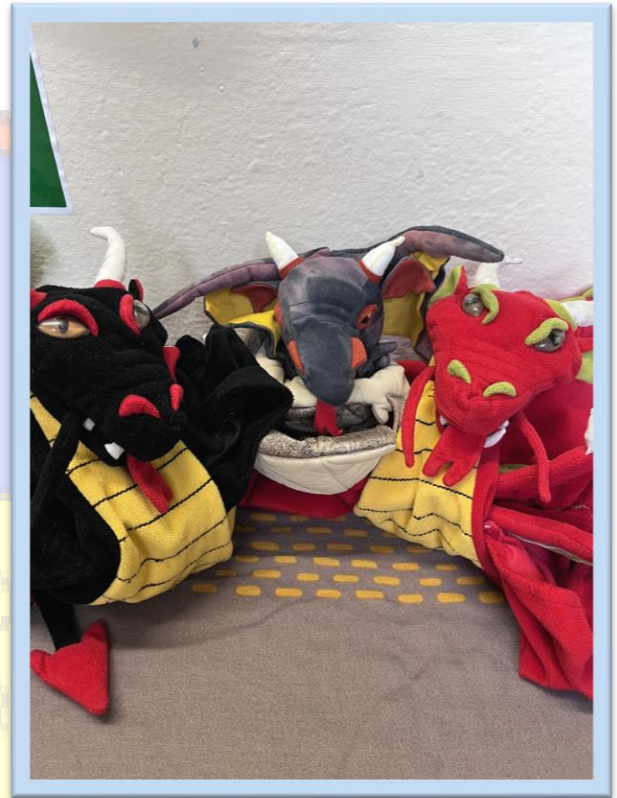
Year Two = 97.7% ↑ Year Three = 99.4%↓

Year Four = 99.4%↑ Year Five = 98.4% ↓

Year Six = 100% ↑ WOW

The dragons go to Y1, Y6 and Y3 & 4 share one.

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



SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

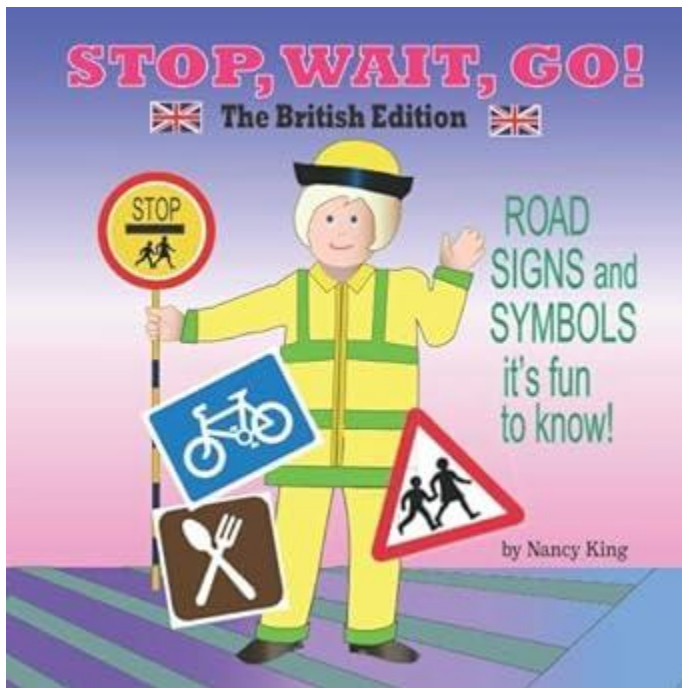
Online Safety tips

Here are some top tips to help parents manage the risks to their children online:

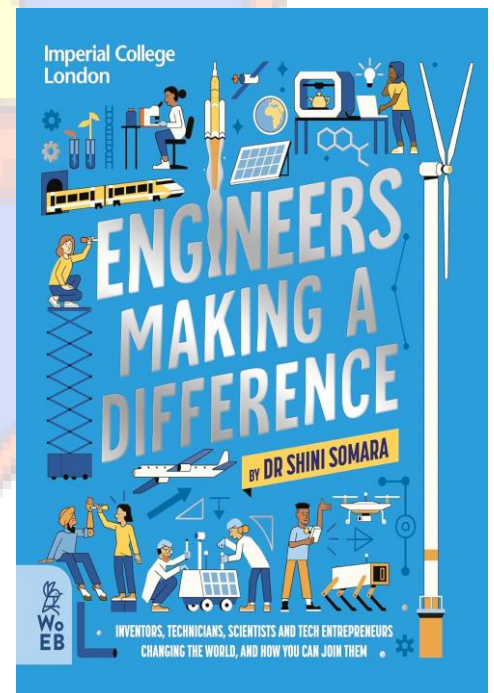
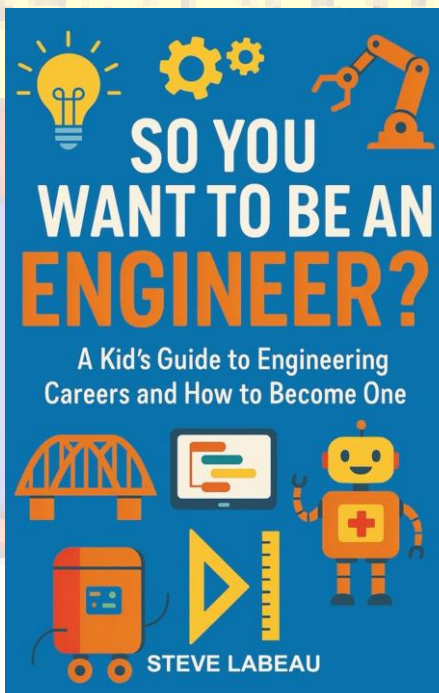
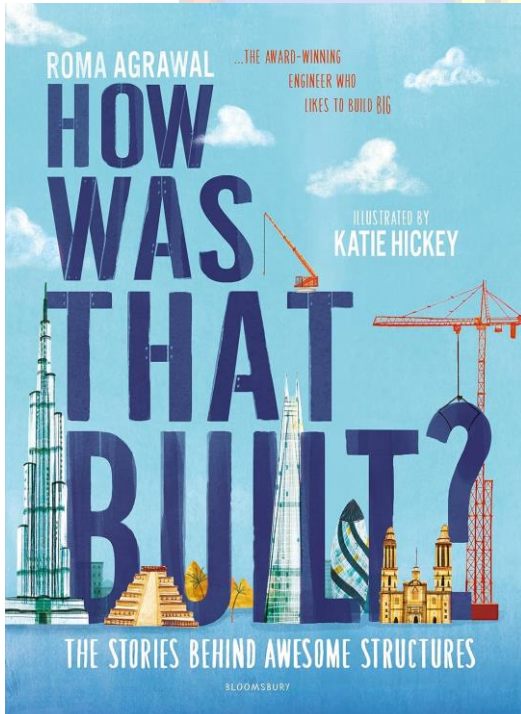
- Talk regularly to your children about what they do when they're online. Encourage them to tell you if they've seen something online that they think is harmful.
- Make sure your children register with online services using their real age, to help prevent them from accessing content that is only suitable for people who are older.
- Make sure they know how to report inappropriate or harmful content, how to block accounts that share it and encourage them not to share it themselves. If content is illegal, report it to the police. Be aware that Ofcom cannot deal with individual complaints about online content.
- Parental controls are a useful tool, helping you to monitor and limit the time your children spend online, and what they do when they're there.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-ofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents>

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



"Stop, Wait, Go!", the British version, uses beautifully illustrated pictures with common British road signs and symbols to tell an engaging story that entertains as it teaches. Award-winning artist, designer, and children's author, Nancy King, arouses your child's curiosity about everyday road signs seen in their travels. Featured are road signs with and without words and of various shapes and colors, that familiarize the child with commonly seen signs.



"Scientists investigate that which already is; engineers create that which has never been" by Albert Einstein

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.



Here's a picture of Year 4 from Thursday in STEM. They created Viking Long Horns and then compared and contrasted the quality of sound(vibrations) between 5 different styles of cone. At the end, we recorded and rated each style of horn and wrote down all the results!



Year 6 were visited by a WW1 soldier to learn about life during World War 1 and living in the trenches.

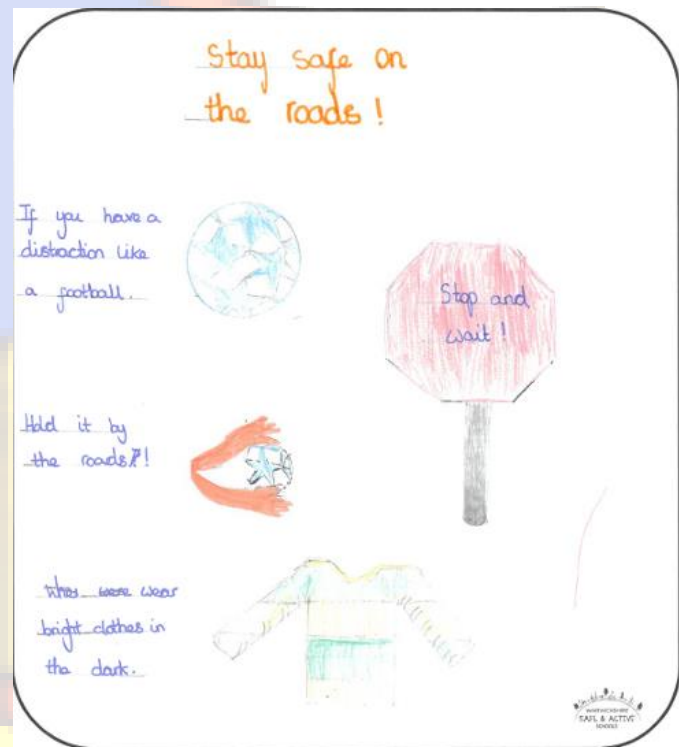


Year 6 took part in a parade, played a traditional trench game and examined artefacts - historical knowledge.





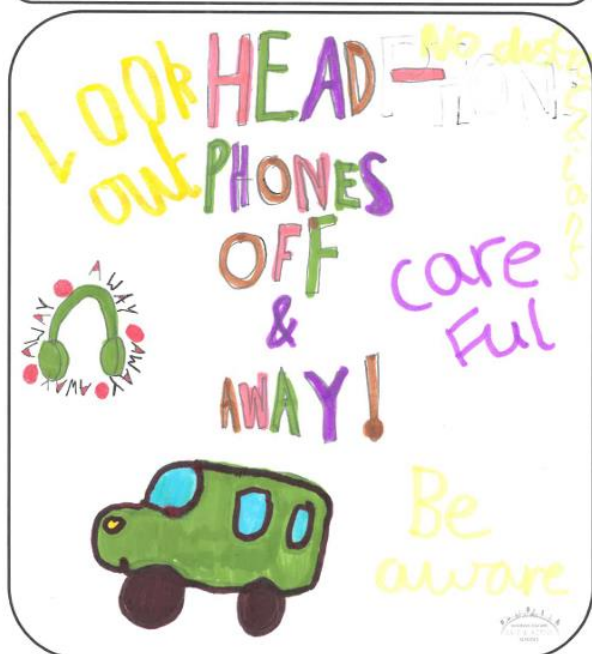
Year 5 took to the streets last week to practice their road safety skills. We continue to teach the children the right way to cross the road and not to rely on others to do it for them. The children also created posters demonstrating their understanding of what kind of things can distract you and how important it is to remember roads are dangerous places and it is vital that we fully concentrate to stay absolutely safe.



Create a persuasive poster in the space below to give advice about ONE distraction.

Remember to include:

- What the distraction is
 - How it could distract you
 - A coping strategy to avoid being distracted.
- Use pictures and text to make it eye catching.



MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF MRS HUMPHRISS



Another week has passed us by and so much to celebrate. We started off with odd socks to celebrate Anti-Bullying week. The odd socks demonstrate to us all that we are all unique and special and regardless of our personality, needs, culture, religion, looks we all deserve to be treated with kindness and respect. The theme was Power of Good. We all have the power to be good and kind and everyone should act this way for the good of our society.

I was very proud of our Key Stage Two children who attended Stratford War Memorial Gardens on November 11th. It is an honour to be asked to stand with The Royal British Legion and remember those who have died in wars and conflicts and are even now still paying that ultimate sacrifice. Alex and Molly in Year 6 read The Exhortation and did this brilliantly. It is never easy standing up in front of people and talking. It is even more difficult doing it when it requires solemnity and precision. Jack, Chloe, Harry and Matty laid wreaths on behalf of the school; not only to remember the men & women who are named on the memorial but also to remember the many animals who gave their lives too.

Year 4 had an extremely memorable experience on Wednesday and sang in Coventry Cathedral as part of a mass choir. They have been learning Latin, French and German songs with Armonico - an organisation dedicated to bringing music to children and also setting up dementia choirs. It was awe-inspiring to sing in such an incredible setting. A huge well done to the children and thank you to Mrs Archer, Mrs Dale, Amy and Emily for giving their time to take the children.

Thank you to everyone who gave sweets as a donation for the annual Christmas fair coming up in December. FOSP are grateful. A huge thank you to Amy and the FOSP committee as well for organizing a psychic night last Friday. It was a very sociable and enjoyable time had by all. The hall looked amazing and just getting together with friends was a wonderful evening.

This week we have our book fair every day. Please come along and purchase lots of books; not only to read but to give as gifts. Reading is a gift in itself as every book transports you to new worlds and new experiences. For every book sold the school receives a donation and we are keen to re-stock our library and continue to provide our children with excellent resources for learning.

Year One welcomed an actual knight to their classroom last week. In history they had been studying Sir David Attenborough and how he came to receive a knighthood. It sparked discussions about what it means to be appointed a knight and the remarkable achievements that lead to such an honour. Everyone was astonished to find out that one of the children were directly linked to a real-life knight!! Sir John Saunders (Elliot's Grandfather) came to talk about how he received his knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II. We are all very grateful and honoured to have welcomed Sir John. The children were super impressed by his story.

'Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.' Golda Meir

More photos at the end of our newsletter

Music to try at home

Music Maths

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Musical notes are worth different numbers of beats.

Note value:
☆ Look at the notes and their values below.

♫ = 1 beat ♪ = 1 beat ♩ = 2 beats ○ = 4 beats

Musical maths:
☆ Have a go at completing the maths sums below:

♫ + ♫ + ♫ =

♪ + ♪ + ♪ =

○ + ♫ + ♪ =

Create your own:
☆ Have a go at creating your own maths sums below. Give them to someone else to see if they can complete them. Don't forget to check their answers!

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Dynamics

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Dynamics describe how loud or quiet sounds are. It also involves the direction of the volume and whether it's getting louder or getting quieter.

crescendo decrescendo

Dynamics:
Dynamics have different words that are marked with symbols, usually seen as letters (that represent Italian words) for how loud or quiet the music should be. Here are the main dynamic markings:

- Pianissimo (pp) - very quiet
- Piano (p) - quiet
- Mezzo Piano (mp) - medium-quiet
- Mezzo forte (mf) - medium-loud
- Forte (f) - loud
- Fortissimo (ff) - very loud
- Triple forte (fff) - even louder!

Can you hear the change in dynamics?
Listen to Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, "In the Hall of the Mountain King". Then answer these questions.

- Can you use the words above to describe the dynamics of this piece?
- How often do they change and how do they change?
- Why do you think the composer wanted them to change in this way?

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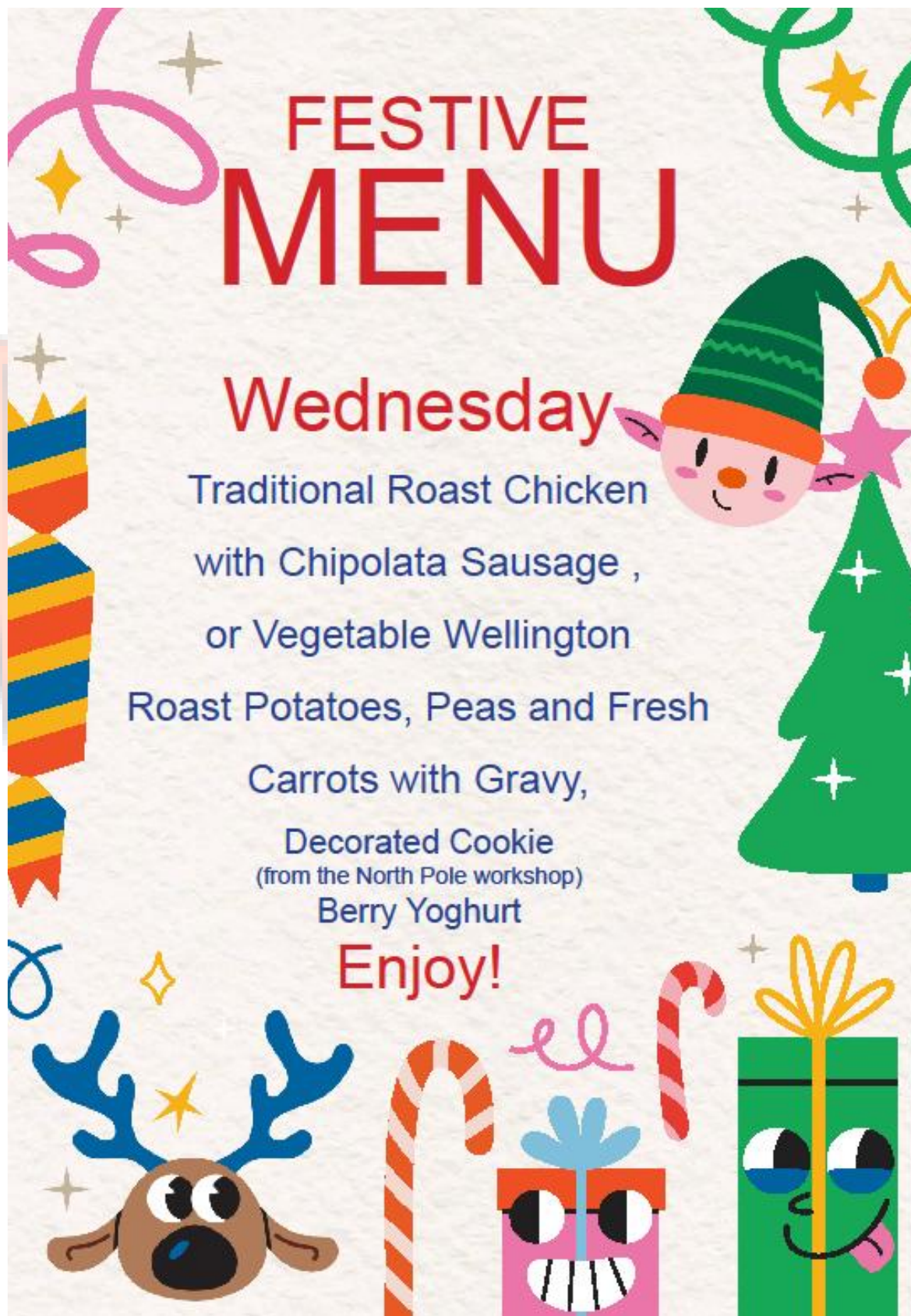
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Try some STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

Make a Balloon Car



1. Cut two straws, it's length slightly longer than the width of the bottle.
2. Tape the straws onto the bottom of the bottle. Make sure they are parallel to each other.
3. Poke a hole at the centre of the bottle caps. This will be the wheels of the car.
4. Insert the skewers into the straws. This will be the axis for the wheels.
5. Secure the bottle caps on both ends of the skewers and make sure they can spin.
6. Use a rubber band and secure it onto the short end of the straw.
7. Cut a hole at the roof of the bottle, and insert the straw.
8. Inflate the balloon through the straw and pinch the straw afterwards to make sure no air escapes. When you let go, the car will travel — this is a result of Newton's law of action and reaction



Christmas lunch this year will be on Wednesday 17th December 2025. We would love all of the children to join in and have a festive lunch. Crackers and lots of fun will be had. The staff serve the children on the day.

Make sure you book online and secure your child's lunch.



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The Hair Shack

Sensory Sessions
1st Sunday of
each month

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calm and relaxed
environment.

A comfortable and tailored experience in a relaxed and calm environment, with an understanding of each clients specific needs.

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FOSP Psychic evening



Knighting Sir Silas in Year One

