

# THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



## DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

11th Feb - Y5 Stargazing visit to Heart of England Forest

14th Feb - Celebration Assembly (By invitation only) and break up for Half Term  
Half Term Holiday

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6<sup>th</sup> Mar - World Book Day

7<sup>th</sup> Mar - Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)

~~7<sup>th</sup> Mar - Girl's Football Event~~ **cancelled**

12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Mar - Parent Consultations

15<sup>th</sup> Mar - Cross Country Race- selected children

## HOUSE POINTS

Arden -780

Hall -842

Shakespeare -820

Hathaway - 815



**Winners Hall**

## ATTENDANCE

**Our attendance so far is amazing.**

Whole School 97.2%

Reception =95.3 % Year One 98.3 %

Year Two =100% Year Three 94.5%

Year Four =97.5% Year Five =96%

Year Six =99.3%



**Y2, Y6 & Y1 get the dragons – everyone is above national average.**

**Thank you.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF MS PARTON

### School News and Updates

What an incredible community we have at Stratford Primary! Our wonderful parents and staff, along with FOSPs, have done it again—another fantastic Valentine's Disco!

KS1 hit the dance floor with some impressive moves, and it was heartwarming to see the children having such a great time. Meanwhile, KS2 brought the energy with an electric atmosphere—dancing, singing, and even a foam spray! What a fantastic way to spend a Friday night. A huge thank you to all the parents who supported this event!

Get Caught Reading is back! And wow, we've had some truly unexpected entries—someone even got caught reading in a swimming pool! Keep sending in your pictures; I'll print them off and put them on display. Not only can you earn Dojo points, but there's also a prize for the most unusual reading spot—so get creative!

Penny Wars are heating up! After much debate (and some very persuasive arguments from the children), I can confirm that pound coins add to the total—thanks to confirmation from FOSPs. This changes everything—Reception has now taken the lead! Nice try children, you almost had me fooled!

This week, we also saw the exciting launch of the Tiny Tuck Shop for Key Stage 2. The children have worked incredibly hard—researching, planning, marketing, and now successfully launching their shop. There's more about this in this newsletter, so be sure to check it out!

Finally, on behalf of the staff, I want to say a heartfelt thank you for your ongoing support, kindness, and understanding. It has been a challenging yet incredibly rewarding time for us all. We are looking forward to welcoming back our fantastic Head, Mrs. Humphriss, and the amazing Mrs. Dale after half term.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break, and we can't wait to see you back on February 25th!

Miss Parton

## SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

### Manipulative Marketing in Mobile Games - Better Internet for Kids

Children are increasingly becoming major components in the online games industry. Many games are deceptively pay to play, whilst claiming to be free. For most of these apps the download is free but most of the gameplay is locked. Free in the context of apps is a highly flexible term. Online gaming firms use the 'free' label to draw in players, whom when talking about minors may be attractive due solely to that quality.

Money making tactics such as these, can be hard to detect even for adults. Their use of bright colours, distracting music and other methods can be highly persuasive in gaining players. Better Internet for Kids has crafted a learning module designed to explore digital marketing tactics. You will learn why companies use these tactics and how they can impact your child and their rights.

You will also learn how you can support your child to spot and avoid these issues, as well as where you can seek help and support. If interested, please follow the link below: <https://better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/en/learning-corner/parents-and-caregivers/marketing-games>



## SEND NEWS

### New Resources for Parents and Families

At our recent PINS meetings, many of you requested more information on support groups and resources available for both parents and children. In response to this, WPCV (Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice) has created additional Padlets to help guide and support you.

We are pleased to share two new Padlets:

- **Support Groups for Parents:** A collection of local and national resources that can offer guidance, advice, and emotional support.  
[Click here to explore](#)
- **SEND Activities for Children:** A list of groups and activities designed to support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).  
[Click here to explore](#)
- **Neurodiversity Padlet:** If you haven't yet had the chance to include this important resource in your communications, we encourage you to do so. It offers valuable insights and support for families navigating neurodiversity.  
[Click here to explore](#)
- **Looking for half term activities:** <https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf/haf-parents/4>

## SCHOOL FUNDING

### Unlock Extra Support for Your Child – Apply for Pupil Premium Today

We're encouraging all families to check whether they qualify for **Pupil Premium** and other important benefits available through the **Free School Meals (FSM)** scheme. While children in **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2** automatically receive **universal infant free school meals**, you could be missing out on further support if your family meets the benefits-related criteria.

By applying for **benefits-related free school meals**, you could unlock a range of additional benefits for your child, including access to educational resources, extracurricular activities, and much more. Here's how:

Even if your child already receives universal free school meals in **Reception, Year 1, or Year 2**, it's worth applying for **Pupil Premium** as it provides additional support across the school year, including:

- **Enrichment Activities and Extracurriculars**

Pupil Premium funding can cover costs for:

- **School trips and visits**, including cultural experiences and residential trips.
- **After-school clubs** and extracurricular activities like sports, music, drama, and more.
- **Music lessons or instrument hire** for children who may not have access to these opportunities otherwise.

#### Why Apply?

If your child is in **Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6**, it's especially important to apply! **Pupil Premium thresholds change each year**, and your child may now be eligible. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain, as this additional support could have a lasting, positive impact on your child's learning and overall experience at school.

#### How to Apply

The good news is that applying for **benefits-related free school meals** is quick and easy! You can apply **online** at any time through the Parent Portal.

[Click here to apply for Free School Meals](#)

By applying, you not only help your child get the support they deserve, but you also help your school receive the funding it needs to provide extra resources to support all students.







## Tiny's Tuck Shop is Open for Business!

You may have seen the message on Class Dojo, but if you missed it—here it is again! We're so **excited** to announce the launch of **Stratford-upon-Avon Primary School's very own Healthy Tuck Shop!**

Our **amazing Year 6 Tuck Team** have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to set up this **sustainable** and **student-led** business, and we'd love your support!

🌟 **When?** Every **Wednesday and Friday** during morning break, starting **Wednesday 12th February**.

🌟 **Who?** Open to all **Years 3, 4, 5, and 6**.

🌟 **What's on offer?** A selection of **healthy, delicious snacks** priced between **60p and £1**.

Everything has been **taste-tested** by our Year 6 team and is **vegan, nut-free, and gluten-free**.

🌟 **Eco-Friendly!** All packaging will be collected and **recycled**, supporting our **School Council's waste-reduction initiative**.

A letter with more details will be sent home soon.

**Please support Tiny's Tuck Shop—Year 6 have put so much effort into this, and they can't wait to serve you!**





WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

## CAT World Book Day Competition 2025



# Book in a Box

This World Book Day, put your creativity to the test...

Can you turn your favourite book into an artistic scene in a cardboard box?

Compete against other primary schools for your chance to win an exciting goody bag, plus...

1st Place: £20 National Book Token Gift Card

2nd Place: £10 National Book Token Gift Card

3rd Place: £5 National Book Token Gift Card

Each school will also get a prize to award to an entry of their choice.

We can't wait to see your entries!  
Good luck!







## Family Support Worker Now Available at Stratford Primary School!

We are pleased to announce that a Family Support Worker from The Parenting Project will be based at Stratford Primary School every Thursday, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents who may need support or guidance on various aspects of family life.

If you're interested in accessing this valuable service, please book an appointment with **Aimee Webb** at [aimee.webb@parentingproject.org.uk](mailto:aimee.webb@parentingproject.org.uk).

For more information about the range of services offered by The Parenting Project, please visit their website: [The Parenting Project](https://www.parentingproject.org.uk).

### What support is available to parents and carers?

#### What can we help with?

- Wellbeing - loneliness, isolation, low mood
- Self-esteem and confidence
- Parenting
- Illness and disability
- Understanding and managing your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing
- School refusal
- Family relationships and dynamics
- Transitions and changes

#### We are developing groups to support those who are feeling isolated and alone, including:

- Baby massage
- Friendship groups
- Parenting support programmes
- Therapeutic arts and crafts

We hope this service will be a helpful resource for our school community, and we encourage you to reach out if you would like to learn more!



### The Penny Wars Are Ongoing - Reception Are Leading the Way!

The Penny Wars are still going strong, and we're excited to announce that **Reception** are currently in the lead! Keep those pennies coming, as every contribution helps support our school and adds to the fun of the competition.

Let's see if any other year groups can catch up to Reception! Keep up the great work, everyone!



**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
6 MARCH 2025

# READ YOUR WAY

## THIS WORLD BOOK DAY

### 6 MARCH 2025

**BEGINNING READERS**



Blucy's Little Book £1.50 (includes token)  
£1.50 (includes token) (ages 4-6)

A Buzzell on Chairlift £1.50 (includes token)  
£1.50 (includes token) (ages 4-6)

**EARLY READERS**



£1.50 (includes token)  
£1.50 (includes token)

Farm Escape! £1.50 (includes token)  
£1.50 (includes token)

Pokémon: The Epic Pocket Guide £1.50 (includes token)  
£1.50 (includes token)

**FLUENT READERS**



£1.50 (includes token)  
£1.50 (includes token)

Choose a World Book Day book for **FREE** with your £1/€1.50 book token.  
Books available in shops from **13 February** until **23 March 2025**.



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LET'S HAVE FUN!

# SCIENCE FAIR

Registration  
now closed!

Hand in Deadline: 12th March 2025

Presentation & voting: 15th March 2025

Prizes: 1st prize, 2nd prize, runner-up





**STRATFORD UPON AVON  
PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
TABLE TENNIS  
FUN DAY**

**FREE to enter**

**SAT 15 FEB 10AM -3PM**

**MEON VALE  
LEISURE CENTRE**

Table Tennis England

## Get Ready for the Primary Schools Funday Fiesta!

We're thrilled to announce that on Saturday, 15th February 2025, Stratford-upon-Avon Table Tennis Club, with amazing support from Table Tennis England, will be hosting an unforgettable Primary Schools Funday Fiesta at Meon Vale Leisure Centre from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM!

**This action-packed event will feature:**

- Coaching sessions to learn new skills
- Friendly competitions to spark some fun rivalries
- A FunZone inspired by the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Fanzone, including the famous Speed Gun Challenge!

It's the perfect opportunity for local primary school children to get active, make friends, and fall in love with the excitement of table tennis. Whether you're a future star or picking up a paddle for the first time, there's something for everyone!

Register your place at [stratforduponavonTTC@yahoo.com](mailto:stratforduponavonTTC@yahoo.com)

Save the date and stay tuned for more details. Let's make it a day to remember!

#StratfordTableTennis #TableTennisFiesta #InspiringYoungPlayers

#PingPongFun #CommunityEvent

**FREE to enter**

### ATTENDANCE LADDER

|                            |                           |                           |                                |                            |                                |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>100%</b><br>OUTSTANDING | <b>98%</b><br>IMPRESSIVE  | <b>96%</b><br>GOOD        | <b>93%</b><br>NEEDS TO IMPROVE | <b>90%</b><br>CONCERNS     | <b>80%</b><br>SERIOUS CONCERNS |
| 4 DAYS ABSENCE             | 6 DAYS ABSENCE            | 13 DAYS ABSENCE           | 19 DAYS ABSENCE                | 29 DAYS ABSENCE            |                                |
| 20 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST  | 30 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST | 65 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST | 95 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST      | 145 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST |                                |

**EVERY DAY COUNTS!**  
School and future success starts with good attendance!

Remember - your education is important - don't miss out!

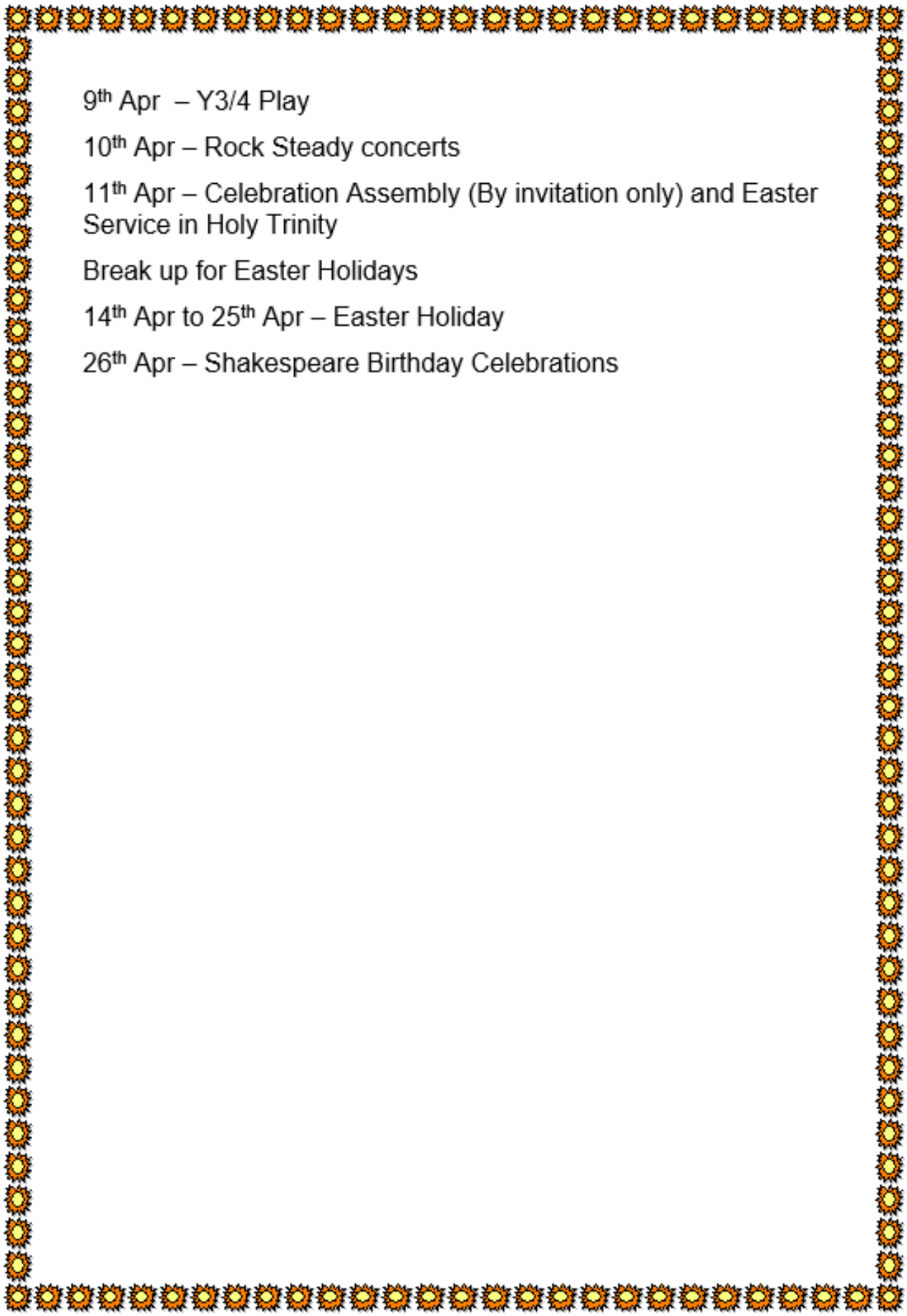


### Dates for Spring Term

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb- 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025



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- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar- Shakespeare workshop Y4
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Cross Country Race- selected children
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y3 Heart of England visit
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar- Shakespeare workshop Y4
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y4 Heart of England visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y6 Survival Day in the Paddock
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Celebration Assembly and possible FOSP event
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Table Tennis Championship
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – National Cross Country- selected children
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Shakespeare week
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Shakespeare trail
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Penny Challenge ends
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr and 4<sup>th</sup> Apr – Y4 York residential trip



9<sup>th</sup> Apr – Y3/4 Play

10<sup>th</sup> Apr – Rock Steady concerts

11<sup>th</sup> Apr – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only) and Easter Service in Holy Trinity

Break up for Easter Holidays

14<sup>th</sup> Apr to 25<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Holiday

26<sup>th</sup> Apr – Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations