



THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD

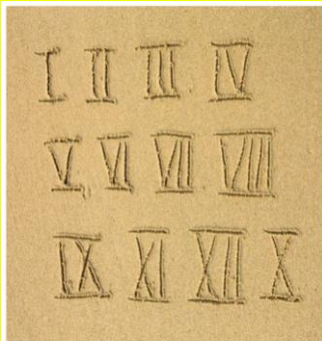


NOTES FROM THE DESK OF MRS SLATER



What an incredible week! The school has been buzzing with happy learners and visitors this week, with so many lovely comments about the high quality of learning and behaviour across the school. Year 4 have been away on a trip to the beautiful, historic city of York and we are all keen to hear about their adventures next week. Key Stage 2 were fortunate enough to experience a concert by the London Haydn String Quartet, a real inspiration for our budding musicians. As English Lead, I have dropped in to some excellent reading lessons this week, and have been so impressed with the progress of the children and expertise of our wonderful staff - keep up the good work everyone! I would also like to remind Key Stage Two that I review the class and individual leaderboards for Spelling Shed every week so please maintain your engagement on the app! Hopefully, we have seen the last of the dramatic weather for a while, wishing you all a happy, safe and rejuvenating weekend.

Dates for your diary



The form of record-keeping **was used** as a means for Romans to easily price different goods and services, and were widely used throughout the Roman Empire for everyday processes. After the fall of the Roman Empire, Roman numerals still continued to be used throughout Europe. This stopped, however, around the 1600s. Roman numerals are represented by seven different letters: I, V, X, L, C, D, and M.

*Roman numerals
were invented as a
means of trading.*

- 2nd February - Celebration Assembly, 1st Parent Forum and FOSP disco
- 5th February - Y5 Stargazing in the forest
- 7th February - Y5/6 Athletics competition at Stratford School
- 8th February - Y4/5 Online Safety workshop (play in a day)
- 9th February - Celebration assembly and pancake races (2pm)
- Break up for half term holidays - 12th to 16th February
- 19th February - Staff Training Day
- 20th February - Back to school
- 22nd February - Y4/5 Loudmouth production - online safety
- 23rd February - Celebration assembly and BBC C&W Star School recording
- 28th February - Parent consultations
- 29th February - Parent consultations
- 1st March - Celebration assembly

Spotlight on our staff



Ten questions with Mrs McDonald

1. What is your role at Stratford upon Avon Primary? *Teaching Assistant Year 2*
2. What made you want to work in a school? *My daughter, she was my inspiration to work in a school. She struggled in her first few years reading and Maths but with extra help from her class TA she is now flourishing and has gained huge confidence. I hope I can make a difference to a child.*
3. What are you most proud of. *My children*
4. What are your favourite things to do in your spare time? *Reading and exploring the countryside with my children*
5. Tell us your funniest joke! *Why did the cow cross the road? To get to the moovies – ha ha*
6. What was the last book you read? *Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros*
7. What advice would you give children today to help them prepare for the future? *It's ok to make mistakes. That's how we learn*
8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why? *The coronation of the late Queen. I'm a fan of the Royal family.*
9. Have you got a hidden talent? *Ice-skating. I've been fortunate to skate in some amazing places such as New York City.*
10. Have you got any top tips for parents? *Reading – 5 minutes in the evening will make a huge difference.*

IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY



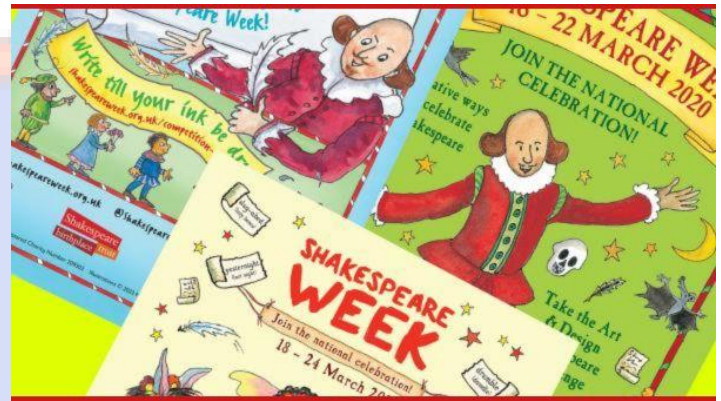
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Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk



To *Stratford Primary School*
 Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
 Together we raised *£45,000 - Stratford District*
Your school raised £321.23, Brilliant result, Well Done!



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

To celebrate ten years of Shakespeare Week we are inviting children to enter a competition to design the official Shakespeare Week 2024 poster. The winning poster will be printed and displayed in venues across the UK from schools to libraries as well as at the Shakespeare family homes in Stratford-upon-Avon. It's easy to enter and open to all primary school-aged children. We can't wait to see the children's responses!

The closing date for entries is **1st February 2024**. – extended.

Follow the link in the picture above to find out more.

ArtBase

February Half-Term Workshops
 12th-15th February 9am-3pm
 Bridgetown Primary School, Stratford upon Avon



Fun-filled art workshops for children aged 5-13 years
 Full details and bookings

www.art-base.co.uk




2024 YOU CAN SING COMPETITION

SOLO DUET: UNDER 12, UNDER 16, UNDER 25
ENSEMBLE/ CHOIR UNDER 18

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED UNDER 25

You Can Win
 Winner - All categories **£100**
 Group Category **£200**

Closing date	Live round	Final Concert
9th Feb	10th March	29th June

For Info / To Apply
www.bit.ly/SingComp




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Spring Workshops

WEEKEND SINGING AND SONGWRITING SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 6+ AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-23 IN WARWICK

SPRING DATES
Saturday 20th January 2pm to 5pm
Saturday 3rd February 2pm to 5pm
Sunday 10th March 2pm

CONCERT SUN 10th MARCH 4pm

APPLY HERE: www.bit.ly/WYCjoinus

Support and mentoring is available at our workshop sessions for those entering our You Can Sing Competition 2024

SPECIAL OFFER

For 2024 You Can Sing Competition Applicants
 - Join our 3rd Feb workshop for help with your application - only £5

In partnership with




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Warwickshire Libraries now have Social Stories and Floor Plans for each of their eighteen county council managed libraries.

What is a Social Story? The National Autistic Society have said:
 "Social Stories describe anything and everything in life with the aim of improving the child or adult's understanding by simply sharing social information. With improved social understanding, clarity and predictability is established and anxiety is diminished."

You can find Social Stories and Floor Plans for each library under the 'Accessibility and Inclusion' section on the directory record for each Warwickshire County Council library branch.

Find your local branch here:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/findalibrary>




The winter 2023/24 edition of Coventry and Warwickshire Rise and Shine newsletter is out now!

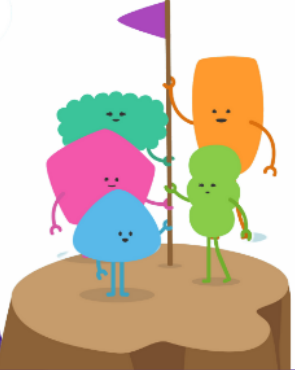
Hear about updates from CWPT's Eating Disorders Service, the Children and Young People Mental Health Crisis Care team, the Dimensions for Health and Wellbeing Tool, and much more!

Read the newsletter here
<https://cwrise.com/download.cfm?ver=10370>





stem4
PARENT MENTAL HEALTH DAY™



Parent Mental Health Day
27th of January 2024
Creating Positive Relationships this
#stem4PMHD

Stem4, a charity that supports young people to build positive mental health, is proud to be the UK founder of Parent Mental Health Day, which started in 2022.

The Cost of Living crisis, which so closely followed the pandemic, and increased concerns about digital harms, rising rates of mental ill health and the impact of stretched services have further increased parent and carer anxiety and, in some cases, helplessness and hopelessness.

Parent Mental Health Day 2024 is an opportunity for parents and carers to acknowledge and discuss their struggles and share in their achievements of connecting positively with each other and the whole family, and to learn ways to connect positively to maximise young people's mental health. Visit the link below:

<https://stem4.org.uk/parentmentalhealthday/>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?

To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189




Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,199
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm






Stratford upon Avon Give & Take

Save money - Reduce waste - Declutter your space

How it works

Bring along your unwanted, good quality items for the month's theme
Browse items from other 'givers' and take what you like
Any items left over will be given to charity



Dates for 2024

Usually the first Saturday of the month at Stratford Methodist Church
with the Repair Cafe - 10am-2pm (may be subject to change)

January (20th) - Unwanted gifts

February - No Give and Take

March - Clothes and accessories

April - No Give and Take

May - Plants, pots and seeds

June - Homewares

July - Books and magazines

August - Clothes and accessories

September - Arts and crafts

October - Books and magazines

November - Toys and Games

December - Christmas decorations



More information

No money is exchanged - all items are given and taken freely

No need to give an item to take one

Only clean and usable items are accepted

No electrical items are accepted

Optional donation to charity - this year we will be supporting

Net Zero Stratford upon Avon

Keep updated on events and also find items all the time on Facebook

- search 'Give and Take Stratford Upon Avon'



Attendance, Houses & More



Pupil news

Some of our children were interviewed by the safeguarding lead for our multi-academy trust. There was representation from each year group.

The children were fabulous. They confidently discussed using network of 5, how to resolve conflicts in school. They identified trusted adults and 100% felt safe and happy in school. They knew what to do to keep safe online and referred to their Personal, Social and Health lessons to support them.



- Arden = 1469
- Hathaway = 1136
- Hall = 1330
- Shakespeare = 1334
- This week's winners = Arden

This week's winners are: Year 3 with 99.6%

Rest of school

- Reception = 97%
- Year One = 97.1%
- Year Two = 98.3%
- Year Four = 96%
- Year Five = 95.7%
- Year Six = 98%

Whole school attendance for this week is: 96.9%



Desmond got in on the act too and joined Year 5 in their PE lesson and learnt how to do a forward roll.



George learning stretches and balances in Year 3 PE.



PIC-COLLAGE

FOSP - Friends of Stratford Primary News



VALENTINES DISCO



Friday 2nd
February 2024

KS1 17.30-18.30
KS2 19.00-20.00

Look out for booking forms
in book bags
£5 per child to include a valentines gift!



YEAR Five - demonstrating balancing skills and learning about planets

