

THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



Our monthly round up



Welcome to our new look newsletter. We aim at the end of each month to give you quick round up of things happening in and around school. We know that you have lots of information on class dojo and so our newsletter is a chance to bring everything together in celebration and also share any information we think might be of interest.

It has been a great start to a new academic year and there is much to celebrate. We received our fabulous Ofsted report and for me personally the validation knowing I am leaving Stratford Primary in a strong position makes me sing!

We have welcomed our new Reception children and their families; they have settled so well and it is a delight to get to know them all. We have also welcomed new members of staff to our family; Mr Argyle, Y5 teacher, Mrs Vandenberg, PPA teacher and Mrs Prankard, teaching assistant. They have already strengthened our team and we wish them well in our school.

Visits have taken place, we have welcomed you to 'Meet the Teacher' events, held democratic elections for our House Captains, held our FOSP AGM and welcome a new committee and staff continue with their professional development opportunities.

In this newsletter, we share photos from things going on around school, community events and you get the opportunity to meet different people. Please enjoy it and if you would like to contribute to October's round up then just email the office.

'By all these lovely tokens, September days are here, with Summer's best of weather and Autumn's best of cheer' Helen Hunt Jackson

Enjoy the next month, life has so much to look forward to.

Mrs Humphriss

Head Teacher





Meet our new House Captains and Vice Captains



House Captain - Fred
Vice Captain - Florence



House Captain - Isaac
Vice Captain - Imogen



House Captain - Katie
Vice Captain - Karla



House Captain - Annabelle
Vice Captain - Freddie



Is your child due to start secondary school in September 2027? Then it is time to apply for their place. Go to Warwickshire County Council's website for lots of resources to support you in making the right decision.

Applications must be submitted by 31st October 2026.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/secondaryplace>



Have you heard about Autism Central?

Autism Central is a free, NHS-funded service for families and support networks of autistic people of all ages across England. Developed and delivered by people with lived experience of autism, it provides practical information, peer support and opportunities to connect with others.

Families and supporters can:

- Book free one-to-one coaching with a peer guide for practical guidance and signposting
- Join online group learning events, meet-ups and reflective sessions
- Access useful resources, blogs, podcasts and animations
- Sign up for the monthly newsletter
- Learn and connect with others who understand the experiences families may be navigating

<https://www.autismcentral.nhs.uk/>

Children & Family Support Service

Supporting Young People Through Bereavement & Loss
We provide free, specialist emotional support for young people aged 5-18 experiencing bereavement or anticipatory loss who live or attend school in South Warwickshire.

What We Offer
We help young people and their families understand and manage their grief through:

- 1:1 support in school or at the hospice
- Group and peer support
- Creative, trauma-informed support tailored to each child
- Holding Families Together: Supporting children, young people and their parents/carers following a sudden or unexpected loss with support from our Adult Counselling Service

Support for Schools

- Guidance for staff supporting bereaved pupils
- Training for education professionals
- Resources & signposting
- Consultation for SENCOs and pastoral teams

How to Refer
Schools, parents/carers, and professionals can refer
Scan the QR code or visit our website
We'll contact the family to discuss next steps
Parental consent required for under-16s.

Contact Us!

Contact Us
☎ 01789 266852 ✉ Tsh.referrals@nhs.net 🌐 www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk





*Wearing
purple for
peace*



**Bell-boating in Year 5
on The River Avon**



*Competing in
CAT
athletics*



**Learning to dissect
hearts in Y6 Science**

**Year 3 visit
Stonehenge
to learn about
Neolithic
times**





CELEBRATION TIME



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Ursted
raising standards
improving lives

Stratford-Upon-Avon Primary School

Address: Broad Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6HN

Unique reference number (URN): 142581

Inspection report: 7 July 2026

Exceptional

Strong standard



Expected standard



Needs attention

Urgent improvement

✓ Safeguarding standards met









STRATFORD-UPON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2026/2027

SCHOOL STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SSC)

Chair of Governors



Rachel Dallimore
Community Governor

Co-Vice Chairs of Governors



Janet Palmer
Community Governor &
Inclusion Link Governor



Rebecca Stone
Parent Governor

Community Governors



Jacqui O'Hanlon
Community Governor



Karen Kennedy
Community Governor &
Safeguarding Link Governor



Kate Llewellyn
Community Governor &
Safeguarding Link Governor



Kim Van Vuuran
Community Governor



Anna Renton-Green
Community Governor

Staff Governor



Heather Chapleo
Staff Governor

Clerk to Governors

Sue Vincent
(Warwickshire County Council)

Parent Governor Vacancy



Vacant
Position!

Parent Governor

Look out for separate
recruitment details
coming soon.



Governors are committed to supporting the school, offering approachable and constructive challenge that drives improvement while prioritising staff wellbeing. As the school's governing body, we ensure high-quality education through clear strategic priorities, monitoring of performance, accountability, and acting as a critical friend to senior leaders so every child benefits from the best possible opportunities.



More details can be found on the school website via:

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School Standards Committee (Governors)

Mrs Humphriss sits in attendance on the governing body and keeps the SSC up to date with school priorities and improvements.

Come and join our team!

We have opportunities across our school



Caretaker



Teaching Assistants



Lunchtime Supervisors



Cleaner

Explore roles and apply on **MyNewTerm**

Stratford-upon-Avon Primary School

Do you know our Senior Leadership Team?



Mrs Gill Humphriss
Head Teacher and Lead DSL



Mrs Tracey Parton
Assistant Head, SENDCo and Deputy DSL



Ms Heather Chapleo
English Lead



Mrs Claire Nailor
Maths Lead and Deputy DSL



Mrs Lisa Chisholm
School Business Manager and Deputy DSL

ArtBase

HALF-TERM WORKSHOPS









Monday 26th - Thursday 29th October
Bridgetown Primary School

art-base.co.uk

FIT 4 KIDS

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

AGES 4-11

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER

9AM - 4PM
OPTION OF 9AM EARLY BOOKING

SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

FULL WEEK BOOKING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

LOCATIONS:

WELLSBOROUGH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	HARBURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
TUDOR GRANGE PRIMARY ACADEMY MEON VALE	TUDOR GRANGE PRIMARY ACADEMY HASLEIGH
NEW CHASE MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE	NEW KNIGHTLOW C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



CROWNE PLAZA
— BY IHG —
Stratford-upon-Avon

Adults - £35
Children - £15
Under 2's FREE

SCAN TO BOOK

Afternoon Tea with Santa
Sunday 20th December from 1pm

Join us for 'Candy Canes and Christmas Tales', a magical afternoon the whole family will love! Enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea, visit Santa's Grotto, settle in for enchanting Christmas tales with Santa, and let little ones get creative with festive craft activities. It's a truly magical way to make special Christmas memories together as a family.

Bridge Foot, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6YR

Safeguarding : Everyone's Responsibility

Understanding AI: A Simple Guide for Parents (Artificial Intelligence)

You will see in our newsletter examples of where AI is being used. I like to think in my head I look as young as AI has imagined! AI has a place in society but like all technology we need to use it carefully. Here is a simple guide to help you and your child navigate the world of AI.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is technology that allows computers to “think” and make decisions a bit like humans. It powers everyday tools children may already use—like voice assistants, chatbots, or apps that recommend videos and games.

What Parents Need to Know

- Children may not spot risks: AI can sometimes give wrong or inappropriate answers, even if it sounds confident.
- Privacy matters: Some AI tools collect information children share, so it's important to supervise use.
- AI can pretend to be human: Chatbots may sound friendly or persuasive, but they don't have feelings or judgement.
- Learning impact: AI can help with homework, but children still need to think for themselves and not rely on it fully.
- Bias and fairness: AI learns from data online, which means it can reflect stereotypes or unfair ideas.

Your Role as Parents

- Talk to your child about what AI is and how it works.
- Encourage them to ask questions if something feels odd or confusing.
- Guide them to use AI tools safely, just as you would with the internet or social media.

Trusted Resources for More Information

NSPCC - AI Safety Tips For Parents <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

Safe AI for Children - Quick Guide for Parents <https://www.safeaiforchildren.org/ai-risks-to-children-guide-for-parents/>

UNICEF - Generative AI: Risks and Opportunities for Children <https://www.unicef.org/innocenti/generative-ai-risks-and-opportunities-children>



Meet our new staff



I have been a teacher for over a decade, having owned my own retail business and worked as a project manager and business analyst in the insurance industry beforehand.

The switch to teaching was the best decision I ever made. I enjoy teaching all subjects, but am especially fond of English, R.E. and Science. I love a good debate and encourage children to question and investigate the world around them.

I am an avid reader, supporter of Scotland rugby and have far too many toy soldiers and board games cluttering up my house - much to the chagrin of my wife, but not-so-much my two children.

I am so happy to be joining Stratford Primary and its wonderful wider community - many of whom Year 5 and I have already greeted whilst on our boating trip down the Avon.



My name is Mrs Vandenberg and this is my 26th year in teaching. I trained in inner city London and then started out teaching in Kent. Since moving to Warwickshire in 2006 I have taught in Birmingham, Coventry and Warwickshire. I am very excited to join the wonderful team here at Stratford Primary and to get to know all of the children. My passions are history and poetry and I am really looking forward to working with the children to achieve the Warwickshire Road Safety Award this year.



Hello, my name is Mrs Magda Prankard. I have joined Stratford Primary as a Teaching Assistant this September.

I am married with two children. In my free time, I love reading, riding a bike, exploring the countryside and visiting different museums. I am also interested in Psychology, History and Politics.

I am incredibly thrilled to be working with your children where I can support the teachers in delivering engaging learning experiences.

I really look forward to an amazing year ahead filled with growth, discovery and fun!

A final message:

All of us here at Stratford Upon Avon Primary School want to say a huge thank you to Breda, one of our school cleaners. She has kept our school clean and cared about our school environment for 4 years. She has always been a part of our team and we have loved having her as part of it. Breda has taken early retirement and is looking forward to having more time to do the things she loves. She has said she would love to come back and listen to readers and we hope she does this. Thank you Breda and good luck. You have been amazing.

