

# THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



## DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER



### Dates for Spring Term 6<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025



- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Staff Training Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school/FOSP Penny Challenge begins
- 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5/6 Bikeability starts
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – R/Y1 – Cala Homes Stay Safe visitor
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Cross country Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jan – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – PINs 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5/6 Athletics Stratford School
- 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only) and FOSP Valentine's Disco
- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5 Stargazing visit to Heart of England Forest
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only) and Break up for Half Term
- Half Term**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Half Term Holiday
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Staff Training day – School closed to children
- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children return to school
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Netball Y5
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Pancake Races in the Paddock
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Archery Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6- selected children

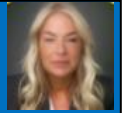
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Girl's football event
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – Cross Country Race- selected children
- 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parent consultations
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year Survival Day in the Paddock
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y3 Heart of England visit
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y4 Heart of England visit
- 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
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y3/4 Play
- 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
- 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

### Reminder: Lunch Bookings and Payments

We kindly request that all school meals are booked in advance for the week via ParentPay. If you forget to book, please email [admin2042@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2042@welearn365.com) by 9:30 am on the day.

Additionally, we would appreciate it if you could ensure that any outstanding payments on your account are cleared at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF MS PARTON



Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday, filled with special moments with family and friends. It was wonderful to see so many of you, along with the children, last week as we began the new term. The smiles, energy, and positivity everyone brought with them have been truly uplifting and have set a cheerful tone for the months ahead.

Clubs begin this week, and information was sent out last week. Please note that Drama Club will start on the 20th, provided we reach the minimum required participation of 10 pupils.

We're pleased to share that Bikeability starts this week! This fantastic program equips children with essential cycling skills and safety awareness. Please ensure your child brings their bike and helmet on their scheduled days, and feel free to reach out to the school office if you have any questions.

We're also excited to announce the start of FOSP's Penny Wars! This fun and friendly competition is a wonderful way to bring the school community together while raising funds for important projects. We encourage all families to bring in any spare change you might have—every coin counts, and it's all for a great cause!

A gentle reminder to please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled to help us return any misplaced items quickly. If your child has outgrown their uniform over the holidays, FOSP have plenty of high-quality second-hand uniforms available in the reception area for a small donation. It's a great way to save money and support our school community!

As we step into this spring term, we'd like to kindly remind parents to avoid parking on the yellow zigzags outside the school gates and not park in front of resident's driveways and garages. These areas are designated to ensure the safety of our children and keeping them clear is essential. Your cooperation in this matter helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 837

Hall – 694

Shakespeare – 614

Hathaway – 855



**Winners Hathaway**

## ATTENDANCE

**George, Desmond and Mildred have enjoyed their days in the classrooms.**

**Our attendance so far is amazing.**



**Whole School =97.94%**

Reception = 100% Year One =97.50 %

Year Two =98.33% Year Three =100%

Year Four = 98.44% Year Five =94.17 %

Year Six =96.98%

**YR, Y3 & Y4 get the dragons – everyone is above national average. Thank you.**

## SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

### Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th February 2025

Safer Internet Day is coming up fast. Although it shouldn't be the only time in the year when we look at online safety, it does provide a national focus and an opportunity for parents to discuss with their children the challenges that they can face.

The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. Question's to consider include:

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- What changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

You can find more information and resources about Safer Internet Day here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

## SEND NEWS

### Free SEND Courses for Parents

We're excited to share an incredible opportunity for parents to access **free online courses** through **The AIM Group**. These courses are designed to provide you with nationally recognised Level 1, 2, and 3 qualifications, helping you build valuable skills and knowledge to support your children and your personal growth.

The AIM Group's mission is to promote lifelong learning and adaptability, equipping you with the tools needed to thrive in an ever-changing world. Through government funding, these courses are completely free of charge, making them an excellent resource for parents interested in gaining qualifications related to **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**.

Places are limited, so don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

Please follow the link below for more information and to sign up for the free SEND courses:

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/courses/free>

## 2025 RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE!

### Parents have less than a week to apply for their child's 2025 Reception or Junior School place!



Parents and carers who have children who are due to start in Reception or move to a Junior School in September 2025 have only till Wednesday 15 January to apply for their school place.

Applications need to be made promptly.

This deadline of **15 January** applies to children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, who must submit their application for a place in a Reception class in September 2025. The same deadline also applies to children who are currently in Year 2 at an infant school, who want to move to a junior school. This transfer does not happen automatically, even between schools with the same name.

Applications should be made online at: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace). All parents and carers who apply by the deadline will receive their child's school offer on National Offer Day, 16 April 2025.

To access further advice and support, watch the guidance video or to submit an application, visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace>.





# FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS CAMP



**MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025**  
9:00AM-16:00PM - Early booking available from 8:00am

## WHATS ON?

Head to our website for more information

- MARVEL MULTI SPORTS**
- SUPERMAN SMOOTHIE BIKES**
- DARK KNIGHT DODGEBALL**
- SUPERHERO MOVIE DAY (FANCY DRESS)**
- THOR TEAM CHALLENGE**





## WHERE?

WELLESBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL, **WELLESBOURNE**  
 WESTGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL, **WARWICK**  
 ST JOSEPHS PRIMARY SCHOOL, **WHITNASH**  
 ST JOHNS PRIMARY SCHOOL, **KENILWORTH**  
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 HARBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL, **LEAMINGTON SPA**

**£18**  
 PER DAY  
 Sibling & Full week discounts available

AGE  
**4-11**  
 YEARS



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Ofsted  
 Registered



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# BRICKES 2

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 12 noon - 3.00pm



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL  
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Lots and lots of LEGO® sets on display!

Raising funds for charity!

'Live' build of 6,500 piece LEGO® City display

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Kids build area!

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Tickets - £3.50/person & £12/family (max. 2 adults) via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/kes](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kes) or pay by card on day

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**DONATE HERE  
MOST NEEDED  
THIS MONTH**

- Rice
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- UHT fruit juice
- Instant mash potato
- UHT milk
- Tinned chicken meals
- Tinned pies
- Pasta sauce
- Instant soup

**THANK YOU**



# **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.

 Wed 19th  
MARCH 7pm-8pm



Speaker

**KAT HOWARD**

Head of Education & Wellbeing (UK)  
Smoothwall



Register for the Zoom link and parent flyer here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/x2JJKwLx8y>

Kat has been working in and with schools for over 20 years to develop their understanding of online safety. She is passionate about the importance of online safety in schools and the wider community.

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



## Warwickshire's safety suggestions

With the changeable weather we are having, please visit the Living Well website for suggestions on how to stay safe, healthy, and happy during the winter months. The website has advice and support on how to keep warm and stay active, why connecting with family and friends is so important for wellbeing, and financial support on how to manage increased household costs.

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

## Energy bill support available this winter

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme is distributing funding from the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund to support people who may be struggling with energy bills this winter.

The Household Support Fund can provide short-term financial assistance in the form of a one-off voucher payment to meet an immediate need and help those who are finding it hard to manage the cost of their energy bills.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5860/energy-bill-support-available-this-winter>

## Support with energy costs

The Home Energy Advice Team (HEAT) are committed to supporting households like yours across the UK. Their expert mentors offer personalised, free advice and practical solutions to help you take control of your home energy costs and reduce financial stress. HEAT mentors can help you:

- Manage and control your energy usage
- Read your meters accurately
- Switch energy suppliers and tariffs
- Apply for financial support
- Access hardship funding
- Get assistance with any energy-related issue

<https://www.heat-thewisegroup.co.uk/>