

THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

4th Mar - Archery Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6- selected children

6th Mar - World Book Day

7th Mar - Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)

7th Mar - Girl's Football Event

8th Mar - Cross Country Race- selected children

11th Mar- Y4/5 Shakespeare drama rehearsals

12th and 13th Mar - Parent consultations

13th Mar- Shakespeare workshop Y4

13th Mar- Y1/5 DT competition

14th Mar - Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)

15th Mar - Cross Country Race- selected children

17th Mar - Y3 Heart of England visit

17th Mar- Shakespeare workshop Y4

18th Mar- Shakespeare workshop Y6

HOUSE POINTS

Arden –1230

Hall –1193

Shakespeare –829

Hathaway –1412



Winners Hathaway

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance so far is amazing.

Whole School 97.89%

Reception =97.5 % Year One =95.42%

Year Two =100% Year Three = 99.22 %

Year Four =98.44% Year Five =97.50%

Year Six =96.98%

Y2, Y3 & Y4 get the dragons!



MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF MS PARTON

School News and Updates

What a fantastic first week back! The children have settled in wonderfully, and we were delighted to welcome back Mrs Humphriss, who was thrilled to be back in school and working with the children again.

This term's clubs are now open for booking, including Drama, Warwickshire Music, Art Base, and Coding. These clubs fill up quickly, so be sure to secure a spot soon!

Our Story in a Box competition is closing soon, and we've already received some wonderful entries. If you haven't sent yours in yet, there's still time! The deadline is 19th March, with winners announced after the draw. CAT prizes and a school prize are up for grabs!

The Science Fair has generated lots of interest, and we've already had some fantastic submissions. Just a reminder that all entries must be in by 12th March to ensure they meet the guidelines. We're excited to have some special guest judges lined up to review all the brilliant work!

The Get Caught Reading challenge continues, and we love seeing all the creative places children are enjoying their books! Keep the photos coming—just send them via Class Dojo, and we'll print them off.

Aimee, our Family Support Worker, is available in school every Thursday. For a range of support services, check out the Parenting Project webpage. Please book directly with her aimee.webb@parentingproject.org.uk.

We've also had lots of interest in the Bike Bus—please see details later in the newsletter if you'd like to get involved!

Finally, Tiny's Tuck Shop for KS2 is proving a big hit! It's wonderful to see children using their maths skills in a real-world setting while enjoying the shop.

Thanks for a great start to the term—let's keep up the momentum!

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY



Warwickshire
Safeguarding

Financial and material abuse

What is financial and material abuse?

The Care Act 2014 states that financial and material abuse includes theft, fraud, internet scamming, coercion in relation to an adult's financial affairs or arrangements, including in connection with wills, property, inheritance or financial transactions, and the misuse or misappropriation of property, possessions or benefits. Financial and material abuse can happen to people anywhere and at any time. It can happen in a person's home, day care, hospital, college or in a public place, it is never acceptable no matter how minor it may seem.

Where can I find further information?

Please visit the following websites for further information: [Victim Support](#); [WCC Trading Standards consumer advice](#); [Citizens Advice - contact a customer advisor or report fraud](#); [Action Fraud](#); [Thinkuknow](#) and [Refuge](#)

What to do if financial or material abuse takes place

Financial and material abuse is a crime. Anyone can report a crime or suspected crime to Warwickshire police. In an emergency situation, call the police immediately on 999. To raise a safeguarding concern regarding an adult with care and support needs, you can phone Social Care and Support on: **01926 412080**

Power of attorney obtained when the adult lacks the capacity to make this decision; recent changes of deeds/title of house or will; recent acquaintances expressing sudden or disproportionate interest in the adult and their money; service user not in control of their direct payment or individualised budget; mis-selling/selling by door-to-door traders/cold calling; illegal money-lending, financial and doorstep scams. For further information on financial and material abuse visit [Warwickshire Safeguarding website](#).

What are the possible indicators of financial and material abuse?

Lack of heating, clothing or food; inability to pay bills/unexplained shortage of money; lack of money, especially after benefit day; inadequately explained withdrawals from accounts; unexplained loss/misplacement of financial documents; the recent addition of authorised signatories on an adult's accounts or cards, disparity between assets/income and living conditions.

What does research tell us?

Older people, particularly people with dementia, are among those at greatest risk of financial abuse. A study into the abuse of older people in the UK (O'Keeffe et al. 2007) found that financial abuse is the second most prevalent type of mistreatment. The Social Care Institute for Excellence also suggested that 17% of the public knew a vulnerable adult who had been a victim of financial crime.

Evidence shows that the risk increases with age, meaning that older people are more at risk than younger ones. At greatest risk are those with dementia, those in poor health and those suffering from clinical depression. Social risk factors include low levels of social support and needing help with activities of daily living such as bathing, feeding, or showering, managing money, shopping and housework. Other social risk factors include having family problems and being dependent on the abuser.

Minute briefing

SEND NEWS

Kidz to Adultz Middle

The Kidz to Adultz exhibitions bring children and young adults with disabilities and additional needs together with specialist exhibitors to find the best solutions for every situation.

Here's what you can expect:

- Explore the latest equipment, technology, and innovations showcased by over 100 expert exhibitors.
- Free CPD seminars.
- Discover the latest adaptive gaming and assistive technology.
- Connect with other parents, caregivers and professionals who are dealing with similar challenges.
- Enjoy exciting, interactive features and activities, filled with laughter and fun for the whole family!

The event is taking place on Thursday 13 March, 9.30am - 4pm at Coventry Building Society Arena.

Book your place here: https://www.kidzexhibitions.co.uk/kidz-to-adultz-middle-sm/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlhTeZleHRuA2FlbQlXMAABHbHgGpEuPEX-ewFmUKbqD-3UbiK4BW-xuY0029RxDjGLRusokoKgO2TW0w_aem_eIbMHPH4XlSqExh3yplvzq

SCHOOL

Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name their new county fleet cycles. Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training delivered by our cycle training providers. By providing fleet cycles they are aiming to remove barriers to children gaining the skills they need to become the safe cyclists of the future. By naming the cycles they hope to make them engaging for the users, and make it easy for children and their team to identify the different cycles.

- The competition is open to everyone.
- The closing date for entries is 31st March 2025.
- You can suggest a name for one of our cycles per entry.
- All names will be considered by the Road Safety Officers and cycle instructors.

They will share the new names for the 20 cycles once they have been chosen and let the winners know that they are using their name. They will provide a small, age appropriate prize for the winning names. Winners who are under 18 will be contacted via their school or college. Winners over 18 will be contacted via email.

This is the link to the entry form - <https://forms.office.com/e/PHUzdVsqPi>

Competition
TO NAME OUR FLEET CYCLES

WCC Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name our new fleet cycles.

Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training.

Closing date 31st March 2025.

For information click the QR code

WARWICKSHIRE SAFE & ACTIVE TRAVEL

For information click the QR code



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!





“don’t forget”

**Stratford
Youth
Theatre**

**Drama Clubs are on
MONDAY EVENINGS
IN STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**




WorkWell

*Together with partners to support
Coventry and Warwickshire
to succeed and stay in work*

WorkWell employment support

Coventry and Warwickshire WorkWell is a new initiative set to support individuals with mental health or health-related barriers to find or stay in employment.

Workwell can support anyone with a mental health or health-related work barrier to:

- Return to or remain at work
- Find and access work
- Refer into and connect with various services in the area.

Link to website: <https://skillshub.warwickshire.gov.uk/workwell>

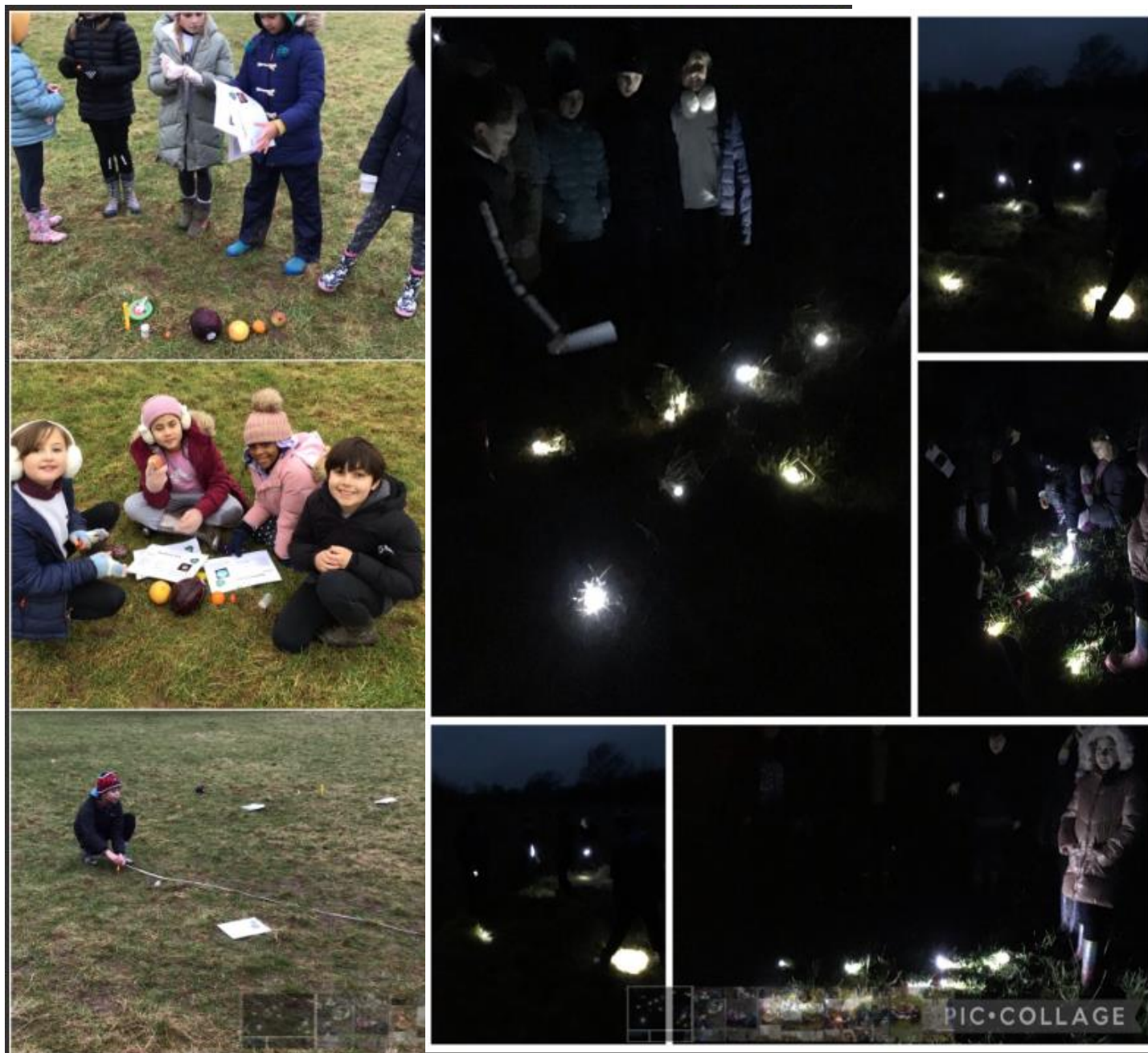
Year 4 and 5



The children have been working hard to create a beautiful banner that will play a key role in Shakespeare's birthday celebrations, serving as the backdrop for a special performance outside the theatre. A group of children who contributed to the banner will have the exciting opportunity to bring a scene from one of Shakespeare's plays to life under the guidance of a professional director. They will take part in two workshops at school in March to prepare, followed by a rehearsal at the theatre in April alongside other participating schools.

On Saturday, April 26th, the children will proudly carry their banner in the parade before enjoying lunch at the theatre. In the afternoon, they will take to the stage to perform their scene, with each school representing one of the four seasons through a Shakespearean play. We look forward to celebrating their creativity and hard work at this wonderful event!

Year 5



Year Five had an unforgettable experience exploring the wonders of space during their visit to the Heart of England Forest. Using fruit to represent the planets, they were able to visualise the vast differences in size across the solar system in a fun and interactive way. This hands-on activity brought their learning to life, making complex space concepts both accessible and exciting.

As the evening set in, the children toasted marshmallows before heading off for a magical night of stargazing. Under the darkened sky, they searched for planets, linking their daytime learning to real celestial wonders. It was a truly inspiring experience, sparking curiosity and wonder about the universe.

Join the Stratford Primary Bicycle Bus!

Simon Storey, the Bicycle Mayor for Warwick District and a passionate advocate for cycling, is launching the **Stratford Primary Bicycle Bus** - a free, community-led initiative to help families cycle safely to school.

The Bicycle Bus, which Simon first established in 2020, has already inspired similar initiatives across the UK. It offers a safe, fun, and environmentally friendly way for children to travel to school while improving their physical and mental well-being. Regular cycling helps children meet the government's recommended daily exercise, boosts their mood and focus, reduces pollution around schools, and eases congestion caused by drop-offs.

The Bicycle Bus runs **once a week**, with children and parents riding together in a controlled and enjoyable environment. All you need is a road-safe bike, a helmet, and enthusiasm to get involved!

If you're interested in joining, please attend the meeting on **Wednesday 19th at 6pm** to find out more.

You can access the meeting via this link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTFjNTg1YjktY2MxMy00ZTZiLWJlMmUtN2Y5MDE1NDIyMmQ4%40thead.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%224c1511fa-bab9-437a-a19d-a9e53f29fdb0%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%223db1eb12-266f-44f7-ad7b-c43f3df1aa71%22%7d

Let's make a positive change together!



International Women's Day 2025



Saturday 8th March
1pm-3pm

Lillington Youth Centre, Mason
Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 7QE

An event for young girls aged 11-18, run by qualified
DBS-checked female youth workers from WCC.



tys@warwickshire.gov.uk



If you would like to attend this
event, please sign up via the QR
code

