



THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

Thursday 5th March – WORLD BOOK DAY – dress as favourite book character, Y5 (selected children) Book quiz Stratford School, Archery (selected children)

Friday 6th March – Celebration (invite only)

Monday 9th March – Start of Science Week, Book Fair opens 3.45pm

Thursday 12th March - Y6 Survival Day, Last day for book fair

Friday 13th March - Science Fair

Monday 16th March – Y3 Heart of England Visit

Tuesday 17th March – Y4 Heart of England Visit

Friday 20th March – FOSP Bouncy Castle Sponsored Event

Wednesday 25th March – Parent Consultations

Thursday 26th March – Shakespeare Out & About Day /Parent Consultations

HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 276

Hall – 346

Shakespeare – 297

Hathaway – 290

Winners – Hall



ATTENDANCE

Attendance from 23rd to 27th February

Our attendance is above national 😊

Whole School = 97.6% ↑

Reception = 100% **WOW** Year One = 95.4% ↓

Year Two = 98.3% ↑ Year Three = 97.7% ↓

Year Four = 98% ↓ Year Five = 96.6% ↓

Year Six = 97.7% ↑

The dragons go to YR, Y2 and Y4

The arrows indicate if the attendance is up or down from previous week.



SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

How to help a child who feels lonely

It's not unusual for children to experience loneliness, and there are many reasons why they might feel this way. There are things you can do to help, from talking things through to making a plan together.

First of all if you think your child is feeling lonely it's best to try and talk to them first. Ask them how they are feeling and try to understand them. If you are not sure where to start you can find advice on having difficult conversations with children on the NSPCC website - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Some things you can do - encourage socializing, find clubs or groups to join. Build their confidence, praise them when you see them putting in an effort or trying hard at something. Spend regular, quality time with your child.

Our vision and curriculum in action

To create a happy place, where children and adults learn and flourish in a creative, rewarding atmosphere and are given as many opportunities & experiences to increase their life chances and careers.



Reception: Fairy Tale Day, practising reading and writing, watercolours and engineering



Thank you to Maven's Mummy for teaching the children all about the Purim festival and how to make Hamantaschen biscuits. The children had a fabulous day

Religious Education

Islam - demonstrating how Muslims believe how their faith only works if they use all five pillars.



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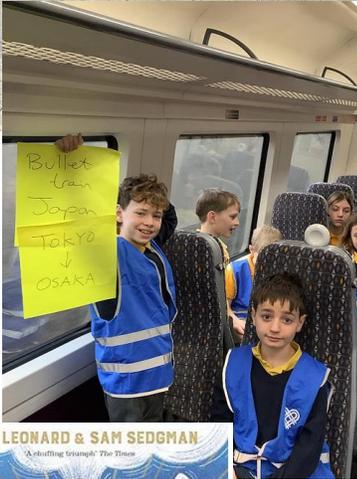
Year 3 have been developing their RE knowledge and also exploring the forest school. In art they are developing printing skills.



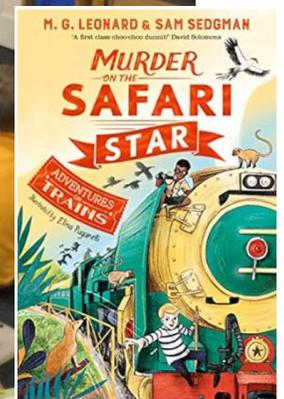
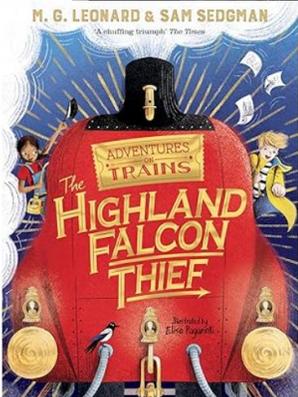


Year 3 and 4 blew us away with their amazing Shakespeare Rocks performance. Such talent in singing, comic timing and characterization. Well done.





A huge thank you to Stratford Literary festival, Chiltern Railways and Sam Sedgeman for an excellent Y5 author trip on a train and then Sam delivered an entertaining workshop to Y5/6 back at school. Sam read his stories on the train and showed the children how to create book characters and plots.





Year 6 have been using their senses in PE to negotiate obstacles and understand what it is like to lose your sight. They have learnt the importance of clear instructions and kindness when guiding.



TINY'S TUCK SHOP open for business. Year 6 are learning business skills and entrepreneurial skills. Healthy snacks available every Friday.

DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME #3

What you need:

- a microwave
- a bar of quality soap

with Marvin

Bonjour! Today we are going to create soap art.

Put the soap on a dish in the microwave.

Heat it on full power for about 1 min.

WARNING: The soap may smell strongly so don't do this before heating food!

What happened?

Tiny pockets of gas in the soap get hot and expand in all directions, pushing the soap into strange and artistic shapes.

Vic Le Billon

The End

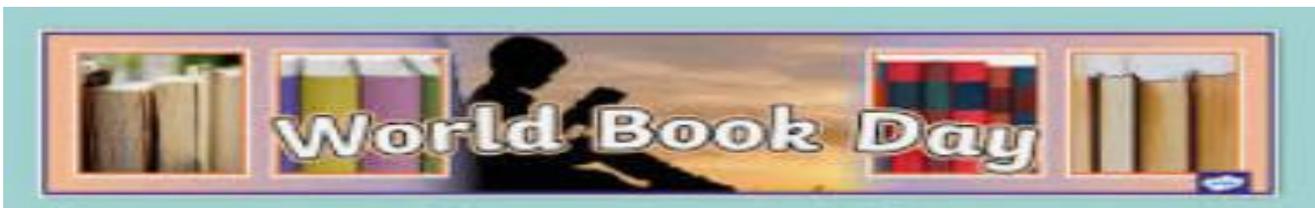
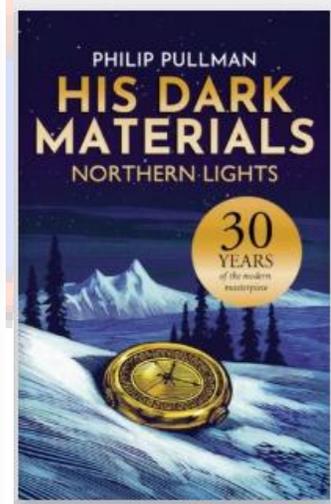
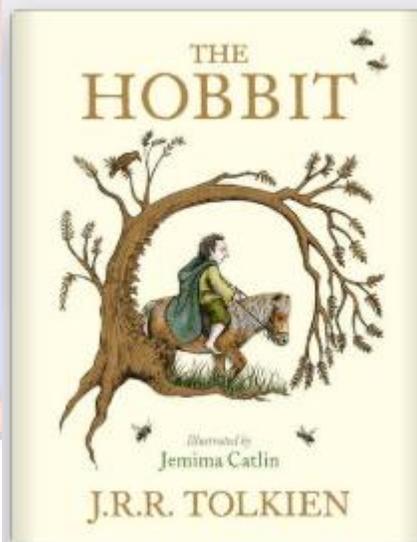
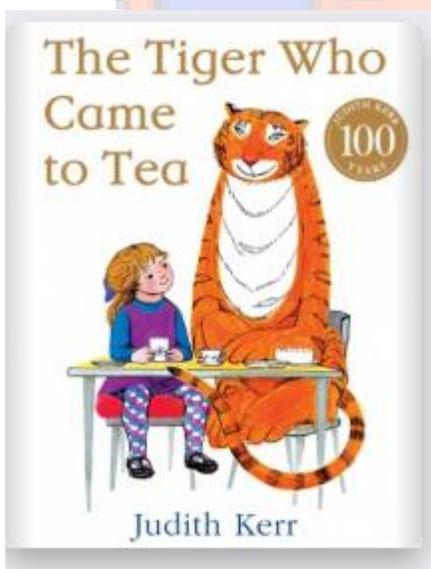
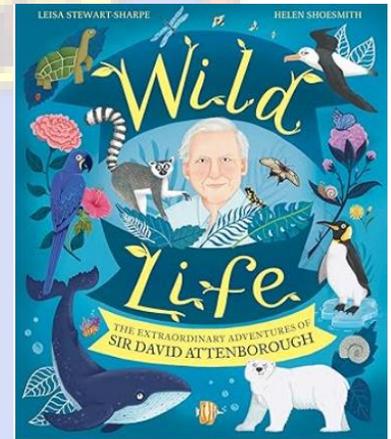
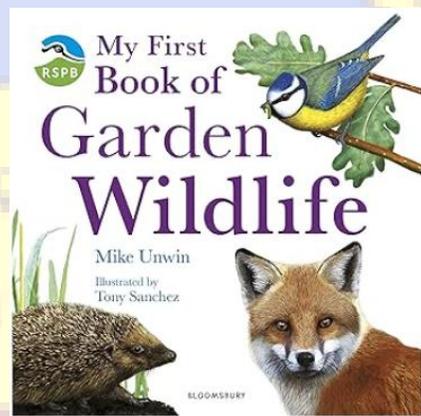
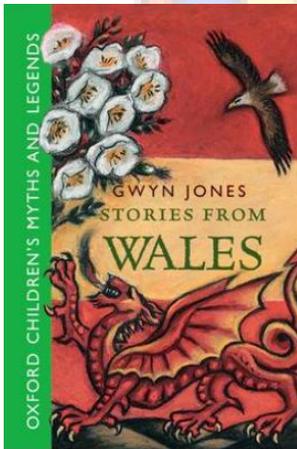
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Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026



Book Recommendations

March 1st was St David's Day, March 3rd is World Wildlife Day, March 5th World Book Day and March 8th will be International Women's Day. It is also National Careers Week. So much for the children to learn about and celebrate. We would love to see some photos of the children read any of the book recommendations to join our extreme reading photo wall.





Our Netball team. They came second in their group but conceded zero goals the entire tournament!! 😊





TRANQUILLITY

**A PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN
SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE**

**Stratford Children & Families Centre
Drayton Ave., Stratford-upon-Avon
CV379PB**

**10 weeks: 20 April - 6 July (no session during
May half-term week)**

Provides a welcoming, safe, structured environment for women to access information, support, and raise awareness around domestic abuse and its impact on themselves and their children.

All sessions will be facilitated by Domestic Abuse Practitioner Megan Taplin & Family Support Worker Kim Bilbrough.

Once consent has been confirmed, please send referral requests to; tranquillitygroup@warwickshire.gov.uk and confirm that referral is for the Stratford/South Group.

Please note: the family will need to continue to be held by the allocated worker for the duration of the Programme.

For any further information please contact Megan Taplin.



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DRUMSCHOOL FOR BEGINNERS



DRUM



LESSONS

FOR ALL AGES

30 MIN FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR NEW BOOKINGS!

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EAT, SLEEP, DRUMS, REPEAT!
DRUMS DRUMS DRUMS

LESSON STRUCTURE & ESSENTIAL GROOVES
 STICK GRIP & CONTROL; RUDIMENTS; BASS PEDAL TECHNIQUES
 DRUM MUSIC THEORY
 INDEPENDANCE & CREATIVITY
 RSL GRADINGS
 MEMBER OF THE MUSICIANS UNION
 RSL AWARDS REGISTERED TUTOR
 MUSICTEACHER.COM REGISTERED
 ENHANCED DBS CHECKED
 FULLY INSURED

PRICING STRUCTURE 2026
 INTRODUCTORY OFFER – FIRST 30 MIN SESSION FREE!

30 MIN SESSION £24
 Perfect option for students 6 and under and for those who struggle to focus for long periods of time.

45 MIN SESSION £30
 A more rounded session for students who want to improve quicker and learn techniques.

60 MIN SESSION £36 (£40 - STUDIO)
 Option for more advanced students and adults. A 60 min session allows plenty of time to either focus on one area or cover more to achieve your goals.

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CERTIFICATE
OF ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations on achieving your Gold Rail Safe Friendly award.

Stratford Upon Avon School

Thank you for educating your young people about Rail Safety and keeping them safe.

Stuart Heaton
 Stuart Heaton
 Managing Director



We are proud to have been awarded Gold for teaching the children about Rail Safety. We are continuously throughout our school year teaching the children all about road safety, rail safety, safety in the home, water safety, cycling safety and more.



Stop, Think, Park Safely

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have been asked to share the following information from the Warwickshire Road Safety Education Team as a reminder to park legally, safely, and considerately to help keep the area outside our school safe for our pupils.

We are asking all parents and carers to park legally, safely, and responsibly, and to avoid parking in a way that causes unnecessary obstruction. Please:

- **Keep the School Keep Clear (zigzag) markings free during restricted times**, never stop, wait, or park on these markings, even briefly.
 - **Avoid parking on restricted areas**, such as double yellow lines.
 - **Do not obstruct dropped kerbs**, as this prevents safe crossing.
 - **Use designated parking areas** or park a short distance away and walk.
- **Be considerate of residents, pupils, and other road users**, and avoid blocking driveways.
- **Avoid parking on pavements**, as this can force children, wheelchair users and parents with prams into the road.
 - **Do not park within 10 metres of a junction**, to maintain safe visibility for all.
 - **Model safe and respectful behaviour** for children to follow.

We understand that school journeys can be challenging but taking a few extra minutes to park safely makes a big difference. By working together, we can create a safer and more respectful environment for every child at our school.

Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police do enforce these restrictions to improve safety around schools. Enforcement helps protect your children, other road users, and encourages longer-term safe behaviours.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.



From the desk of Mrs Humphriss - Head Teacher

Welcome back to Spring 2 term. I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed some of the sunshine which peeked through. It has been a real treat to feel the warmth of the sun occasionally and the children certainly appreciate dryer days when they can get outside.

You will see from our regular newsletters the extent of our curriculum including all the wider opportunities the children are offered. We are always thinking of different ways to meet our vision. We are keen to ensure the children are exposed to as many different careers as possible so they can begin to make those choices for the future. This week is National Career's Week and we kicked it off learning all about the different engineering roles in assembly. I reminded the children that even when they are building with Lego they are being engineers and to keep an eye out for incredible structures in our world such as the Eiffel Tower or the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. We learnt about Ada Lovelace - the first computer programmer and you could say Software Engineer. The children thought she was born in the 20th century! Nope she was born in the 1800's and pioneered computing as we see it today. We learnt about Marie Curie and how her love of physics and maths led to the pioneering work with regards X-rays. This led us on to March 8th International Women's Day. So many women have been pioneers in society and it is important to remember.

This week is another important day in our calendar. WORLD BOOK DAY. Life is better with a book in your hand. We are looking forward to seeing all the book characters inspired by the children's love for reading. Ms Chapleo has been planning out the 5th March so that we all are inspired to want to read more. At the weekend I saw something which lifted my heart. The sun was shining and on a doorstep was a boy just sat reading. How wonderful. You could see how happy he was. You don't need screens to explore new worlds. Just buy a book. Next week the book fair is back in school so please come and choose something new to enjoy. Remember it is card only.

It may be a short term this time round but we have packed it to the rafters. Coming up is Science week and we are welcoming people to teach the children about their careers and they will be exploring different experiments. We have Shakespeare week to look forward to as well as numerous sporting events. The children are busy trying to win back the Fitt4kids cup.

We have some sad news to share. Miss White will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has been with us for 9 years and has secured a new post in a 3-form entry school. She is ready to try something new even though she has been very happy here. We will be saying goodbye to her in our own special way at the end of March. Meanwhile we have held teacher interviews and a new member of staff will join us in the Summer term and I will let you know who that is once our checks are complete. We have also welcomed Karen Baker and Sarah Richardson who are job sharing a teaching assistant role on a short-term basis whilst we recruit for Mrs McDonald's post.

I also need to let you know that our Chair of Governors Mrs Kate Llewellyn is currently ill and has stepped down from her role for the foreseeable future. Mrs Dallimore and Mrs Palmer who are joint vice chair will step up and lead the governing body for now. I am sure you wish Mrs Llewellyn all the best for a speedy recovery.

Have a lovely week and keep finding different ways to spend time with your children which is away from screens. Try cooking with them or playing a board game. Set them up a colouring corner where they can be artistic and you can dip in and out adding your own ideas. Try growing seeds on your windowsill and enjoy time watching them grow. Or just sit and listen to the sounds of life.