

FEBRUARY

THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 4th February 2026 – Y5 Forest Stargazing and Y6 Athletic event

Friday 6th February 2026 – Celebration assembly (invite only) and FOSP Valentine's Disco

Wednesday 11th February 2026 – Y5 Author event and Y3/4 Performance 'Shakespeare Rocks'

Thursday 12th February 2026 – Reception Fairy Tale Dress up day

Friday 13th February 2026 – Celebration (invite only) Break up for half term.

Half Term 16th – 23rd Feb (Mon 23rd – Fitt4kids Holiday Club open)

Return to school Tuesday 24th February 2026

Wednesday 25th February 2026 – Y4 Parent meeting for York trip 3.45pm

Thursday 26th February 2026 – FOSP meeting 7.30pm The British Legion

Friday 27th February 2026 – Celebration (invite only) Netball Tournament

HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 450

Hall – 515

Shakespeare – 490

Hathaway – 394

Winners – Hall



ATTENDANCE

Attendance from 26th to 30th January

Our attendance is above national 😊

Whole School = 97.4% ↑

Reception = 95.9% = Year One = 94.7%↑

Year Two = 98.3%↑ Year Three = 99.1%↓

Year Four = 98.1%↓ Year Five = 97% =

Year Six = 98.8% ↑

The dragons go to Y3, Y6 and Y2

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



SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Fire Safety in the Home

In the event of a fire, early warning is crucial to give you time to escape safely. Smoke alarms are therefore the most important piece of safety equipment to have in your home. If they are working correctly, they can significantly reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities. If you have children in your home, talk to them about what the sound of a smoke alarm means and how they should respond.

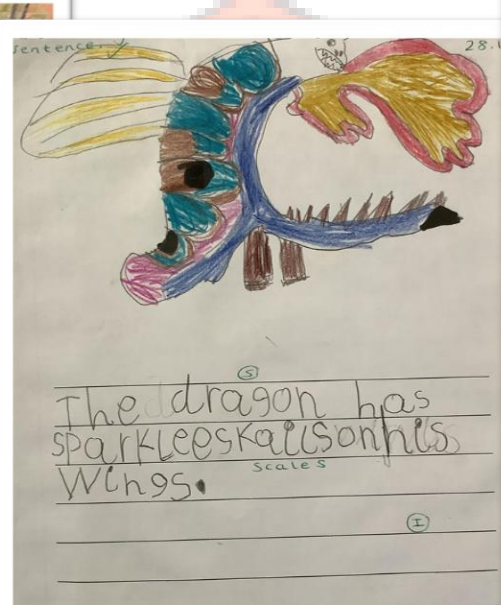
- Use the button on your smoke alarms to test them weekly.
- Replace expired batteries with new ones annually, or whenever the low battery warning sounds.
- Clean smoke alarms regularly to remove dust and debris that could affect their sensitivity.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years, or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Never ignore the sound of a smoke alarm, even if you suspect it could be a false alarm.
- Leave the building immediately, following your escape plan.
- Crawl low under smoke, if necessary.



Thanks to Warwickshire Fire Service – follow this link for more support with keeping safe in your home - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fire-safety-home-1>

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.

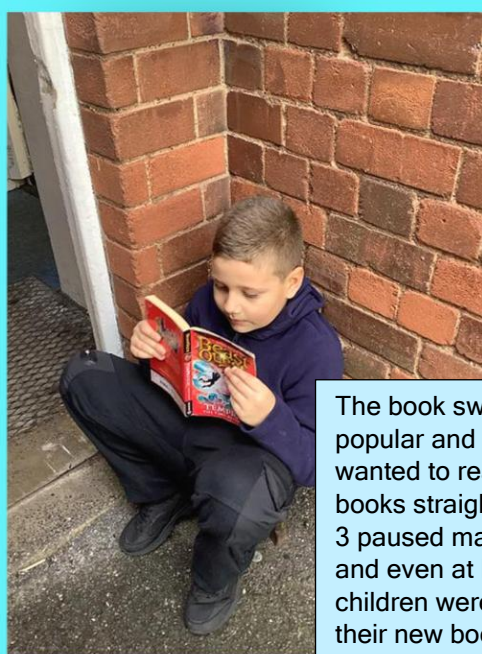


Reception - writing and drawing fairy tale dragons, maths, engineering and balance



Year One have been busy exploring London landmarks and created their own. The children have been using their oracy skills and explaining to others about the features of the landmarks they have created.

Here follows an important safety announcement. Year One have been learning how to stay safe in a fire. If your clothes set on fire - **STOP - DROP and ROLL**. Thank you to Stratford fire service for teaching fire safety to the children. Miss Buchanan also learnt how to dress quickly in fire fighting gear.



The book swap was really popular and children wanted to read their books straight away. Year 3 paused maths to read and even at breaktime children were exploring their new book.



This term, Year 6's art theme is 'Inuit'. They have been learning about Inuit artists and their main art techniques. This week, they have been sculpting! First, they looked at Inuit serpentine and soapstone sculptures. Next, they planned their design, using similar subject matter, and created a template. Finally, they sculpted their soap designs, using different tools for cutting, carving, shaping and smoothing. Here they are in action - it took a lot of concentration, but was worth it. Watch this space for photos of their amazing finished products! Coming soon. You could hear a pin drop. Plus it smelt lovely.



STEM CHALLENGE

Can you construct a boat out of paper and float it on water?

See instructions below to start you off.

Why not have a competition in the family?
Whose boat floats longest?

Does it matter what temperature your water is?

Will your boat float on soapy water or coloured water?

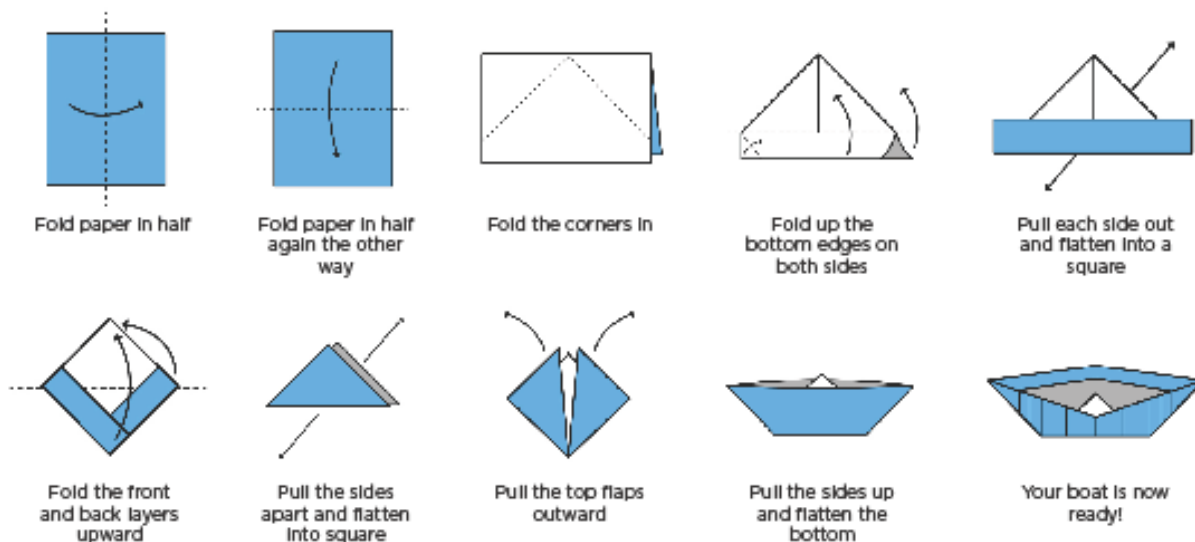
We would love to see photos of the challenge.

PAPER BOAT CHALLENGE

WHAT YOU'LL NEED



Step 1, Boat construction



Step 2, Test your boat

Fill a large bowl with water and put your boat to the test.

See how many items you can place onto your boat before it begins to sink. You can try different items on different boats and see if the boat reacts differently.

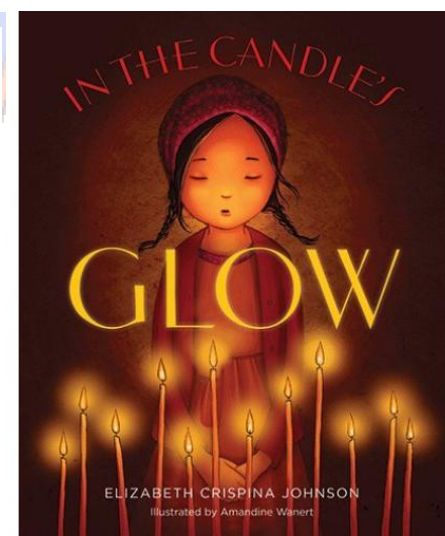
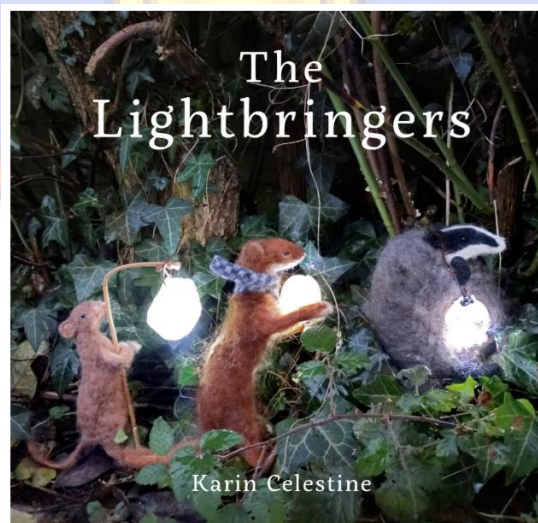
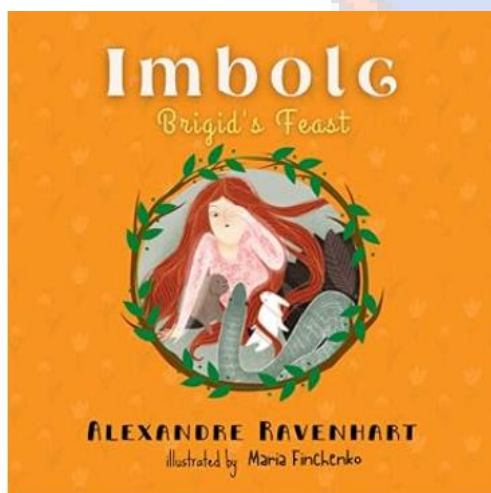
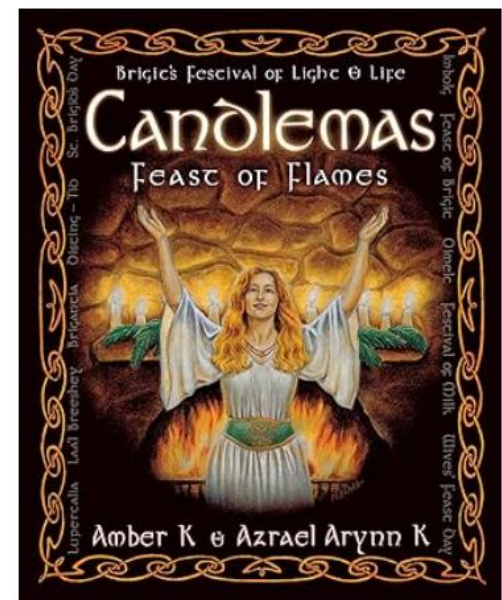
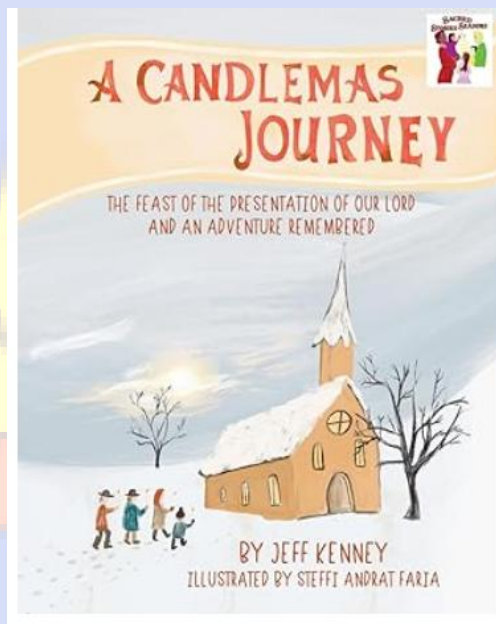


Part of the National Year of Reading 2026

**GO
ALL
IN.**

Book Recommendations

February 1st is Imbolc - a Celtic festival marking the beginning of Spring also known as St Brigid's day. February 2nd is Candlemas, a Christian festival marking the presentation of Jesus at the temple. Churches bless candles for the forthcoming year. There are many books available to teach us about different cultures and religions. Reading these stories helps us understand humanity.





SENDIAS: Free support for parent carers and young people

Warwickshire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS)

provides free, confidential and impartial information and guidance for young people aged 16-25 and for parent carers of children with SEND living in Warwickshire.

If you need help understanding SEND processes, such as exclusions, appeals or making a complaint, you can book a private 45-minute consultation with one of their trained advisors.

The next available sessions will take place on Monday 2 February at St Michael's Children and Families Centre. Further consultation dates are also planned in Stratford, Leamington, Nuneaton and Bedworth.

BOOK YOUR FREE SENDIAS CONSULTATION HERE:

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Children with Disabilities Team - workshops and drop-in sessions

Parents and carers of children and young people with SEND can sign up now to attend a free session with Warwickshire's Children with Disabilities Team for practical advice and support.

The team are offering sessions across the county covering two topics:

- 1. Sharing practical tips and tools for using visual communication aids** - whether you are new to visual supports or looking for fresh ideas, pop along for an informal chat, practical tips and helpful resources.
- 2. The local SEND offer and services available to support children and their families** - an informal chat on SEND and the services that offer support to children and their families.

News from the desk of Mrs Humphriss - Head Teacher

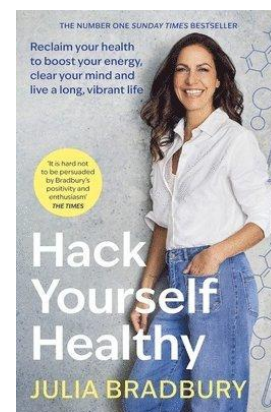
Well, we have come to the end of January and are moving forward to lighter mornings and evenings. Our bodies need light to regenerate and support our mental health and well-being. Daily daylight is essential for children's physical and mental development. It boosts Vitamin D and regulates sleep. Natural light boosts mood, enhances concentration and supports healthy eye development. Getting outside as much as possible is vital for children's development. Are you worried about your child's mood? Are they spending too much time on screens or indoors? Do they struggle to wake up in the morning, or eat? Get outside, go for a walk, breathe in the air outside, look for nature. Go on a hunt for signs of Spring. It will make your child healthier.

Struggling to get them to sleep throughout the night. Our bodies need darkness whilst we sleep so our brains rest and repair and everything in our short term memory transfer to long term. Turn off the TV 30 minutes before bedtime and stand at the back door looking at the night sky. Embrace the darkness and see it as a safe place. Screens and electronic devices stimulate our brain. If we want to be healthy we need to sleep. Make sure the bedroom is completely dark. The slightest bit of light will stimulate our brain and tell us to wake up. Leave mobile phones downstairs. We don't need them at night. Work with your child to get into a good routine. Be consistent and take your time.

I have a good book recommendation for adults - 'Hack yourself Healthy' by Julia Bradbury. I regularly listen to podcasts and Rosebud by Gyles Brandreth is one of my favourites. I heard Julia Bradbury talking on this podcast and bought her book. I have read it cover to cover and started to make changes in my lifestyle so that I can remain healthy. Check it out.

There are many free things we can do in life which will make us healthier, reduce pressure on the NHS and make us happier.

Children need to learn these from an early age. We get the children outdoors as much as we can, we dance, we play, we sing, we read, we talk, we teach. Start with small things and grow together as a family.



BENEFITS OF ENOUGH SLEEP



Better Brain

Improved memory and concentration



Better Body

Improved energy



Better Mood

Improved emotional resilience

Children	Recommended Sleep	Teens	Recommended Sleep
5 - 13 years	9 - 11 hours	14 - 17 years	8 - 10 hours

