



# THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



## *NOTES FROM THE DESK OF MRS HUMPHRISS*

I have loved seeing our Reception children this week exploring the world of fairy tales. They have been fascinated by Goldilocks and The 3 Bears and in the outdoor area a group of children decided that to keep their cottage safe they would create a series of traps which would activate alarms should Goldilocks come visiting. Some definite engineers in development.

On Tuesday Mrs Archer and I were out and about monitoring PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education). We were checking to make sure that the children remember key skills and knowledge from our planned curriculum. As usual the pupils impressed us with their recall of learning on relationships, healthy living, communities and protective behaviours. I think my favourite quote was from Ruby in Year 6 when asked the question 'How does your learning prepare you for your future?' She replied, 'We learn that when it comes to mental health you are never alone.' Absolutely spot on. I was also impressed by how many children could quote the Childline number. We asked the children 'Do you feel safe in school?' The answer was 100% yes.

Our assembly this week was from Severn Trent Water who taught the children the journey of sewage and also the importance of only putting the 3 P's down your toilet. Ask your child what are the 3 P's?



## Dates for your diary

### 357

*Guru Gobind Singh Ji's birth anniversary. Guru Gobind Singh was the tenth Guru of Sikhism. His 357<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary was celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

23<sup>rd</sup> January - Year 4 Shakespeare workshop

25<sup>th</sup> January - Year 4 residential to York

26<sup>th</sup> January - Celebration Assembly

2<sup>nd</sup> February - Celebration Assembly, 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Forum and FOSP disco

5<sup>th</sup> February - Y5 Stargazing in the forest

7<sup>th</sup> February - Y5/6 Athletics competition at Stratford School

8<sup>th</sup> February - Y4/5 Online Safety workshop (play in a day)

9<sup>th</sup> February - Celebration assembly and pancake races (2pm)

Break up for half term holidays -12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February

19<sup>th</sup> February - Staff Training Day

20<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school

22<sup>nd</sup> February - Y4/5 Loudmouth production - online safety

23<sup>rd</sup> February - Celebration assembly and BBC C&W Star School recording



# Year Four - learning to divide a 2 – digit number by a 1-digit number and partitioning.



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are learning to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.

$$\begin{array}{r} 93 \\ \downarrow \div 3 \quad \downarrow \div 3 \\ 30 + 1 = 31 \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 66 \\ \downarrow \div 3 \quad \downarrow \div 3 \\ 20 + 2 = 22 \checkmark \end{array}$$

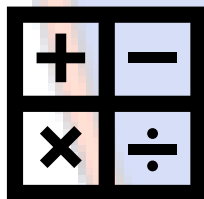
$$\begin{array}{r} 86 \\ \downarrow \div 2 \quad \downarrow \div 2 \\ 40 + 3 = 43 \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 50 \\ \downarrow \div 5 \quad \downarrow \div 5 \\ 6 + 4 = 10 \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 52 \div 4 = 13 \\ \text{Th H T O} \\ \text{1000} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 22 \div 3 \\ \text{T O} \\ \text{1000} \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 96 \\ \downarrow \div 4 \quad \downarrow \div 4 \\ 20 \quad 4 \\ \hline 24 \end{array}$$

**Division**  
Division is splitting into equal parts or groups.  
We use the ÷ symbol, or the / symbol to mean divide.

If we have 12 cupcakes and four friends want to share them, how would you divide the cupcakes?

$$12 \div 4 = 3$$

They should get 3 cupcakes each.





# Spotlight on our staff

## Ten questions with Mrs Archer



1. What is your role at Stratford upon Avon Primary? I am the new class teacher for Year 4 as well as PSHE and Computing subject leader.
2. What made you want to be a teacher? During my time at university studying graphic design, I was drawn to the education sector and ways in which design could help children and teachers. This led to me volunteering in a school as a reading tutor, then when I finished university I began working as an LSA for SEND children which I loved so I decided to pursue a career in teaching.
3. What are you most proud of? I am most proud of seeing the children in my class grow and succeed every year, it is such a lovely thing to watch and be part of.
4. What are your favourite things to do in your spare time? I enjoy baking, walks on the beach, re-designing the rooms in my house, crochet and needle felting.
5. Tell us your funniest joke! Why didn't the skeleton go to the party? Because he had no body to go with. - *very funny!*
6. What was the last book you read? I read The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes by Suzanne Collins as I read the Hunger Games trilogy as a teenager and the film adaptation of The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes has recently been in the cinemas. It is a prequel to the series that gives a back story to the villain in the books.
7. What advice would you give children today to help them prepare for the future? Don't be afraid to make mistakes because that is how we learn and grow.
8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why? I would like to go back to regency England to see all of the glamorous outfits in high society.
9. Have you got a hidden talent? I am a good copy artist - I can copy most pictures to a pretty good standard.
10. Have you got any top tips for parents? Read with your children, it is the most valuable thing you can do with them to help them with their learning.



## IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

### junior parkrun

Free, weekly, timed, 2km for 4-14 year olds

Stratford-upon-Avon Rec juniors

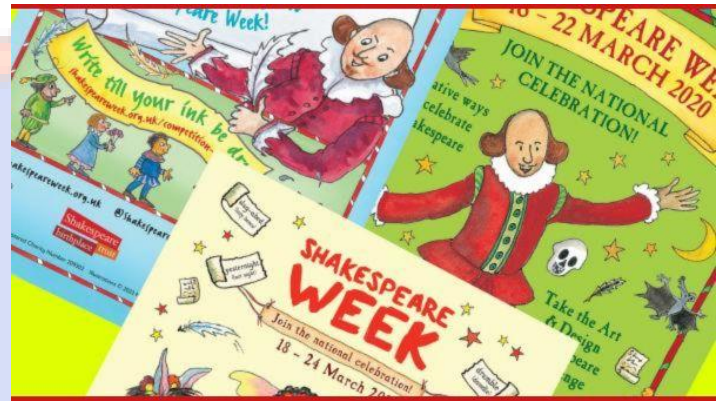
Every Sunday at 9am

Stratford-upon-Avon Rec (by the pavilion)

Run, walk, skip and/or volunteer! For more information

and to register, please visit:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/stratforduponavonrec-juniors/>



### CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

To celebrate ten years of Shakespeare Week we are inviting children to enter a competition to design the official Shakespeare Week 2024 poster. The winning poster will be printed and displayed in venues across the UK from schools to libraries as well as at the Shakespeare family homes in Stratford-upon-Avon. It's easy to enter and open to all primary school-aged children. We can't wait to see the children's responses!

The closing date for entries is **1<sup>st</sup> February 2024**. – extended.

Follow the link in the picture above to find out more.








# 2024 YOU CAN SING COMPETITION

**SOLO DUET: UNDER 12, UNDER 16, UNDER 25**  
**ENSEMBLE/CHOIR UNDER 18**

**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED UNDER 25**

**You Can Win**  
 Winner - All categories £100  
 Group Category £200

<b>Closing date</b>	<b>Live round</b>	<b>Final Concert</b>
9th Feb	10th March	29th June

For Info / To Apply  
[www.bit.ly/SingComp](http://www.bit.ly/SingComp)




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## Spring Workshops

**WEEKEND SINGING AND SONGWRITING SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 6+ AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-23 IN WARWICK**

**SPRING DATES**  
 Saturday 20th January 2pm to 5pm  
 Saturday 3rd February 2pm to 5pm  
 Sunday 10th March 2pm

**CONCERT SUN 10th MARCH 4pm**

**APPLY HERE: [www.bit.ly/WYCjoinus](http://www.bit.ly/WYCjoinus)**

Support and mentoring is available at our workshop sessions for those entering our You Can Sing Competition 2024

SPECIAL OFFER

For 2024 You Can Sing Competition Applicants - Join our 3rd Feb workshop for help with your application - only £5

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## COMMUNITY CAFE

**Friday 26th January**  
**10am-11.30am**  
 Stratford Town Trust



**at Venture House**

Avenue Farm Industrial Estate  
 Birmingham Rd CV37 0HR

Hosted by Menopause Knowledge



**Empowering YOU**




Severn Trent water assembly learning about the journey of our waste products.





# Stratford upon Avon Give & Take

Save money - Reduce waste - Declutter your space

## How it works

Bring along your unwanted, good quality items for the month's theme  
Browse items from other 'givers' and take what you like  
Any items left over will be given to charity



## Dates for 2024

Usually the first Saturday of the month at Stratford Methodist Church  
with the Repair Cafe - 10am-2pm (may be subject to change)

**January (20th)** - Unwanted gifts

**February** - No Give and Take

**March** - Clothes and accessories

**April** - No Give and Take

**May** - Plants, pots and seeds

**June** - Homewares

**July** - Books and magazines

**August** - Clothes and accessories

**September** - Arts and crafts

**October** - Books and magazines

**November** - Toys and Games

**December** - Christmas decorations



## More information

No money is exchanged - all items are given and taken freely

No need to give an item to take one

Only clean and usable items are accepted

No electrical items are accepted

Optional donation to charity - this year we will be supporting

Net Zero Stratford upon Avon

**Keep updated on events and also find items all the time on Facebook**

**- search 'Give and Take Stratford Upon Avon'**



# Attendance, Houses & More



## School council news

The school council will be meeting again this month and continuing to work on their 'Stop it please' campaign. They are on a mission to make sure that all children know how to use it effectively.

They will also be surveying children about school lunches – which are their favourites and which are not and then they will choose the next menu when it is time.



This week's winners are:

Reception with 100% and Y3 & Y5

Rest of school

Year One = 93%

Year Two = 94%

Year Four = 95%

Year Six = 95%

Whole school attendance for this week is:

97%

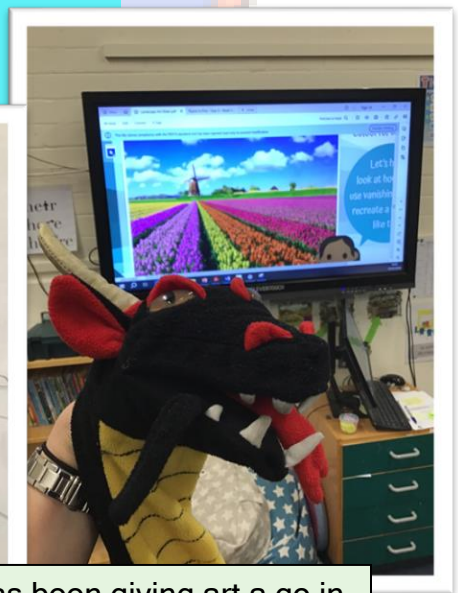
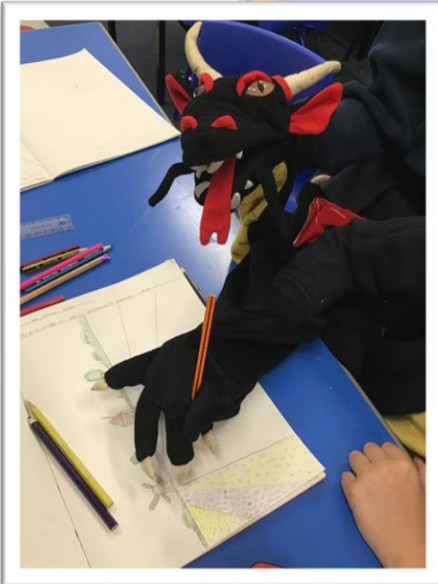
Arden =

Hathaway =

Hall =

Shakespeare =

House points will resume next week.



Desmond has been giving art a go in Year 4 this week - learning about perspectives.



# FOSP - Friends of Stratford Primary News



## VALENTINES DISCO



Friday 2nd  
February 2024

KS1 17.30-18.30  
KS2 19.00-20.00

Look out for booking forms  
in book bags  
£5 per child to include a valentines gift!



*"A big thank you to all families who volunteered and supported FOSP events and fundraisers in 2023, we really couldn't do this without you. To the master bakers who continually donate to the weekly cake sales, you bring extra joy to the Friday pickups with your delicious treats – thank you."*

*Thank you to Paul & Marie for the fabulous calendar production and for the touch of magic you added to the Xmas fair. And finally, thank you to Carrie, for her incredibly generous Santa and his sleigh donation, which took the festive evening to a new level this year"*

*'Don't forget to donate any unwanted Christmas gifts'*

*'Let us know if you want to join our Summer Fair Planning zoom call on Thursday 8th February'*

### **Where was FOSP fundraising spent ....**

*School Audio System & Projector  
£5744.40*

*Childrens Christmas Lunch  
Subsidy £213.00*

*Birdbath for the school £149.99*

YEAR ONE - learning about 2D and 3D shapes, exploring landmarks of London on a map, weather symbols and transient art



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