

FEBRUARY

THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

**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 – Netball Tournament

Thursday 5th March 2026 – WORLD BOOK DAY – dress as favourite book character

Friday 6th March 2026 – Celebration (invite only)

HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 411

Hall – 493

Shakespeare – 495

Hathaway – 390

Winners – Shakespeare



ATTENDANCE

Attendance from 2nd to 6th February

Our attendance is above national 😊

Whole School = 97.8% ↑

Reception = 98.6% ↑ Year One = 98.7% ↑

Year Two = 97% ↓ Year Three = 99.7% ↑

Year Four = 98.7% ↑ Year Five = 97% =

Year Six = 95.3% ↓

The dragons go to Y3, Y1 and Y4

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



SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10th February

The theme this year is 'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'

Everyone is talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important that they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. This safer internet day we are exploring the impact of AI on all our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance. Internet Matters has put together an interactive parent guide to AI.

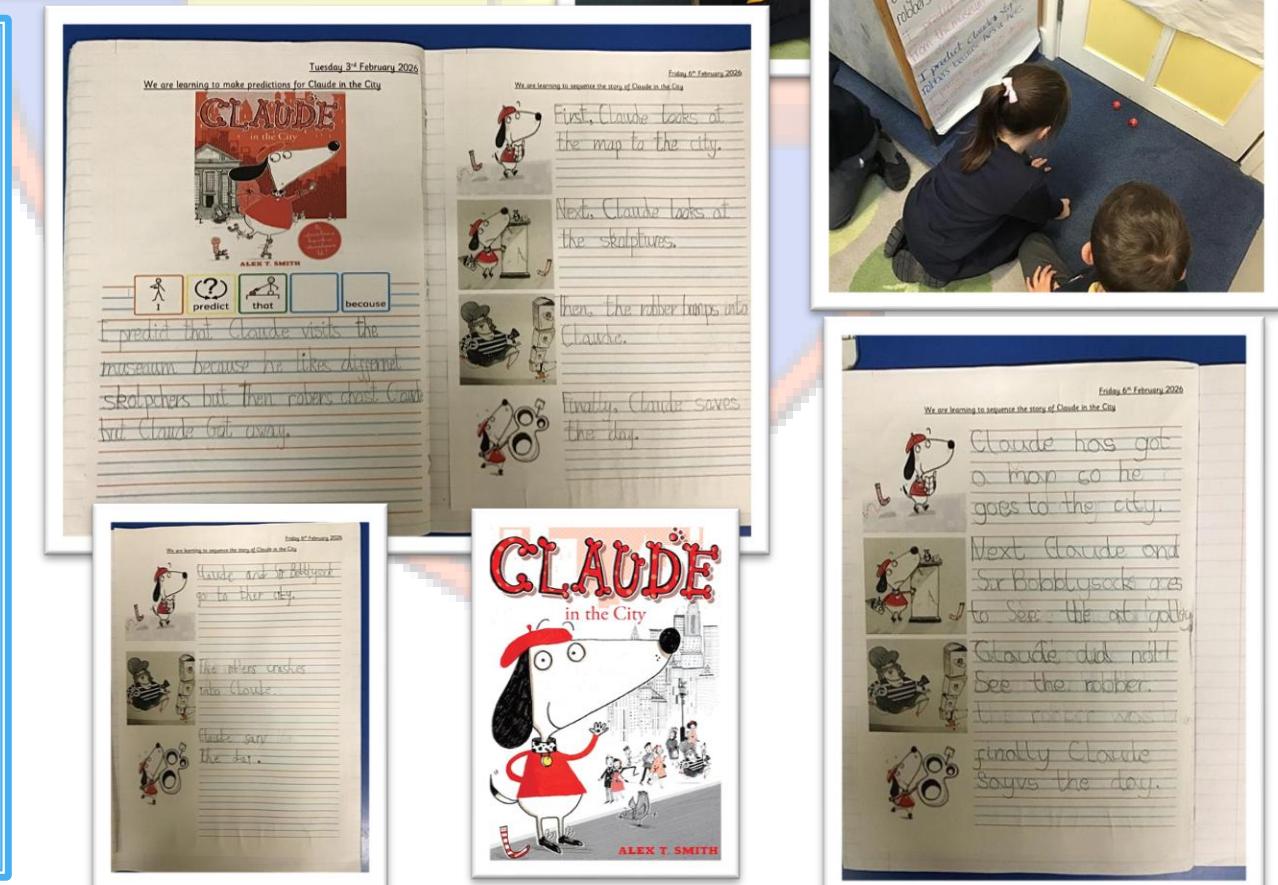
Follow this link: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>

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.



Year One have been having fun at FOSP Valentine disco. Lots of glitter and glam. They have been learning a dance to Golden, using dice to improve their number skills and exploring the book Claude in the City and using their foundational skills to predict and explore. Fabulous writing.





Meet Year One's Mystery Reader. To celebrate National Year of Reading, Year One have invited mystery readers in. The children receive clues and try to guess who is coming to read a story. Harry's Grandma shared a favourite book Squish, Squash, Squeeze. The children really loved story time. Thank you Mystery Reader



The whole school welcomed Heart of England Community Rail Partnership who talked to the children about Rail Safety. The children were knowledgeable and able to share how to stay safe around railways. We often focus on Road Safety but we all travel in different ways so this was an important message for all the children. Rail Safety is for everyone.



Year 3 and 4 welcomed Ada's parents who have Doctorates in Shakespeare. They led an inspiring workshop for the children with lots of interesting facts about Shakespeare and how to act out some of his most famous quotes. Thank you so much for sharing your love of our famous playwright.



Year 5 have been extending their knowledge of The Sun and our Solar System. They created The Sun, The Moon and The Earth and then learnt about the orbits. Their Heart of England trip was phenomenal! They went out to the woods to explore the solar system with vegetables, created a re-entry system for an egg-naut and went on a sunset walk before settling down to stargaze. They were lucky the skies were clear and saw Jupiter, Cassiopeia, The Plough and many constellations. The stunning photographs of the sun setting are by Mrs Nailor. Nature at its finest. Enjoy.

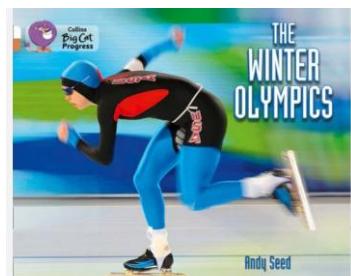
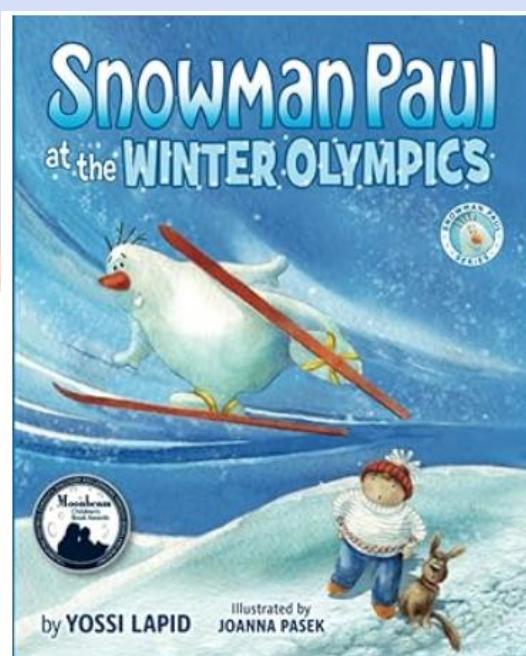
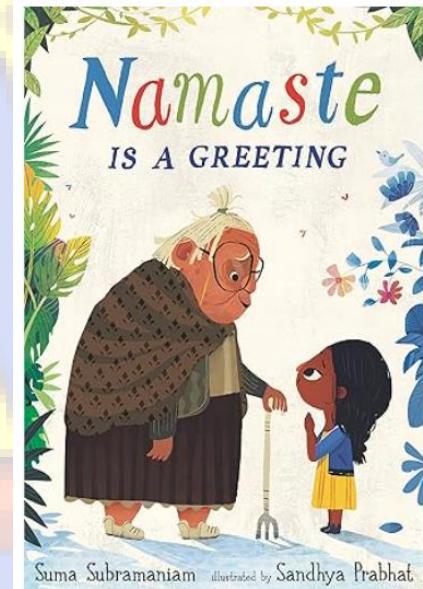
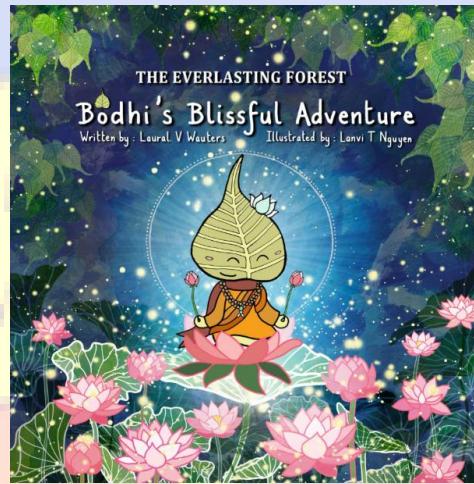
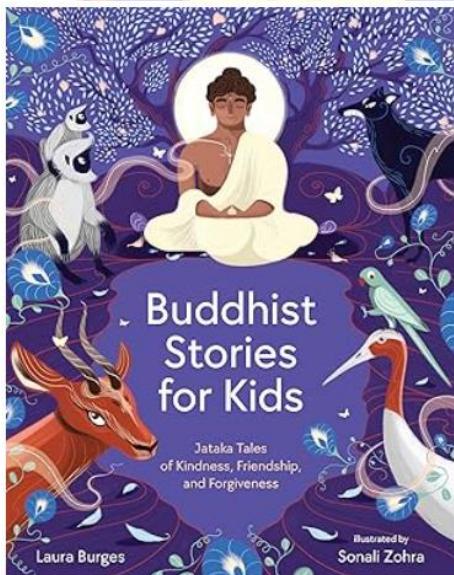


Part of the National Year of Reading 2026

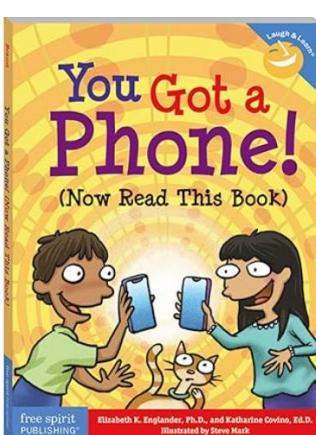
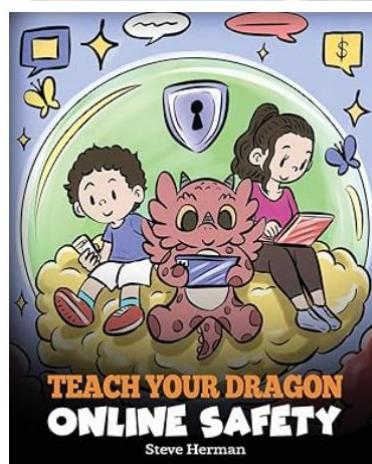
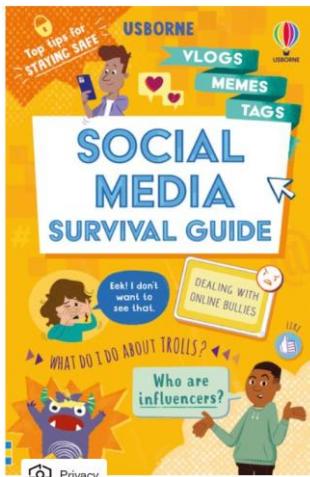
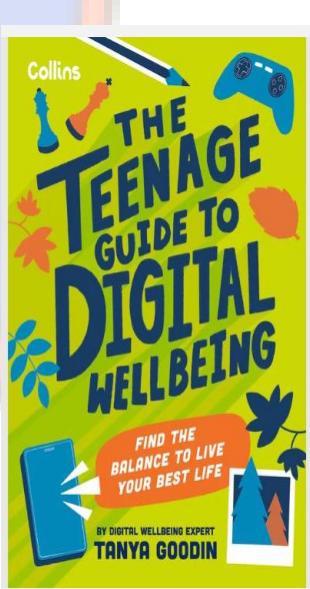
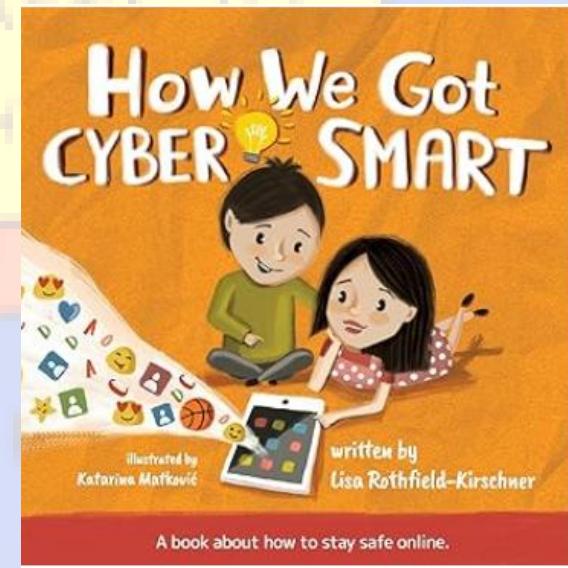
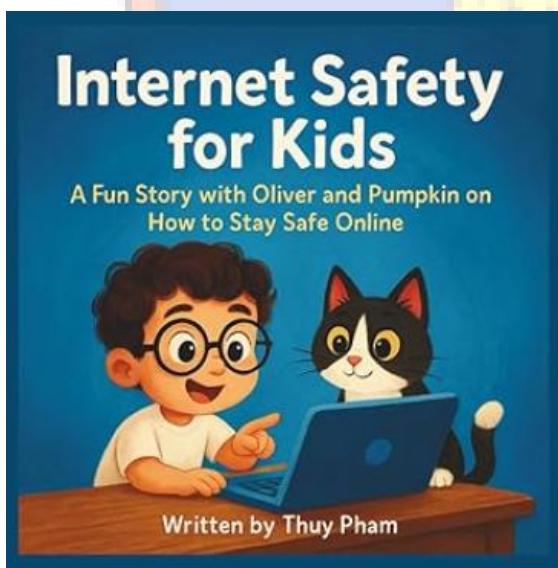
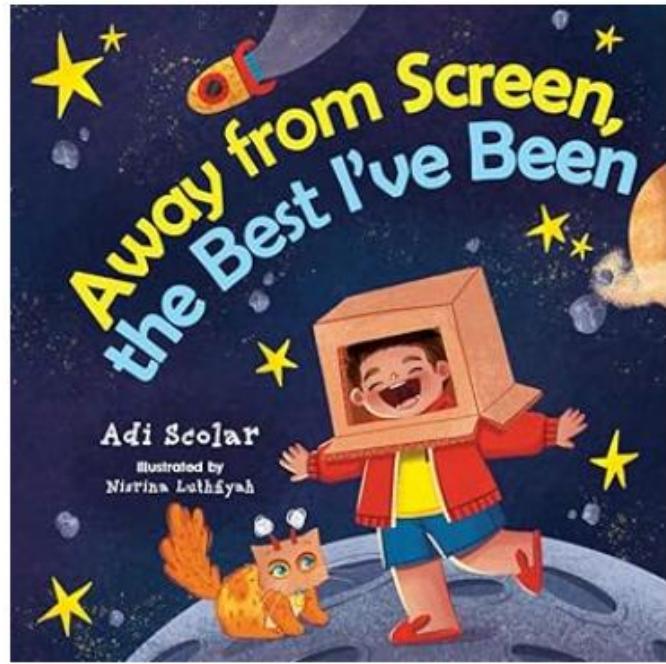
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Book Recommendations

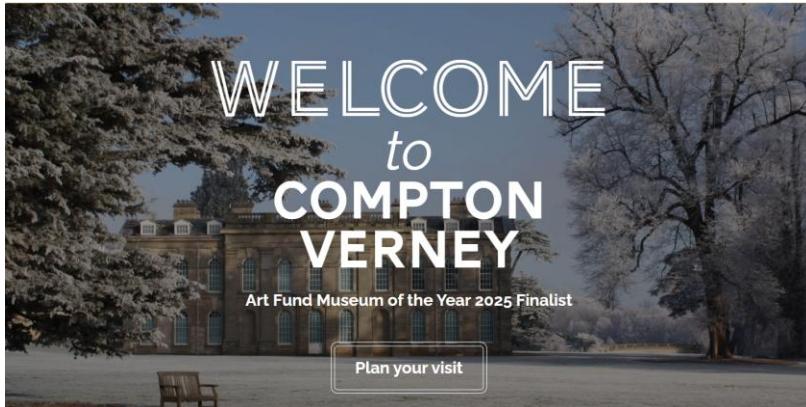
February 8th is a Buddhist festival. It marks the final passing away of Gautama Buddha at Kashinagara, India at the age of 80 - Parinirvana. From February 6th to 22nd February there is a global sporting event - The Winter Olympics. Taking place this year in Italy. This year is historic as it is the first time it is co-hosted by two cities; Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo. It is the most geographically widespread Winter Olympics ever, covering 22,000 square kilometres.



Some books to support you with keeping your children safe and well when using the internet, social media, screens, mobile phones.



Things to do in half term in Warwickshire - let's get outside and away from screens.



An array of things to do at this wonderful art museum - there is a Lego exhibition, lots of trails in the outdoor area including a folk art animal trail, wonder Wednesdays, explore big blue blocks, fabulous art galleries and so much for children. Best of all - kids go free!

Go on a self-guided spy mission walking trail in Leamington Spa or explore Warwick on the mystery treasure trail. You can even go round Stratford upon Avon itself and discover all the places linked to Shakespeare.



Free hands on event taking place at Market Hall Museum in Warwick with Buzzing with Life: Discover the world of bees and bugs. The event includes bug handling sessions with Zoolab, insect crafting activities and a Bug Hunt Museum trail.

Hatton Country World has lots to entertain; escape rooms, adventure park, Zoobee's Magic Academy, shopping and beautiful country walks along the canal.



Bugs & Bees
Wed 18 Feb, 10:30 + 5 more
Market Hall Museum
Free

Check out your local library too for lots of half term events where the children can do crafts, read books and generally have fun.





THANK YOU FOSP - FRIENDS OF STRATFORD PRIMARY FOR A WONDERFUL DISCO - SO MUCH FUN FOR THE CHILDREN.

THANK YOU AS WELL TO THE STAFF WHO GAVE UP THEIR TIME TO SUPPORT - MISS WHITE, MRS NAILOR, MISS CHAPLEO, MS DESAI AND MRS MINGINS

Poetry Collages

with
Emilie Lauren Jones

Ideal for those who enjoy being creative, crafting or playing with words. Create your own collages using lines of existing poetry, articles and a mix of images and other random objects!

Weds 18th February

**11am-12pm for ages 4-11
1-2pm for ages 12-15**

Lillington Library

FREE
Free lunches available whilst stocks last

Book on Eventbrite or ask a member of staff



SCAN ME!



STRATFORD LIBRARY

OPEN MIC POETRY

Free!

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
13-17-YEARS-OLD**

**Thursday
19th February**

**2pm - Free workshop with poet
Emilie Lauren-Jones**

3pm - Poetry Open Mic

**Limited FREE lunches available
- first come, first served**

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News from the desk of Mrs Humphriss - Head Teacher

This is the last newsletter of Spring Term One and it has been a term filled with so many opportunities for the children; fire service visit, stargazing, bikeability, care home visits, library visits, planetarium, Shakespeare workshops, Rail Safety assembly, book swaps, athletics, disco and this week Y3/4 will wow us with their Shakespeare Rocks performance. Throughout the term the children have been building on their knowledge and skills across the curriculum and external visitors have been suitably impressed.

We have welcomed two more families to Reception and Year 2. Welcome to Arowin and Celeste. We hope you have a wonderful time here at Stratford and we look forward to getting to know you. Sadly we have said goodbye to Harper in Y4 who has moved to a new school. This week we will also be saying farewell to Mrs McDonald. She has been a teaching assistant in our school for some time, working in Year One, Two and Three and has supported the children and teachers with care and compassion. Mrs McDonald will be missed but we wish her well as she moves to a new position closer to home and thank her for all her hard work during her time with us.

We welcomed a visit from our Director of Primary, Mrs Ally Brown last Tuesday. She visits us every half term to evaluate our progress against our school development plan and holds us to account to ensure that all children are making progress and reaching their potential. On our learning walk she was particularly impressed with the quality of writing and presentation. She commented that there is strong provision across the curriculum, teaching and inclusion. The curriculum is ambitious, well-sequenced and enriched through STEM, local contexts and a strong focus on oracy and foundational skills equipping children well for secondary school. We also wish to share Trust news. Our current CEO, Mr Philip Hamilton will be retiring at the end of this academic year and Mrs Ally Brown was recently appointed as his successor.