

THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

24th Jan - Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)

29th Jan - PINs 2nd Parent Meeting

31st Jan - Celebration Assembly (By invitation only)

5th Feb - Y5/6 Athletics Stratford School

7th Feb - Celebration Assembly (By invitation only) and FOSP Valentine's Disco

11th Feb - Y5 Stargazing visit to Heart of England Forest

14th Feb - Celebration Assembly (By invitation only) and break up for Half Term

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance so far is amazing.

Whole School =97.2%

Reception =96.7 % Year One = 98.7%

Year Two =98.3% Year Three =99%

Year Four = 100% Year Five =94.7 %

Year Six =92.8%



Y4, Y3 & Y1 get the dragons – everyone is above national average. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF MS WHITE



Two weeks into the Spring term, and we have already packed in a wonderful variety of events and activities. It's been a busy start, and we're excited to share what's been happening!

This week, Year 5 and 6 took part in their Bikeability training, where they had the chance to develop their cycling skills and boost their confidence on the road. The sessions included essential skills such as starting and stopping with more control, passing stationary vehicles safely, and cycling on local roads. It was wonderful to see them out and about in the local area, practising these important skills. We hope to see lots of our cyclists riding with confidence and safety from now on!

On Wednesday, Reception and Year 1 were treated to a fun and informative safety workshop, delivered by Cala Homes. The children learned how to stay safe around a building site, with a focus on the potential hazards they might encounter. They also discovered the importance of teamwork, as they worked together to complete various activities. The highlight for both classes was definitely trying on real safety gear, including hard hats and high-vis jackets. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that the children really enjoyed!

We were also delighted to welcome Mr Philip Hamilton, CEO of Community Academies Trust, and Mrs Ally Brown, Director of Schools (Primary), to our school this week. They took the time to visit our classrooms and observe the wonderful learning happening throughout the school. Both were incredibly impressed with the children's excellent behaviour, the calm and welcoming environment of the school, and the children's focused engagement in their lessons. It was a lovely recognition of the hard work everyone has put in to create such a positive school atmosphere.

Finally, a huge thank you to Lindsey (Alex and William's mum), who generously gave up her time to give the front of the school a major tidy-up and spruce! With a lot of care and effort, she worked hard to make the entrance look inviting and welcoming for everyone. Her kindness and dedication are greatly appreciated, and it has made a real difference to the first impression our school gives to visitors.

HOUSE POINTS

Arden – 899

Hall – 838

Shakespeare – 924

Hathaway – 731



Winners Shakespeare

Reminder: Lunch Bookings and Payments

We kindly request that all school meals are booked in advance for the week via ParentPay. If you forget to book, please email admin2042@welearn365.com by 9:30 am on the day.

Additionally, we would appreciate it if you could ensure that any outstanding payments on your account are cleared at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Focus On: County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

County lines refers to the practice where gangs or organised crime groups exploit children to move and sell drugs. This often involves transporting drugs from larger cities, where the gangs are based, to smaller towns, sometimes crossing county borders. However, it can also take place locally, within the same area or borough. The children involved are given specific mobile phone 'lines' to handle drug orders. Criminals often use children because they are less likely to attract the attention of the police, reducing the risk of adult dealers being arrested.

County lines is a form of **child criminal exploitation**, which occurs when an individual or group takes advantage of their influence over a young person to pressure, manipulate, or coerce them into committing crimes. Alarming, children as young as six have been targeted by gangs for this purpose.

Recruitment often happens through a process known as **grooming**, where the exploiter builds a relationship with the young person to gain their trust. Social media and peer groups are also common ways young people are recruited.

Parents of children exploited through county lines have often noticed a sudden change in behaviour. Possible warning signs include:

- Unexplained money, clothing, or gifts
- Frequent, unexplained phone calls
- New friendships with older children or adults
- Missing school or truancy
- Carrying weapons

For more information on County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation, please visit the NSPCC website at:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/countylines>

CURRICULUM



Last week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in **Bikeability**, an exciting and valuable programme that teaches essential cycling skills and road safety. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, which helped them build confidence on their bikes while learning how to cycle safely in different environments. They practised key skills such as starting and stopping with control, navigating around obstacles, passing parked vehicles, and cycling safely on roads in the local area. The experience not only provided plenty of fun but also equipped them with the knowledge to stay safe while cycling, whether to school or for leisure. It's fantastic to see our pupils gaining such practical skills that encourage independence and promote healthy, active lifestyles.





At our school, we believe it's important for children to have a space where they can reflect on their emotions, share their thoughts, and appreciate cultural differences.

As part of our celebrations, the theme at the Reflective Station is now **Chinese New Year**.

Chinese New Year in **2025** will begin on **Saturday, January 29th**.

The date of Chinese New Year varies each year because it's based on the lunar calendar, specifically the second new moon after the winter solstice. In 2025, the year of the **Wood Snake** begins, and the celebrations will typically last for about 15 days, ending with the **Lantern Festival** on **February 13th**. The Snake is a symbol of wisdom, elegance, and mystery, and those born in the year of the Snake are often thought to be intuitive, wise, and graceful.

Did you know that the next **Year of the Snake** will be in **2037**!



Our Year 5 pupils have been showing incredible determination and teamwork in their **cross-country running** sessions recently. It's been wonderful to see them pushing themselves, supporting each other, and enjoying the challenge of running outdoors. Their hard work and effort has been truly inspiring! With more exciting sports events and activities on the horizon, make sure to keep an eye out for updates—we can't wait to share what's coming next!

SEND NEWS



January 2025

WARWICKSHIRE

SEND Information Advice and Support Service Newsletter

SERVICE UPDATES

In the Community Training

We continue to be committed to being out in the community; since September we have successfully delivered 12 face-to-face sessions throughout Warwickshire. These sessions provided support to around 90 families with children and young people with SEND.

More dates for face-to-face sessions are available on the timetable overleaf.

We participated in two SEND conferences for Together for Autism in Nuneaton and Leamington. SENDIAS Advisors offered advice and guidance to parents and caregivers, and the majority of enquiries were related to SEN Support in school.

If you would like to see SENDIAS at one of your service meetings or peer support groups, please get in touch via email:
warwickshiresendiass@barnardos.org.uk

We are excited to announce that in the next few months, we will be hosting live webinars. These webinars will focus on SEN support and EHCP related topics. These online sessions will be offered at various times of the week, making them easily accessible to families or professionals. The topics we will cover will be our most frequently addressed queries from families contacting us for advice and support.

To be the first to know of any webinar dates, be sure to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/>

Farewell

We said farewell to Caseworker Dawn Lamont after 18 years in the SENDIAS/Parent Partnership service. Dawn has been a steadfast advocate, providing invaluable support and guidance to those navigating the complexities of special educational needs and disabilities. Her colleagues and families will greatly miss Dawn and we send our best wishes for her future endeavours.

We hope to have a new Caseworker join our experienced team in the Spring Term.

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VIEW SENDIAS RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE

I found it very supportive talking with you

I was informed of some of the legalities which may support my case



FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS CAMP



MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025
9:00AM-16:00PM - Early booking available from 8:00am

WHATS ON?

Head to our website for more information

MARVEL MULTI SPORTS

SUPERMAN SMOOTHIE BIKES

DARK KNIGHT DODGEBALL

SUPERHERO MOVIE DAY
(FANCY DRESS)

THOR TEAM CHALLENGE



WHERE?

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- Bill Gates

LIMITED
PLACES



Innovation Pod will be running
its award-winning Coding Club
here at Stratford Upon Avon



YEARS 3 - 6 FRIDAY

Children in KS2 will be studying our thrilling Virtual Reality and Machine Learning modules.

In our 'Virtual Reality' module, children design and build worlds which they code to be interactive with the user. They then design and build VR worlds in three dimensions which they code to be interactive. Parents and carers will be able to view the children's learning from home on a phone and/or a VR headset. This Machine Learning module uses the free online resource Machine Learning for Kids in combination with the Scratch coding platform to provide children with hands-on experience for training machine learning systems (AI) and building things with them.

Sign up using this link: <https://www.innovationpod.co.uk/signupv2>

Classes will start straight after school and finish at 4:30pm. Clubs cost £6.60 (inc. VAT) per session. Payment is for the full term via a one-off Direct Debit. This is NOT a recurring payment.

Clubs will begin on 19th April till 12th July excluding half term.

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MARCH 7pm-8pm



Speaker

KAT HOWARD

Head of Education & Wellbeing (UK)
Smoothwall



Register for the Zoom link and parent flyer here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/x2JJKwLx8y>

Kat has been working in and with schools for over 20 years to develop their understanding of online safety. She is passionate about the importance of online safety in schools and the wider community.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

Tiddington Players present



A pantomime written by Ben Crocker..

Tiddington Community Centre
Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd February 2025

Early Bird Prices until 31/12/2024 for some
performances!

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