



THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

Thursday 16th July – Final Celebration Assembly (invite only)

Friday 17th July – 9am – Y6 Leavers and 1pm – Holy Trinity Church Service.

All children to be collected from church by 2pm. Break up for Summer Holidays.

Monday 20th July – Staff Training Day

Tuesday 21st July – 31st August – Summer Holidays.

Tues/Wed 1st & 2nd September – Staff Training Days

Thursday 3rd September – All Children Return To School

Monday 7th September – 2.45pm – Y1 Meet The Teacher

Tuesday 8th September – 2.45pm – Y2 Meet The Teacher

Wednesday 9th September – 2.45pm – Y3 Meet The Teacher

Thursday 10th September – 2.45pm – Y4 Meet The Teacher

USEFUL CONTACTS

Samaritans - 116 123

Childline - 0800 1111

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000

Mind - 0300 123 3393

Age UK - 0800 055 6112

Text SHOUT to 85285 for
24/7 support

HOUSE POINTS (Total Year) SPORTS DAY

Arden – 15393

Arden = 112

Shakespeare – 15903

Shakespeare = 90

Hall – 16467 (Winners)

Hall = 77



Hathaway – 14080

Hathaway = 114



ATTENDANCE

Attendance from 6th July to 14th July

Our attendance is in line with national

Whole School = 95.7% ↓

Reception = 99.3%↑ Year One = 97.9% ↑

Year Two = 92.1%= Year Three = 97.3%↓

Year Four = 94.6%↓ Year Five = 93.7% ↓

Year Six = 95.3% ↓

George, Desmond and Mildred are hanging up their wings for the summer. Time for their termly baths. They say thank you for attending school. This year we had 26 children who have maintained 100%.



SAFEGUARDING - IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Stay safe this Summer

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Tips for adults and carers

Explain	Explain how children can use privacy settings	Check	Check tagging settings so child's identity not revealed when sharing posts/photos
Disable	Disable location services on mobile devices to avoid being tracked	Encourage	Encourage children to talk if they see anything that upsets them
Show	Show them how to report offensive comments or block people if necessary	Ask	Ask them to show you which social media apps they use

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.



The children have received a superstar award with a personalised message from Miss Hitchens and Mrs Banks. What an incredible year it has been! Every single one of you has worked so hard, shown kindness, perseverance and a love of learning and we couldn't be prouder of everything you have achieved. This year we have watched you grow from caterpillars into wonderful butterflies. You have spread your wings, become more confident, made wonderful friendships, and amazed us every day with your curiosity, creativity and determination. You are all ready to begin your exciting new adventure in year 1. Although we will miss you, we know you will continue to shine, be brave and make us proud wherever your journey takes you. Thank you for filling our classroom with laughter, smiles and unforgettable memories. Have a fantastic summer filled with fun, adventure and happy memories. Keep being the amazing superstars that you are!

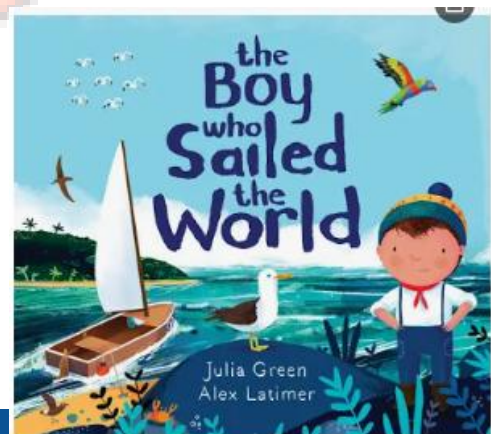
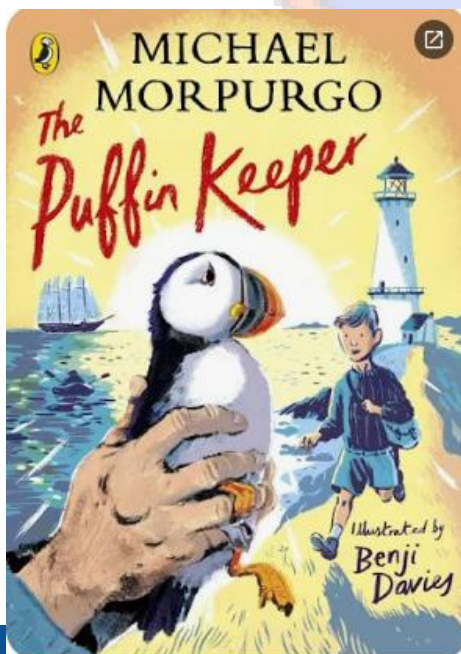
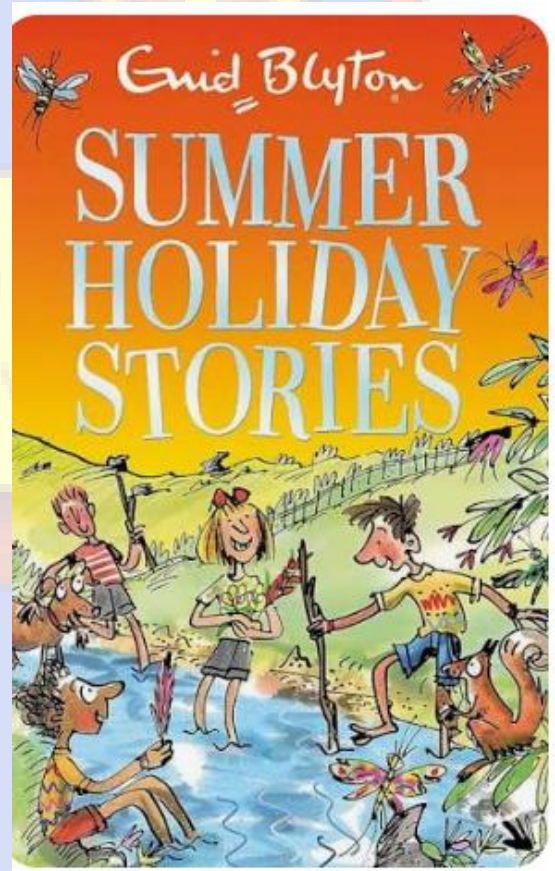
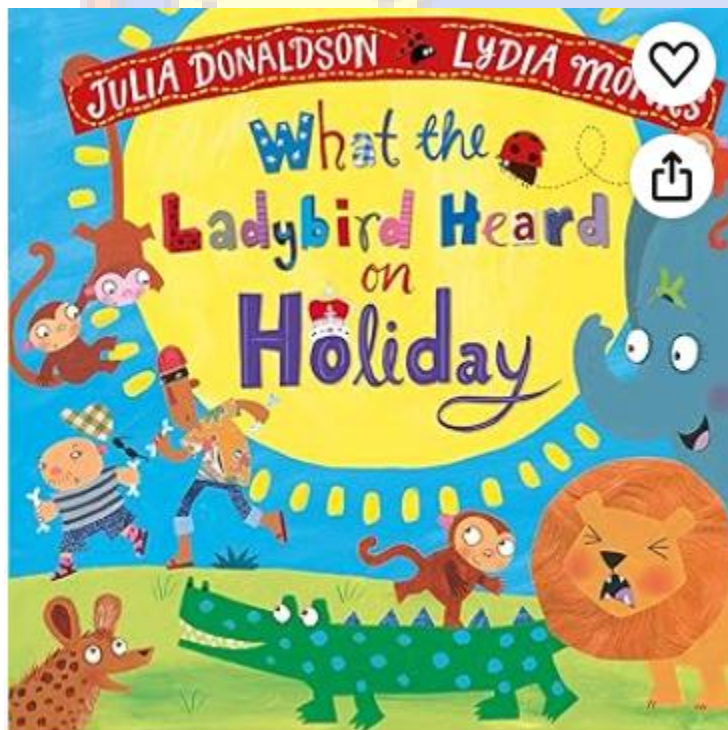
From Miss Hitchens and Mrs Banks

Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

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IN.

Book Recommendations

Some books to entertain over the summer holidays.



Our Year 1 Adventure



From our very first teddy bear picnic to becoming dinosaur experts, Year 1 has been filled with unforgettable adventures, exciting discoveries and endless curiosity. We have laughed, explored, created and challenged ourselves every step of the way, making memories that will last a lifetime. We explored our local community, learned about the United Kingdom and compared life today with the past through toys, transport and the childhood of Queen Elizabeth II. We ventured into enchanted woodlands, discovered plants and seasonal change, mixed colours like artists, built shelters and celebrated festivals including Harvest, Diwali, Christmas and Purim. A magical puppet theatre performance rounded off a wonderful first term.

Spring brought new adventures as we travelled to the bright lights of London with *Katie in London* and *Claude in the City*. We followed maps, explored famous landmarks, visited Tudor buildings and stepped back in time to discover the Great Fire of London with Samuel Pepys. Shakespeare Week immersed us in the world of *Macbeth*, while Science Week, our fire station visit and World Book Day inspired curiosity and creativity. Our passports were ready once again as we journeyed to the vibrant landscapes of Brazil. We discovered the Amazon Rainforest, learned about Brazilian culture, wildlife and the legendary Pelé before celebrating with our own carnival dancing. Finally, we travelled back millions of years to Dinosaur Planet, uncovering fossils, learning about the incredible Mary Anning and writing our own dinosaur poetry inspired by *The Dance of the Dinosaurs*. Our visit to All Things Wild, where we excavated fossils and came face-to-face with prehistoric creatures, was the perfect finale to our prehistoric adventure.

Along the way, we became confident readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, artists, designers, musicians, athletes and historians. We learned to code, spoke our first words and phrases in French, designed and built shelters, vehicles and a Sockasaurus Rex, composed music, investigated the natural world and explored celebrations and beliefs from a range of world religions. Careers Week inspired us to dream big as television presenters, nurses, chefs, dancers, police officers, scientists and many more shared their incredible journeys. Weekly Mystery Readers, educational visits, performances and special visitors enriched our learning beyond the classroom, showing us that learning really is everywhere.

As we say goodbye to Year 1, we reflect with immense pride on just how far the children have come. They have embraced every challenge, celebrated every success and filled our classroom with laughter, kindness and curiosity. It has been a truly unforgettable year, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have shared it with such a wonderful group of children and families. We extend our sincere thanks to every parent and family member who visited our classroom to share their careers, talents and experiences, to those who joined us as Mystery Readers throughout the year, and to everyone who generously volunteered their time to support our educational visits. Your enthusiasm, kindness and support have enriched our learning beyond measure, and these treasured moments and shared experiences will be etched in our memories forever. We wish everyone a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break!

Ms Desai, Mrs Green, Miss Buchanan and Mr Kelly



What a spectacular year we have had together, Year 2! We have worked hard and played hard! We have learned that TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

We have been explorers and have climbed castle ramparts, tickled birds of prey, visited Shakespeare's birthplace, launched into outer space, and built sandcastles at the beach together!

We have become authors and have published many books this year - including our Sword in the Stone stories, 'Little People, Big Dreams' books about Rosa Parks, our space tour guides, our fact files about owls, and our biographies of significant people who have changed the world. We even sent our families postcards "from the seaside" that went on a journey around Stratford!

We have loved reading books that have inspired us - and many of us have decided to read their sequels and other books in the series'. I am so pleased that you enjoyed our class texts so much, Year 2!

We have been theatrical and musical - from our brilliant Key Stage 1 performance, to singing our Christmas carols outside of Gail's, to playing the glockenspiel accompaniments to 'Octopuses Garden' and singing sea shanties.

We have been Scientific - from observing birds of prey to blasting into space in our Wonderdome; from going on mini beast hunts to dissecting bulbs and growing plants in our wonderful class garden (and eating them!).

We have been Product Designers - from trying and making delicious dips from all around the world to designing and building beach huts!

We have been excellent Historians, learning about inspirational individuals from William the Conqueror in 1066, to Grace Darling, to Rosa Parks, to Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison.

We have been creative, expressive Artists - including trying our hands at making several clay sculptures; making 3D mod roc insects; building Andy Goldsworthy-inspired nature art; creating splashy, flicky, drizzly, drippy art inspired by Jackson Pollock's Action Art at Forest School; printing Andy Warhol Pop Art self portraits; and painting beautiful watercolour lighthouses.

It has been an absolute privilege to watch the children flourish. Their progress since September has been exponential and they should be so proud of the kind, confident class that they have become. I cannot wait to see what they get up to in Key Stage 2 - and beyond!





Year 3 have had a fantastic end to the year, from being troopers during the heatwaves, showing incredible teamwork and support through sports day to modelling excellent behaviour through our Ofsted visit. They have finished the summer term learning about understanding primary data in Geography, to writing their own ancient Roman myths in English and even solving statistical problems in maths! They should each be incredibly proud of themselves for how they have grown in confidence and academically over the course of this year and coped so well despite some changes of faces. Each and every one of them has been super. We hope they have a wonderful and safe summer and the best possible start to year 4 in September.





What a fantastic year it has been in Year 4! We started the autumn term with an exciting visit to the Heart of England Forest, where we stepped back in time to experience life as Anglo-Saxon villagers. We enjoyed making pottery, weaving, building a model village and discovering what everyday life was like during the Anglo-Saxon period. Back in the classroom, we continued our history learning by exploring Sutton Hoo, the spread of Christianity and the achievements of Alfred the Great. In science, we investigated the digestive system and carried out experiments to discover how different drinks can affect our teeth.

The spring term was packed with memorable experiences, including our residential visit to York. We explored Viking history through visits to DIG and the JORVIK Viking Centre, bringing our learning to life. In geography, we developed our understanding of rivers and mountains, while science lessons focused on states of matter and the water cycle. We also thoroughly enjoyed performing Shakespeare Rocks alongside Year 3 and designing colourful masquerade masks inspired by Romeo and Juliet for the Stratford Shakespeare Trail.

Our final term has been just as exciting. In history, we travelled back to Ancient Egypt, learning about pharaohs, mummification and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Our English work included writing letters to Lord Carnarvon and newspaper reports announcing the famous discovery. In science, we investigated electrical circuits and learned how electricity powers everyday devices. Careers Week was another real highlight, with inspiring visitors, a careers fair and lots of opportunities to think about our aspirations for the future.

It has been a wonderful year filled with curiosity, creativity and new learning. I am incredibly proud of everything the children have accomplished and wish them all the very best as they move on to Year 5!



Take a look at some of the STEM projects which have taken place this year. It is amazing what the children have achieved with Mr Kelly, this year.





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What an incredible year it has been for Year 5!

What a privilege it has been to teach such a wonderful class this year. Year 5 have been an absolute dream to teach! They have approached every challenge with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination, throwing themselves wholeheartedly into every learning opportunity. Their excitement for our topics—especially **Space** and **Ancient Greece**—has been infectious, and it has been a joy to watch their confidence and knowledge grow throughout the year.

As a class, they are full of energy, kindness and laughter, and they have brought smiles to every single day. They should be incredibly proud of the outstanding progress they have made and the exceptional work they have produced across the curriculum. Their effort, resilience and willingness to challenge themselves have shone through in everything they have done. Their learning has extended far beyond the classroom. They have written thoughtful letters to Members of Parliament and even to NASA, created impressive information books and eye-catching travel brochures, and shared their learning with confidence and creativity.

This year has been packed with unforgettable experiences and memories. From stargazing under the night sky and exploring the wonders of the Space Dome, to stepping back in time during our fantastic Greek Day, every experience has enriched their learning. They also enjoyed exciting visits to the Mad Museum and El Greco, took part in bell boating, and even had the opportunity to meet with the Town Council to learn more about their local community. Outside the classroom, Year 5 have embraced every sporting opportunity with determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. They have represented the school brilliantly in a wide range of competitions and events, including dodgeball, hockey, archery, football, netball, panathlons and field events. Whether celebrating success or learning from challenges, they have always demonstrated resilience, encouragement and a positive attitude.

Most importantly, every member of Year 5 has grown in confidence, independence and maturity. They have developed fantastic learning behaviours, positive mindsets and a genuine willingness to support one another. They have shown that hard work, kindness and perseverance really do make a difference.

It has been a truly memorable year. Thank you, Year 5, for making this year so enjoyable. You should all be incredibly proud of everything you have achieved. We wish you every success as you move into Year 6—we know you will continue to shine!





Well Year 6 – what a brilliant (yet slightly crazy!) half term to complete your final year at Stratford Primary!

We will all be left with fantastic memories of this year: playing with your buddies and helping them with art and craft activities; being trained up as WWI soldiers (what could possibly go wrong?); playing our WWII Snowman Drive with such gusto; sprinting crazily around the Paddock in search of flags during orienteering; rushing to queue for biscuits after SATs tests; transforming into a horde of zombie children and following me, slightly unnervingly, around the playground; playing 40:40 and eating Super Soup on Survival Day; and, of course, our incredible time at Manor Adventure – although we must stop feeding those ducklings!!

We will also have very happy memories of the Crazy Crumbles; of Megaville's famous reporters and broadcasters; of General Commotion and his merry marines; of the Fun Factory villains; of Mayor Doughnut and the Bogeyman; and finally, of the Megaville heroes – Gran, DC, Superstan and Stanley Marvel!! All, of course, supported throughout by our amazing Tech Director. You were all fab!

To top this off perfectly, we have had the most amazing week at Manor Adventure, filled with awesome activities and fun-filled free time – you really must stop eating all the time though Year 6!!

You have been a lovely year and we will miss you very much, but we send you on your way well-prepared for secondary school and ready to face the new challenges ahead – do yourself proud and keep being you! Year 6 – you are simply ... staggering!

Goodbye and good luck,
Love Mrs McCormack and Mrs Fade xxx

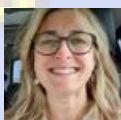
End of Year Message from The Governors

The governors are always so proud of Stratford-upon-Avon Primary School's community, but particularly at the end of this academic year! The arrival of Ofsted inspectors, coupled with a challenging heatwave, saw the children, staff, and all involved in the inspection taking it fully in their stride and showcasing the school's many strengths with confidence.

Throughout the year, governors have visited regularly to support the school's strategic aims. This involves speaking to members of staff and children as well as observing lessons and playground activities. We co-ordinate visits carefully so as not to disrupt learning, and we look for evidence to demonstrate that the school is delivering high-quality education. Through this purposeful, vision-led approach, governors help ensure that the school remains stable, ambitious and a happy place to be.

We don't involve ourselves in the data-to-day running of the school - operational decisions sit with the school's leadership team - but we immerse ourselves in school life where we can, and watching this year's performances, showcases, and events has been a great pleasure! The children's enthusiasm is infectious. This half-term's Careers Week was a particular highlight, offering the children an impressive range of opportunities and demonstrating how the school's vision is lived in practice.

We hope that you all enjoy the summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.



Srikanth
Mandava

Becca
Stone



The **Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat** launches on **Saturday 4 July**, inviting children to enjoy a music-themed reading journey, earn rewards and celebrate their reading achievements. You can find out more at: summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Alongside the challenge, libraries across Warwickshire will be running free activities, including music workshops, digital sound sessions, dance events and Summer Reading Challenge clubs.

For families looking for an additional reading activity, our [Family Book Bingo](#) encourages shared reading and can be completed alongside the Summer Reading Challenge.

The full programme of summer events can be found on [Eventbrite](#) and in the [Warwickshire Libraries What's On guide](#).

Staying safe during school holidays

Parent/Carer checklist

Be prepared!

- ☐ **Check the weather and ensure that you dress your children appropriately. Wear sensible footwear.** If it's going to be hot - bring sun lotion, sunglasses, and a hat! Waterproofs and coats if it's cold and wet!
- ☐ **Everyone eats breakfast** - take snacks with you too. You don't know how long it would be before you can access food.
- ☐ **Stay hydrated** - Ensure you have bottles you can refill.
- ☐ **Plan your journeys.** Make sure you are aware of the geographical area of where you and young people are going to be - plan how to get there safely.

Just in case.... safety plan

- ☐ **Write your mobile number on a bit of paper/key ring and put it in your child's pocket.** If your child has a phone, make sure its fully charged and bring a backup charger.
- ☐ **Agree meet up points if you get separated** - look for landmarks like churches, community centres or shops that are close by.
- ☐ **Take a photo of your child in the morning!** Create a memory but this will help if your child gets lost for you to show professionals who to look out for if your child goes missing.
- ☐ **Identify areas where your child can get help** hopefully you won't need this, but just in case - look for the places of safety and how to get there.
- ☐ **Bring photographic identification** - if your child has been lost and found, you may need to verify who you are.

If you are not attending with your child...some extra considerations

- ☐ **Know who your child is with** - If your child is out with friends- make sure you have their friend's parent/carer's contacts.
- ☐ **Set rules and expectations.** Check in with your children before they leave home. Talk about worries and how you can reassure yourselves. You can use the corresponding Young Persons Check list to support this conversation.
- ☐ **Plan getting home** - make sure you consider getting home safe. Transport can be unpredictable - have a backup plan.
- ☐ **Communicate throughout the day** - Get them to send you selfies and regularly message - if they need help know how you can get support.

If you or someone else is at immediate risk, contact 999.

If you have intelligence or concerns that aren't emergencies, you can report this via 101.



Today we celebrated fabulous achievements throughout the year. The whole school came together for our final celebration assembly of 2026. Each year teachers nominate names for different awards and just like the Oscars we debate who should get each award and why. It is a difficult decision, when we have 218 wonderful pupils. However, we finally chose our final awards. Congratulations to all of the children.

Most Progress over the Year

Reception: Harrison Year One: Flossie Year Two: Emma Year Three: Elena Year Four: Scarlett N Year Five: Linnea Year Six: Ezra

Writer of the Year: KS1 winner = April KS2 winner = Paolo

Mathematician of the Year: KS1 winner = Tommy KS2 winner = Vihaan

Musician of the Year: KS1 winner = William KS2 winner = Jessica L

Artist of the Year: KS1 winner = Freya KS2 winner = Florence

Scientist of the Year: KS1 winner = George KS2 winner = Thomas

Friend of the Year: KS1 winner = Lily KS2 winner = Linh

Sports Personality of the Year: KS1 winner = Cody KS2 winner = Lyla

Head Teacher's Award for the Year = Katie

Respect certificates

Shakespeare = Mabel

Arden = Freya

Hall = Darcy M

Hathaway = Sophia



End of Year Message from Mrs Humphriss' desk

Wow, one minute I was at the start of June, thinking I have lots of time to plan end of year events and then suddenly here I am typing my end of year message. What a year it has been! So full of many wonderful visits, visitors, events and learning. Take a look back through your class dojo accounts to remind you of everything that has happened. Yesterday, we had a fun afternoon with water play. The playground sang to the shouts, screams of joy and laughter. Ms Parton and I put aside our paperwork and loved being out with the children. It was a soggy, fun time and one I know the children will remember. Nothing better than laughter to release those positive endorphins. Plus it cooled us down.

Thank you to all the children who brighten each and every day. They proved last week during our Ofsted inspection that they love their school and we are super proud of them. Thank you as well, to you, our families. We love sharing your children with you and we hope you have a super time together this summer.

We are saying goodbye to some of our family as they go off to new pastures; good luck Margaux and Darcie-Rae. You will be missed. We are also saying goodbye to the following staff: Mr Kelly, Ms Davies, Mrs Saunders and Mrs McCormack. Mr Kelly has only been with us a year but during that time he has worked with almost every child and introduced a STEM curriculum which has challenged the children's thinking and been very creative. Thank you and good luck on your next adventure. Ms Davies has been with us since 2019. During her time she has been a midday supervisor, class teaching assistant and eventually upskilled into her role as SEND TA. She has delivered our speech & language and occupational therapy programme and has an in depth knowledge of children's needs. She is going on promotion to a special school and we are super proud of her. Good luck. Mrs Saunders has only been with us a short while but during that time her calm, measured manner has been a delight and her creativity has wowed us all. She is leaving for personal reasons and we wish her all the best. Finally, Mrs McCormack! What can we say? She is exceptional in every way. She has been part of Stratford Primary for many years. Her children came to this school but since 2016 she has been the Year 6 teacher and so many children have passed through her classroom and because of her outstanding teaching have excelled and gone on to secondary school more than ready. She has taken children on residential, directed numerous plays, led on maths and transformed our maths curriculum. She has been through 3 Ofsted inspections with me. Throughout her time she has also led Humanities, Computing, English writing, she has been the student teacher mentor and ECT mentor. Mrs McCormack has been a stalwart part of the senior leadership team and I definitely will miss her expertise and support. After 33 years she is hanging up her whistle and semi-retiring. We will miss you so much Mrs Mc! Good luck, you deserve the break.

Thank you to our volunteer helpers; Pat, Sarah, Magda and Karen. We appreciate all you do for the children and the time you give. Thank you as well to our governing body (SSC) who volunteer their time to challenge the school to meet the school development priorities and provide the best education we can for the children. A huge thank you to FOSP, who once again have ensured that the children have many fun events where they can get together and enjoy themselves. The fund-raising they do is phenomenal. This year, they have subsidized trips, provided art supplies, bought us much needed air conditioning units, bought Ipads, musical instruments, EYFS resources, ice lollies and so much more. You are amazing.

A huge thank you to my brilliant staffing team. Every day you impress me with your dedication. Last week you pulled together and once again demonstrated to an Ofsted team that the education we give the children is amazing. You go above and beyond and always with a smile. Make sure you have a well-deserved break.

Finally, we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They are the product of our school. For 7 years they have embraced primary education and we will miss you all so much. You have been a brilliant year 6; so creative, full of fun and resilient. I know you are going to go on to achieve great things. Never forget that you are awesome! Tell yourself that each and every day. Take every opportunity offered to you to increase your life chances. Go out there and show them you are a Stratford Primary pupil. Good luck.

Enjoy being together this summer holidays. Stay safe and well. Come back in September with news about all your adventures. Keep reading, writing, practicing your maths, exploring history, looking at maps, talking about your health, singing songs, drawing, painting, building, explore the outdoors, do bunny hops every day, get off your screens and keep computers for the classroom, learn a new language, do a science experiment, look at the stars, give each other hugs, cook, bake and remember to smile!

Remember - 'Even when we're apart, we'll always be with you.' You just have to think of school and we will be in your hearts. Happy Holidays. See you on 3rd September 2026.