

THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 14th - 25th Apr - Easter Holidays
- 26th Apr - Shakespeare Birthday Parade - selected children attending
- 28th Apr - Return to school
- 29th Apr - Y5 Greek workshop
- 30th Apr - Y4 Egyptian workshop
- 2nd May - International Dance Day
- 5th May - School closed - bank holiday Monday
- 8th May - VE day - dress in red, white and blue for Royal British Legion
- 9th May - Celebration Assembly
- 12th - 16th May - SATs week (no leave of absence will be granted)
- 16th May - Celebration Assembly & FOSP Spring Disco
- 19th - 23rd May - Walk to School Week
- 21st May - Class Photos
- 23rd May - Celebration Assembly & FOSP YES day - Break up for holidays

HOUSE POINTS

Arden – TBC

Hall – TBC

Shakespeare – TBC

Hathaway – TBC



House points will be announced after Easter.

ATTENDANCE

We thought in this newsletter we would share some data with you on attendance .

Number of pupils in school = 213

Attendance 97.1% for the whole school

818 days have been missed through absence

593.5 days have been missed because of illness

Authorised absences = 2.6 %

Unauthorised absences = 0.3%

The worst week for attendance was 16th to 20th December 2024

The best week for attendance was 2nd to 6th September 2024.



MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF Mrs Humphriss

Happy Easter everyone. We have completed our Spring term which has been filled with so much. Each class has summed up their busy lives so far.

This week we have all been treated to an incredible performance of Peter Pan by Years 3 and 4. The children were so confident and had so much fun being on stage. We all loved the singing, characterisation, dancing, comic timing and of course 'believing in fairies.' Quick Peter Pan joke... *'Why does Captain Hook take so long to learn his alphabet? Because he spends years at 'C'....* Ha Ha. A huge thank you to all the staff who spent time directing, choreographing, stage-managing and making props.

What a surprise yesterday we had in school. Reception were very excited. They were all sat quiet as mice learning their phonics when there came a knock on the door! They opened it and no one was there. They looked down and found a letter. It was from the Easter Bunny and he had hidden eggs all over the paddock for them. The children were super excited and spent the morning making traps to catch the bunny, beds for the bunny to sleep in and writing letters. Their handwriting and spelling was exceptional. The Easter Bunny had better not leave carrots everywhere. I am not sure Mr Hodgkins would be too impressed!

I would just like to end my news with thank you. First to all the staff of Stratford Primary who work so hard to make learning fun and inspirational for the children. I hope the Easter bunny brings them all a treat. Secondly to FOSP who have been busy spending some of the funds raised and we have received some exciting things to boost our resources. After Easter we will photograph everything and share it.

Have a wonderful break everyone. Cherish your loved ones and spend time enjoying being together. Turn off the devices and TV and get out and about in nature. Go for a walk, play a board game, sit and read your favourite books but most of all smile at each other and enjoy hugs.

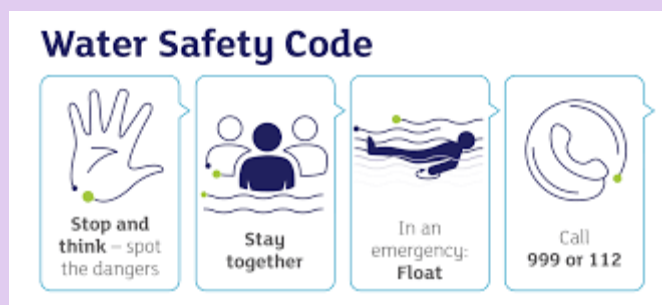
SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

WATER SAFETY

As we move into warmer months more people visit beaches, lakes and rivers. Make sure your child understands how to stay safe in and around water.

The Royal Lifesaving Society has lots of top tips for you to read and advice.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-information>



SEND NEWS

WHAT is SEND?

SEND stands for Special Educational Need and/or a Disability

Someone has SEND if they:

- Have a learning difficulty which makes learning harder e.g. ADHD or dyslexia
- Have a disability, e.g. physical disability and neurological conditions like autism

You do not need a diagnosis to receive special educational provision.

If you think your child has SEND or you're worried about their progress:

- speak to their teacher or the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo)
- you can also speak to your GP

The first point of contact is always your child's school. Ms Parton is our SENCo.

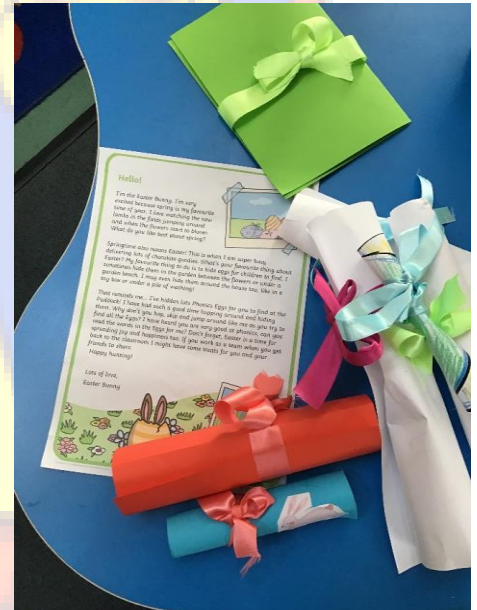
The school is best placed to access support and help from outside agencies, such as Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapy for example.

A GP can also help by recognising if there is a mental health or neurodevelopment issue.

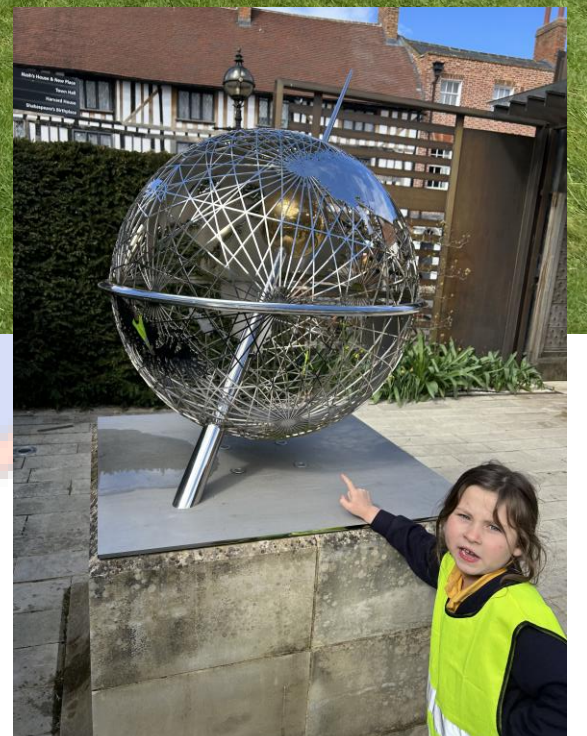
Talking to the right people helps.

A ROUND UP OF SCHOOL

Reception has been learning about the signs of spring this term and about Easter. They had a very exciting visit from the Easter bunny, who left a note asking the children to find phonic eggs at the paddock. The children had a lovely day creating Easter cards, maps, traps, and even a brand-new car for the Easter bunny. Reception enjoyed a fun, sunny afternoon at the paddock, finding eggs with words inside. When they arrived back in the classroom, they found some yummy treats! What a fantastic term it has been. We hope everyone has a super Easter, and we are looking forward to the summer term.



Year One have had a lovely term practicing their phonics and handwriting. They were super excited to write letters on Easter eggs. This term the children have loved learning about London and making their different buildings and impressed Miss Rushton with how they made taxis and understood how axles work. They are looking forward to going off to Brazil next term and then back in time to the dinosaurs. Happy Easter everyone.



What a busy and brilliant term! Year 2 have managed to pack in lots of learning this term which has been all about significant people and the impact they have had. We have learnt about Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Rosa Parks and many more. Some of our highlights have been planning and cooking a three-course healthy meal, learning about still life and drawing our own, practising under and over arm throwing in PE and writing love spells based on a Midsummer's Night Dream. We have also enjoyed a walk around town for Shakespeare week, a carbon monoxide workshop and learning playground songs through a singing playgrounds workshop. Well done to the children for their brilliant hard work, effort and enthusiasm for learning! Have a lovely Easter and we look forward to welcoming you back after the break.



Another action-packed half term it's been in Year 3! The classroom has been buzzing with creativity, curiosity and confidence as the children threw themselves into a fantastic range of learning experiences across the curriculum. We stepped into the world of theatre by writing our very own playscripts, learning how to bring characters and dialogue to life on the page. We then put our persuasive powers to the test by creating eye-catching advertising posters, carefully choosing words and images to hook our audience.

Our imaginations truly soared during narrative writing, where the children composed the back story to Razvani, the great fire fiend from our class text, *Firework Maker's Daughter*. Maths saw us getting to grips with fractions, developing our understanding of equal parts, the whole, numerators and denominators. We then moved on to mass and capacity. Things got dramatic as we studied the powerful forces of nature - earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. The children were fascinated by these natural phenomena and learned how they shape our planet in awe-inspiring ways, relating their knowledge to current events around the world.

In RE, our focus was on the period of Lent and Easter. To enhance our learning, we visited Holy Trinity Church. The children brought the Palm Parade to life with a joyful re-enactment and deepened their understanding of Lent's meaning and importance in the Christian calendar. Our DT lessons were a whirlwind of imagination and engineering as we explored cam mechanisms and created our very own automaton toys. The children's creativity shone through as they designed moving models with cleverly concealed mechanisms.

Science sparked plenty of wonder and excitement as we delved into the topic of light and shadows, discovering how light travels and how shadows are formed and experimenting with different materials to investigate transparency and opacity. And, of course, the grand finale... our spectacular Year 3/4 performance of *Peter Pan*! The enthusiasm, talent and teamwork made it an unforgettable performance! The children dazzled with their acting, singing and dancing - a magical end to an amazing half term! Well done, Year 3!

Wishing you a wonderful Easter, sprinkled with fairy dust adding that all-important sparkle!



This Spring term in Year 4 has been full of exciting learning and memorable experiences. We explored the fascinating world of mountains and rivers in geography, while in science we investigated states of matter and uncovered the wonders of the water cycle. The highlight of the term was our fantastic residential trip to York, where we had the chance to visit the Jorvik Centre and dive into Viking history. We also crafted beautiful masquerade masks as part of the Shakespeare trail, linking our work to Romeo and Juliet. To top it all off, we showcased our creativity and talent by performing an incredible production of Peter Pan alongside Year 3. It's been a term to remember!



Year 5 have had a very busy term and have LOVED learning about space. They have been fascinated with finding out facts about the planets, the moon and the stars. They have written incredible non-chronological reports that demonstrate their outstanding knowledge about the solar system. They have had a tasty term making constellations out of marshmallows and using jaffa cakes to show the different moon phases. They made their own moving space buggies by building wooden frames and using electrical circuits to ensure their buggy could move forwards and backwards. Year 5 were also lucky enough to be invited to the National Table Tennis Championships in Nottingham. They had a fantastic day cheering the players on by chanting 'Cho', meeting some of the players, getting to play against a robot, having time to play table tennis and using the speed machine to find out how quickly they can hit a ball. They also attended a town council meeting where they chose to discuss 'What can be done to reduce water pollution in the river Avon and protect our swans and otters'. They had chance to be councillors, Macebearers, a mayor, a beadle and a town clerk and held a fascinating debate, eventually voting that more needs to be done in Stratford to look after the river.



Year 6 have had a very busy term in the Frozen Kingdom! We have been explorers – following in the footsteps of Ernest Shackleton; scientists – carrying out experiments involving huddling penguins; historians – studying the Titanic; and artists - learning about Inuit art and creating our own stencils based on the work of Kenojuak Ashevak. Our fabulous finish was Survival Day in the Paddock – with tents, super soup and the morse code challenge ... not to mention a little bit of hiding! We are definitely ready to venture to warmer climes ... Adios Antarctica – Hola Mexico!



FOSP Penny Challenge results



Class	Raised	Positive	Negative	Total	Position
Reception	£ 79.55	£ 34.10	-£ 45.45	-£ 11.35	7th place (but raised most!)
Year 1	£ 34.62	£ 24.07	-£ 10.55	£ 13.52	3rd place
Year 2	£ 21.51	£ 18.71	-£ 2.80	£ 15.91	1st place
Year 3	£ 41.71	£ 16.26	-£ 23.45	-£ 7.19	6th place
Year 4	£ 30.53	£ 22.93	-£ 7.60	£ 15.33	2nd place
Year 5	£ 12.81	£ 8.01	-£ 4.80	£ 3.21	4th place
Year 6	£ 13.94	£ 5.89	-£ 8.05	-£ 2.16	5th place

Total raised £ 234.67

Amazing thank you for all your donations. Year two won overall but Reception raised the most.

Year Two and Reception will receive ice lollies as a treat.



CLAVERDON FC

UNDER 10

OPEN TRIALS

- Looking for talented players to match current squad levels
- Technical ability and skill development
- Top tier of Mid-Warwickshire League
- Ambitious players wanted to progress to MJPL
- FA qualified experienced coaches
- Family friendly atmosphere
- Kit provided

Wednesday 16th April
6pm-7:30pm

Claverdon Recreation Ground, CV35 8PU



The Croft

Preparatory School

2025 EVENTER CHALLENGE SERIES

A fully supportive & competitive training event
for children of all abilities, aged 2-18.



11th May



8th June



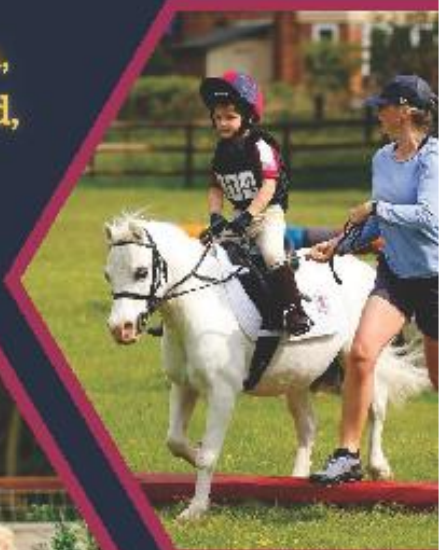
27th July



7th Sept
Championships



Team Pickles Equestrian,
The Lodge, Alcester Road,
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 9DF.



Classes

- 30cm - 60cm
- 40cm - 70cm
- 50cm - 80cm



Individuals & teams

Entries now open

Points
accumulator
throughout the
series



Fabulous prizes



[Bit.ly/CroftEC11thMay](https://bit.ly/CroftEC11thMay)



CroftSchoolEventChallenge@hotmail.com



DRESS FOR VICTORY

WEAR RED **WHITE & BLUE**

Thursday 8 May

Come to school wearing red, white and blue to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day) and raise money to support veterans in need

£1



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Peter Pan production by Years 3 and 4



Peter Pan

