



# THE STRATFORD PRIMARY STANDARD



## DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Staff Training Days (school closed to children)
- Children return to school - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- 9<sup>th</sup> September - Year 4 Helping Hands workshop
- 11<sup>th</sup> September - Year 3 visit to Stonehenge
- 12<sup>th</sup> September - First celebration assembly of the year
- 18<sup>th</sup> September - Friends of Stratford Primary Annual General Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> September - Celebration Assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> September - Family Support Worker parent workshop
- 27<sup>th</sup> September - Holy Trinity Community Parade
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Y5 Hockey Tournament (Warwick) & Y2 Trip to Warwick Castle
- FOSP Psychic evening event
- 6<sup>th</sup> October - Y3 The BFG workshop with The RSC
- 7<sup>th</sup> October - Open day for prospective Reception 2026

## SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Arden – 1392

Hall – 1401

Shakespeare – 1282

Hathaway – 1341

*Congratulations Hall  
on winning Sports Day*

## HOUSE CUP RESULTS



Arden – 34692

Hall – 34489

Shakespeare – 33688

Hathaway - 33106

The winners of the  
House Cup for  
2024 - 2025

ARDEN

Congratulations to  
the whole team -  
ably led by Dottie  
and Sonny.

## End of Year Message from Mrs Humphriss

Well here we are at the end of yet another academic year which has been full of wonderful experiences for the children and many excellent moments and successes. For the 8<sup>th</sup> year running our academic results are consistently above national average demonstrating the strong quality of education which we provide. We have continued to seek out wider experiences for the children to enhance our curriculum and to ensure that our vision is being met.

Throughout the year we have met WW1 soldier, Greek soldier, owls, graffiti artist, authors to name a few. The children have filled our school with their incredible artwork through our poppy trail, Shakespeare week and multicultural week. We have celebrated so many sporting events I was beginning to think we needed a special assembly just for that. The children have visited so many different places; Stonehenge, All Things Wild, Stargazing in the forest, the theatre, the forest, the beach, the library and more. We are so proud of the children and everything they have achieved. We cannot wait for another year. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for the support you have shown me throughout this year. Our school is one big family and adversity this year has shown how as a family we all came together to care and protect each other. Thank you so much for the wonderful team (my staff). They work so hard and are always thinking about each and every child and what will make their day work well for them. We have had to say goodbye to some of our team and we wish Mrs Wood, Mrs Matthews, Miss Steele all the very best for the future. Thank you to all of you for everything you have done for the children of Stratford Primary. Good luck on the next stage of your adventures. Sadly we are saying goodbye to Ms Rushton, she has been a real part of our school for a number of years and we cannot thank her enough for the support she has given children over the years. Good luck. You will be missed. We look forward to welcoming Ms Chapleo and Mr Kelly to our team in September. We also celebrated Miss Postlethwaite's forthcoming wedding. We wish you the very best of luck for a happy marriage and look forward to you coming back to us in September as Mrs Nailor.

Thank you to our volunteer helpers; Lindsey, Pat, Sarah and Karen who have been in listening to readers and working with children in different groups. We appreciate the time you give. Thank you as well to our governing body (SSC) they continue to challenge the school to be the best we can be and have been amazing this year coming into school to interview pupils, support with events, talk to staff and verify we are meeting our school development plan. A huge thank you to The Friends of Stratford Primary – all of you are truly amazing, particularly Amy, Emily, Alison and Danielle who have ensured that events have been exciting, the children have had great experiences and done an amazing job fundraising so our school can have fabulous resources such as cooking equipment, laptops, sensory items, art materials and more.

Finally it is time to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. For 7 years I have seen you grow, mature, laugh, cry, sing, dance, act, play and I am so proud of the people you have become. Keep reaching for your dreams. Remember... 'you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think' Good luck.

## End of Year Messages from The Classes

What a wonderful year in Reception! What an amazing journey we have had this year! From visiting the farm and sitting around the campfire, to enjoying our special teddy bear picnic, Reception has been full of magical memories. You have all worked so hard, especially with your writing and drawing showing how creative and curious you all are. We have loved seeing you all grow into confident learners, full of wonderful ideas and imagination. We are so proud of every single one of you. Keep being amazing, have a super summer, don't forget to smile, explore and shine bright. With love from Miss Hitchens and





Year 1 have had a very busy half term! They have loved learning about dinosaurs and Mary Anning the fossil hunter. There are lots of budding Mary Annings in the class – we have had many interesting pebbles brought in during show and tell, such was the children's interest! A highlight was their visit to All Things Wild which was lots of fun! Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed looking at the story 'Journey' and completing lots of varied activities relating to the book from writing, drawing and painting to junk modelling. The children have been learning how to tell the time to the half hour and have made little clocks to help them practise over the holidays. They have worked extremely hard and are now ready for a well deserved break before embarking on Year 2!





From the very beginning, the children have shown such enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness in everything they do. Their positive attitude towards learning and their willingness to support one another has made this a wonderful class.

We've had so many exciting highlights throughout the year. Our visit to Cotswold Country Park and Beach was a fantastic day filled with fun, games and splashing in the water. The children also loved our owl visit, where they learned fascinating facts and even dissected real owl pellets—sparking great curiosity about nature and wildlife. In Forest School, they showed bravery and creativity while whittling sticks, building dens, and exploring the outdoors.

What has stood out most is how every child has challenged themselves, shown perseverance, and made progress both academically and socially. Whether it's writing imaginative stories, solving tricky maths problems, or showing empathy and care to their classmates, they've impressed us every step of the way.

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching Year 2. We feel lucky to have shared this year with such a brilliant group of children, and I personally am very excited to continue our journey together next year.

Have a wonderful and well-deserved summer break—rest, relax, and enjoy every moment.

Love from Miss White, Mrs Beesley, and Miss Buchanan



What a remarkable journey this has been! Year 3 has been bursting with adventure, imagination and unforgettable learning. From travelling back in time to uncover how early humans lived, to diving into dramatic stories and expressive writing, you've explored ideas that stretched across centuries and subjects. You've written like historians, investigated like scientists, created like artists, and solved problems like true mathematicians. Along the way, you've built volcanoes, grown plants, designed moving toys, performed poetry, and brought characters to life on stage - all while asking thoughtful questions and showing boundless creativity.

But the real magic of this year hasn't just been in what you've learned - it's in who you've become. You've grown into confident, independent thinkers who collaborate, support one another, and face challenges with resilience and curiosity. The classroom has been alive with energy, humour, kindness and pride. Whether working quietly with focus or singing boldly in performance, you've shown what it means to learn with heart. You've made this year truly special, and we will miss your spark, your stories and your laughter. As you step into your next chapter, take everything you've discovered with you - your voice, your courage, your brilliant ideas - and keep shining bright. Well done, Year 3... we couldn't be prouder of you!





What a brilliant year it's been in Year 4! In the autumn term, we began with an unforgettable trip to the Heart of England Forest where we became Saxon villagers for the day—digging into history, crafting pottery, weaving, and even building a model village. We delved deeper into the Anglo-Saxons back in class, learning about their daily lives, Sutton Hoo, the rise of Christianity, and Alfred the Great. Our science lessons were hands-on and fun, exploring the digestive system and investigating how different drinks affect our teeth.

Spring brought more adventures, including our exciting residential to York. There, we visited the Jorvik Centre and explored Viking life first-hand. We studied rivers and mountains in geography, and in science, we looked at states of matter and the water cycle. A highlight was our joint production of Peter Pan with Year 3 and creating vibrant masquerade masks inspired by Romeo and Juliet for the Shakespeare trail.

This summer term has been a fantastic finale! We've loved learning about Ancient Egypt in history—especially writing letters to Lord Carnarvon and crafting newspaper reports about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in English. In science, we've been experimenting with circuits and exploring how electricity works. A huge highlight was our incredible Multicultural Week, packed with colourful art, creative writing, and learning about countries around the world. What a memorable year!





This has been an incredible year for Year 5. They have been absolutely fantastic and have blown me away with their positive attitude and enthusiasm towards learning and life.

They have been fortunate enough to have so many amazing experiences this year, which they have loved and learnt so much from. They have stated their favourites were... going to Gail's bakery, visiting El Greco to try Greek food, all the HoE trips but especially stargazing, visiting the Mad museum and going bell-boating.

Some of their other personal highlights from the year have been... creating space buggies, Greek cooking, writing Greek myths and Greek playscripts, multicultural week (learning the dance and reading the 'human journey'), doing 10 weeks of table tennis and going to the national table tennis championships, meeting their buddies and doing the play 'Rock bottom'. They also mentioned that they have enjoyed all the sporting opportunities and going to hockey, football, netball and netball tournaments as well as taking part in matches, cross-country running, pentathlons and many athletic competitions.

Thank you Year 5 for making me smile everyday and for being such a brilliant, respectful and fun class tot each this year. I wish all a lovely summer holidays and all the best for Year 6!





Well Year 6 – what a brilliant half term to complete your final year at Stratford Primary!

We will all be left with fantastic memories of this year: reading and crafting with your buddies; wacky water games in the Paddock; sending crazy morse code messages; playing Sleeping Lions when there was a rather unexpected and random rain shower; rushing to queue for biscuits after SATs tests; crazy orange-eating at Manor Adventure; spontaneous mass Macarena-ing; and playing 40:40 and eating Super Soup on Survival Day ... to name but a few!

We will also have very happy memories of Rock Bottom: the steampunk time-travelling narrators; the kooky Cobblestones; the wise but wacky Eggheads; the evil Lady Lava with her ever-patient Tiddles and Gravel; the Glitzy Cavegirl trio of Glenda, Gladys and Gerty; our esteemed leaders: Morris Miner and Rocky Rockefeller; Wild Willie, with her yolk-cracking feathery friends and little Rex; the brilliant comedy trio of the Three Amigos; and our very own T-Rex ... exit left pursued by a ferocious dinosaur! 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, jam-packed 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 ... Get yourselves out of here!

Goodbye and good luck,

Love Mrs Mc, Mrs Fade, Mrs Matthews and Mrs Mingins xxx



### Our final celebration assembly of the year

Yesterday we celebrated with some very special awards. We came together to present awards for different areas. What struck me the most was how pleased and happy the children's peers were when each person was named. I was so proud of everyone for following our one school rule of respect. Each year the staff nominate different children and we then decide who will get the final certificate. The reasons for the choice are shared. I particularly love listening to the house captains when they share who they have chosen for their Respect certificate. The words they use are beautiful. There was a lot of love in the room today. Here are our winners.

#### Most progress throughout the year

Reception - Allu  
 Year One - Henry  
 Year Two - Jessica E  
 Year Three - Barnaby  
 Year Four - Logan  
 Year Five - Harry  
 Year Six - Dominic

#### Head Teacher's Award for the Year

Sara (Y6)

#### Shakespeare Respect

Harry (Y5)

#### Arden Respect

Molly (Y5)

#### Hall Respect

Emilia (Y5)

#### Hathaway Respect

Naia (Y6)

#### Writer of the Year

KS1 - Charlie (Y2)

KS2 - Olivia A (Y3)

#### Mathematician of the Year

KS1 - Albie (Y2)

KS2 - Lottie (Y6)

#### Scientist of the Year

KS1 - Elliot (Reception)

KS2 - Toby (Y3)

#### Musician of the Year

KS1 - Flossy and Dotty (Reception)

KS2 - Emilia (Y5)

#### Sports Personality of the Year

KS1 - Tom (Y2)

KS2 - Sam (Y6)

#### Friend of the Year

KS1 - Jaxon (Y1)

KS2 - Karla (Y4)

#### Artist of the Year

KS1 - Arthur (Y1)

KS2 - Audrey (Y6)



### An end of term note from governors

As we come to the end of another amazing school year, we want to celebrate a year filled with incredible hard work, creativity, and achievement. We'd like to say a particular well done to our year 6 children; we hope you all enjoy your exciting transition to secondary school.

At our governing body meeting this week we were reflecting on some of the things have stood out to us across the year. One of our favourite things is coming into the school to do learning walks. This is where we'll talk to groups of children from different year groups about different aspects of their learning. This year we've had learning walks focusing on safeguarding, phonics, PSHE, maths and curriculum knowledge and skills. What we consistently see are children who are excited about their learning, and who feel safe and happy in the school. We also love that the children do so much in our community, connecting with people of different ages and developing understanding of the different kinds of lives and experiences people in our Stratford community have.

As governors, our job is to support the school to create the best environment for children to learn, develop and thrive in. We are so proud of every child and all staff at the school who work hard to create the happy, supportive, creative place of learning and development we see every day. We were so pleased to see the results of the parent survey earlier in the year in which so many parents expressed this same sense of pride, and commented on the kindness and sense of community in the school.

On behalf of all governors, we wish everyone a really happy, and well deserved, summer break.

Jacqui O'Hanlon, Chair of Governors.



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# FRIENDS OF STRATFORD PRIMARY

# THANK YOU

**This year you have helped FOSP raise £9,280.51!**  
**£7,698.82 has been spent on:**

- **Calm room** refurbishment & resources
- **Laptops x 5**
- **Headphones** – class set
- **Art** – class pack of desktop easels, paints, brushes etc
- **Craft** – each class received a pack of essentials & nice to have items to enhance their supply
- **Cookery equipment & storage** – class set
- **Class contributions** to trips or resources
- **Mini medics training** – two year groups
- **Christmas lunch subsidy**
- **Year 6 leavers contribution**
- **End of term treat giveaway**
- **Library license**

*Many of these items are annual commitments, which FOSP hopes to continue.*

## What's in progress?

- **Cycle shelter**

## What's next on the wishlist:

- **Ipads**
- **Musical instruments**
- **Outdoor equipment**
- **Art workshops**
- **Air conditioning**

*Thankyou to Abi – the Domino fashion event funded the calm room, art, and cookery equipment.*





