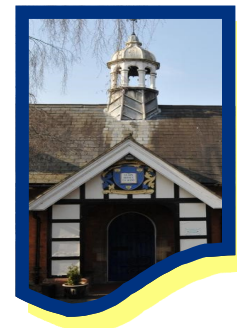


# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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**Reminders:** Dinners must be booked by Friday evening for the following week, or a packed lunch provided.

**Letters issued this week: Diwali and Christmas - ALL YEARS, Get Caught Reading - ALL YEARS**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Woodwind lessons Rocksteady catch up lesson Reception 2021 Open Appointments	Rocksteady Piano lessons Reception 2021 Open Appointments	Violin lessons Reception 2021 Open Appointments	Rocksteady Reception 2021 Open Appointments	Guitar lessons Reception 2021 Open Appointments

## News from the Desk of the Executive Head



I love this time of year when the leaves on the trees are changing colour. It is such a beautiful sight with incredible shades of reds, oranges, browns and greens. Nature creates an artist's dream. There is nothing better when the mornings are darker and the evenings close in to spend a bit of time to stop and look at what is around you. Practice the mindfulness of appreciating our wonderful world.

Thank you so much for all the donations we have received for Stratford foodbank. You have all been very generous. This year's harvest festival was virtual. As you know each week through Teams the classes meet and we share our themes and values. I was able to rest my voice this week and on Tuesday each year group prepared a song, a harvest hoe down, a poem, a recitation or some thoughts around harvest. It brought us all together. Not quite our usual service in Holy Trinity but it really doesn't matter where we meet so long as the children learn to appreciate how our food is made and how we can help others to have a better life.

Reception have an excellent outdoor learning facility and have been exploring elements of nature in their exploration area. They have been experimenting with texture and feeling fir cones, holly, crackly leaves and more. Year One continue their theme of Winnie The Pooh and The Blustery day in forest school and are making kites. I can't wait to see them fly. Down in Year Two aliens have landed as they learn more about space and stories that have been created. They tried some scientific making of alien slime. Sadly the ingredients didn't gel but then that is what Science is all about – experimenting. Year Three have been practising their column addition. I spoke to Remee and we agreed that once you understood the process maths is quite easy really. Year Four have been creating story maps and learning that editing and improving makes everything better. Year Five and Six have written some beautiful autumn poems and illustrated them. They are so creative and recognise that sometimes we have to keep working at presentation to get a finished piece. I have also been super impressed with the vocabulary which is springing up everywhere. We are introducing 5 new words a week to the children and exploring the definition of those words. So don't be surprised if your child comes out with words such as 'phalanges', 'exotic' or 'evocative.' Ask them what it means and maybe you will learn something new too.



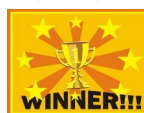
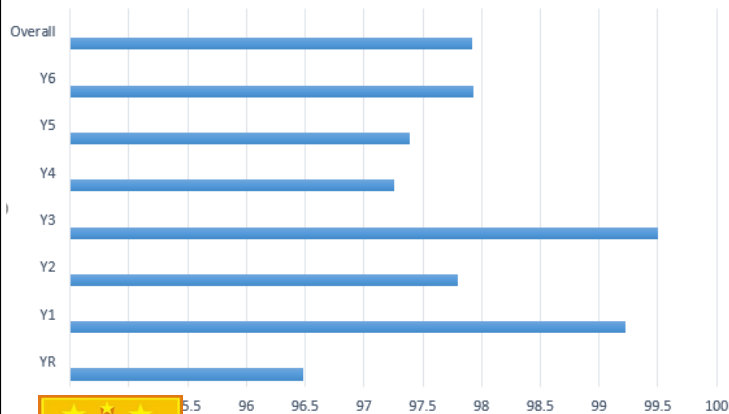
The Friends of Stratford Primary have been meeting too and there are lots of plans afoot to raise funds virtually. We can't have the same events as before but we can think outside the box. They are launching their dream draw. You can buy a number and each month if your number is drawn then you can win a share of the prize fund. Sounds familiar? Sadly we won't be millionaires but we can have some fun and a proportion of everything raised goes to the school. They have also created a grants committee and are beginning to apply for grants to raise funds for 3 areas of need in the school; the playground development, ICT equipment – iPads and laptops and the re-development of our wonderful garden. If you have ideas or wish to join the team to help then please do.

'Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.' Og Mandino

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Humphriss

## Weekly Attendance by Class



The winner's this week are Year 3 with 99.5%. Well done!

## Dyslexia Awareness Week

This week is Dyslexia Awareness Week. Here are some signs of dyslexia to look out for. Further advice and information can be found by visiting the British Dyslexia Association website:

[www.bdadyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk)



**WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2020**

Saturday 10th October is...

[www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day)



## Reception



Reception have noticed how the season is changing and created some beautiful art using things they found on their nature walks.

What lovely leaf prints in autumn colours!

## Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone for your generosity, our Harvest donations are being taken to Stratford Food Bank this week.



## Year 1

Year One have been writing about why we celebrate Harvest. We have learnt that we celebrate



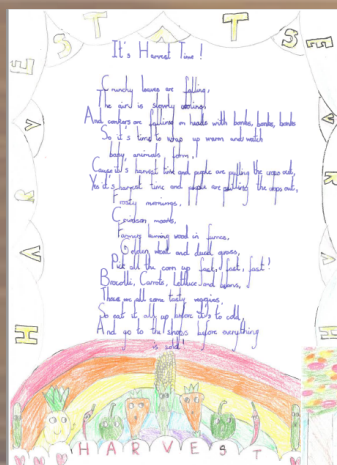
Harvest to say thank you for the food that is grown for us and to share our food with others.

## Year 2

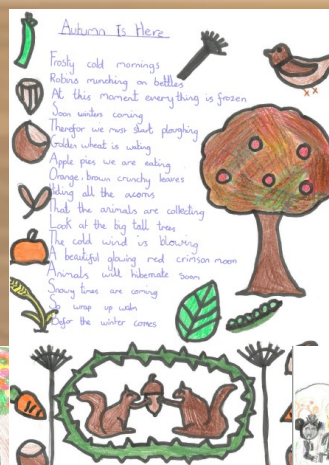
Y2 have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy and have been creating some of his work by using the natural resources and colours from the paddock.



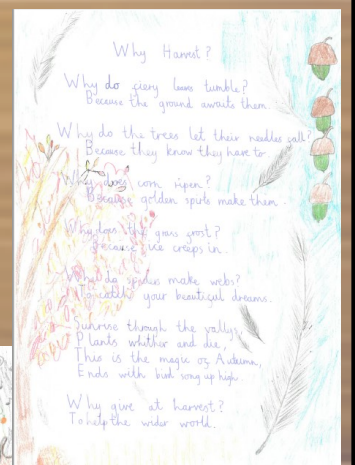
## Harvest Poems from Year 5



Maia

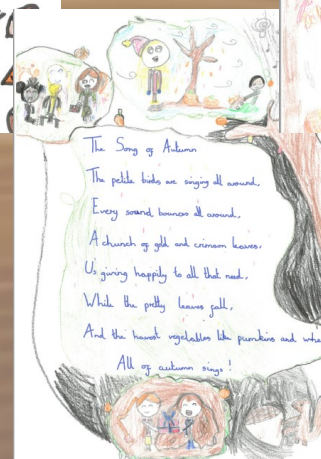
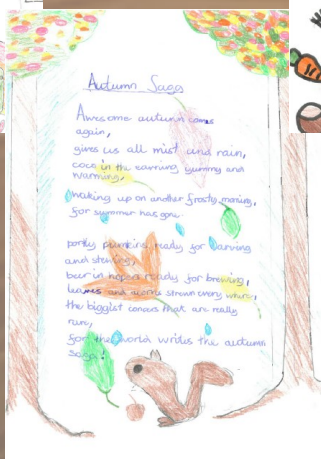


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