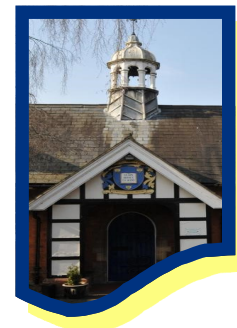


# Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: None				
Letters issued this week: Choir Festival - Choir, World Book Day - All				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir 3.30-4.30	Rocksteady Dance 3.30-4.30 Football 3.30-4.30 Football Tournament—The Croft	Drama 3.30-4.30 Textiles 3.30-4.30 Pizza Express—Year 2	Rocksteady Art 3.30-4.30	Tudor World—Year 2 FOSP Discos 6-7pm KS1 7.30-8.30pm KS2

## News from the Desk of the Executive Head

It's an historical day today! My Granddaughter has turned 1. What a year she has had learning to smile, roll over, crawl, stand up and communicate. She is an absolute delight and what is extremely obvious is that she is incredibly resilient. Something we endeavour to teach all of the children in our care. We all encounter difficulties in life and part of our own mental health training is how we deal with it. Many of the staff including myself have been completing mental health training and I learnt this week that I have passed my Level 2 in Understanding Mental Health. So here are some thoughts that matter which could help many people. When FEELING 'This is too much.' TRY - 'What do I need?' When FEELING 'Am I behind?' TRY - 'What can I celebrate?' When FEELING 'I messed up.' TRY - 'What did I learn?' When FEELING 'This isn't working.' TRY - 'What tweak can I try?'

I led a lovely Achievement Assembly as well this morning. Every month we celebrate readers, writers, mathematicians, good friends and the House Captains choose those who they have witnessed being respectful. The children are all very confident and happy to share their learning. Some of the writers talked about the learning they have completed about Shakespeare and how they are developing their writing and bringing it into the 21st century using QR codes. Our readers love authors such as Roald Dahl and David Walliams. I am always seeing children with books in their hands, reading. The more we read the more we learn. Hetty in Y6 has been multiplying fractions whilst Tobias in Y2 demonstrated his knowledge of division by making one up on the spot. 20 divided by 4 = 5. So great to see this recall of knowledge shared confidently. Our good friends were identified by their compassion for others, being caring and kind, supporting younger children and more. All of our children are great friends to each other, smiling and supportive. We also awarded many star card certificates. Children receive stars for learning and effort and once they complete their individual star cards visit myself or Mrs Withers to explain why they have received their stars and collect their next one. Oliver in Y3 has just been to see me as I am writing this to share his 400 stars. He was able to explain that Mr Scarlett was impressed with his division knowledge and Oliver then proceeded to divide 12108 by 2 to demonstrate to me. Excellent maths.

Yesterday I attended my Designated Safeguarding Lead refresher training to ensure that I am up to date with Keeping Children Safe in Education and that I am able to continue to lead my team in maintaining our strong culture of vigilance. Remember that Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility. If you have concerns about a child or family and it is maybe on the weekend, or in the holidays when schools are closed, then MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) is always available. You can telephone 01926 414144 for advice. You can also visit <https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/> for lots of information and support. The family information service also provides free information to support families with children and young people. Visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis) or phone 01926 742274. Remember you are never alone. If we all watch out for each other and support then things can only get better.

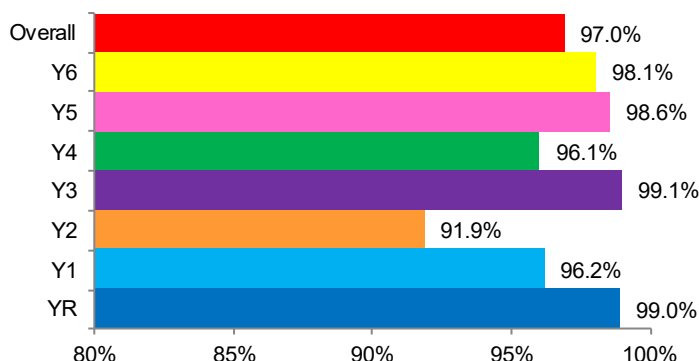
I have just been down to Reception who are off to Forest School, excited in their wellies! They have had a change around in their unit and they are being over-run by dinosaurs. They have a fantastic habitat in their outdoor area for all of the dinosaurs who are visiting. I am looking forward to learning more from the children about these creatures which once roamed our earth.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and we will be completing lots of activities to raise awareness. The theme this year is Find Your Brave. Winnie the Pooh is always the best character to quote and so...

'You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.' - Winnie The Pooh.

Mrs Humphriss

## Weekly Attendance by Class



This week's winners of a visit from Desmond the Dragon are Year 3 with 99.1%.

Well Done!



## Weekly House Points



Well done

**Hathaway!**

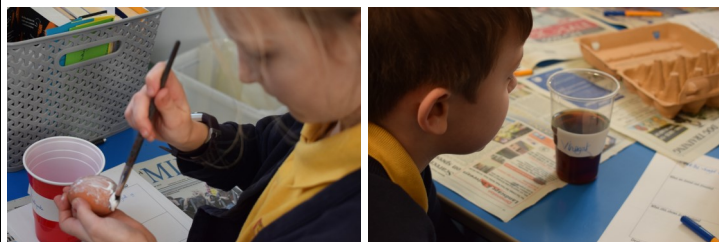
## This month's certificates:

Writer of the month      Reader of the month      Mathematician of the month      Good Friend Award

R Darcey B	R Arron H	R Logan NB	R Raffy H
1 Ewan MB	1 Muhammed N	1 Alex B	1 Sara C
2 Gene W	2 Imogen H	2 Tobias V	2 Isla B
3 Felicity W	3 Sebastian C	3 Fabian C	3 Stanley B
4 Leah TC	4 Hayden E	4 Mia H	4 Maddie S
5 Emma H	5 Ismet S	5 Ify M	5 Ania C
6 Euan M	6 Jiya J	6 Hetty B	6 Amaya A

## Year 4

In Year 4 we have been thinking about our teeth and have started an experiment to find out the effect of different liquids on tooth enamel. We have used eggshell rather than experimenting on our own teeth!



We have also made a start on our musical play with Year 3 - 'Going for Gold'.

We have learnt the first two songs and started plotting the first two scenes. Exciting times!

## Year 2

In English this week, Miss Preece introduced the children to QR codes. There were different codes and questions placed around the classroom and the children worked in teams to use IPADs to scan the codes to find answers to their questions about William Shakespeare. How clever!

Using this research, the children are going to be writing information leaflets.



## Year 5 - Moving in Mysterious Ways

On Tuesday this week Year 5 dared to be different and broke out of our usual routine of Maths followed by English and decided to grab our clip boards get scarves, hats and gloves on and become creative writers inspired by what we discovered down by The Dell. We explored mysterious pathways and doors and imagined where they led to, notes were taken sketches were made and although it was freezing cold, rich discussions were had along the way. The work the children produced when they returned to the classroom was wonderfully creative and from our quick impromptu trip some quality writing and art work was produced.



## I ♥ SCHOOL DISCO FRIDAY

Friday 7th February

KS1 6.00-7.00pm

KS2 7.30-8.30pm

£3.50 per person

Please bring filled water bottles  
Consent form required for admission

Check-in opens 15 minutes before each disco starts,  
we ask that children MUST NOT be left unattended  
until they have been checked-in.



## Safeguarding

Children's Mental Health Week next week is 'Find your Brave'. There are things we can do to help our children 'find their brave'.



Studies show that children who have less sleep are more likely to struggle with worries.

## Worcester Warriors



On Saturday, 25th January, 30 lucky children got to be a part of the Guard of Honour at the Worcester Warriors Rugby match against Wasps RFC.

They had a fabulous day, the match was a very close one and they thoroughly enjoyed watching it! As an unexpected treat, they all got to run on to the pitch after the game and practice scoring some Try's themselves!



A huge thank you to the adults that gave up their Saturday to take the children and to Mr Gardner for arranging such a special day.

## PANCAKE DAY

Dinner of the Day

Followed by

Delicious Warm Pancakes with  
Lemon & Sugar

Or  
Syrup



FOOD  
SMART

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

## Pancake Day

Tuesday 25th February is Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day!

We will be holding Pancake Races in the Paddock during the afternoon and the kitchen will be doing Pancakes for Pudding at lunchtime - booking as normal on Parent Pay.

(Other options will be available including options suitable for those with special dietary needs.)

More details about the races will be sent nearer the time.