



# Stanway Primary School Newsletter

## A Rousing Finish

Well, we're finally at the very end of a long and extremely busy term in which there have been an awful lot of events to celebrate, as well as things that we have achieved over the whole year.

This year we have embedded further our Mantle of the Expert projects into our creative curriculum, sharing with you the Science Day in the Autumn Term, World Week in the Spring Term and culminating with the Olympic projects a few weeks ago. We have seen excellent levels of engagement and enjoyment from pupils taking place in these and it has been lovely to see so many parents coming into school to see the outcomes of this work.

Our SEND coffee mornings have also been popular and we have received very positive feedback from these. Next year we are looking to run these half-termly as they seem to be a much-needed addition to our SEND support offer.

This year we have continued our expansion of our Nurture Provision. This has benefited many children in the school, providing a soft start in the mornings for children who may be anxious; a space for those who need to de-escalate and a group setting for interventions and meetings with specialist teachers. We are further developing our offer in the new school year with a more structured timetable of core sessions and then group or 1:1-2 interventions in the afternoons.

It has been an absolute pleasure to reach out into our local community this year with Year 5 classes paying weekly visits to a residential home; the Open the Book local church group holding regular assemblies in Key Stage One and a visitor from a Humanist Association speaking to Year 2. Our School Choir has also taken place in a number of local events including the Rotary Club competition in the Autumn term and the Sing Up held at Stanway Secondary school in June.

This year we have introduced our Points Reward System and the termly tea parties for general good behaviour and we feel these have really help to underpin our expectations and values.

### Our Playground

You will have no doubt noticed the strange holes and markings which have started to appear in the front playground over the last few weeks...at long, long last the new playground is finally ready to be installed and when you all get back after the summer holidays you should be confronted by an amazing transformation. I'm not going to say too much here, because it can be a lovely surprise for you all, but let's just say that there will be some amazing features for everyone to enjoy and there might just be a Stanway Ship ready to be launched!

Also, over the holidays, the pond will be filled in ready for the new sensory garden to start taking shape. The current School Council have come up with a brilliant design which we will be putting in place next term. Lastly, a big, big thank you to various members of the PTA who have donated, installed and given up many hours of time towards the impressive EYFS Nurture Cabin. The EYFS team can't wait to start using it in September!



This term has gone all too quickly and today we say farewell to our current Year 6. They performed spectacularly in their school play and have just enjoyed a fun-filled Residential at Bawdsey Manor. They have just taken part in the School Council Talent Show and our last school assemblies.

It has been a busy but enjoyable term and both children and staff are very ready for a break so that we can start a new school year, refreshed and enthusiastic in September.

Have an amazing summer holiday with your families.

**Warm wishes,**  
**Rebecca Loader**  
**Headteacher**

### Uniform Reminder!

As mentioned in my recent letter, we will be enforcing full school uniform from September, in particular, black school shoes, tied back hair and no jewellery or nail varnish (with the acceptance of a small pair of stud earrings or a watch).

Our uniform expectations are a part of what makes children identify with and proud to be part of our school.

It also ensures that they are wearing, smart, practical and comfortable clothes for their learning. Please support us in this endeavour by ensuring your children are dressed correctly in September.



### Snack!

From September, we will be expecting snacks to adhere to the following:

Mon-Thurs: snacks should be healthy i.e. fruit or vegetables, dried fruit, raisins, cheese (no crisps, cakes or biscuits)

Fri: Treat day Your child may bring in crisps, cakes or biscuits on this day.

**No sweets or chocolate are allowed at any time.**



# SCHOOL GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

**SUMMER 2024**

## TERMLY GOVERNORS REVIEW



As we write our Summer Term newsletter, it is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another academic year! It has certainly been a busy term for the school team and the children.

Our role of the Board of Governors is to work with Mrs Loader and her team to ensure Stanway Primary continues to provide the best environment so your children can thrive both with their educational attainment, and as they develop as young people. This term, we have been able to take part in several activities, as well as attending the school for a day to observe and monitor the teaching across the school.

## SATS

A number of Governors supported during SATs week.

We monitored the management of the test papers, both in terms of how they were stored, distributed and then collected in. We also supported teachers during the tests as invigilators.

We were incredibly proud of all the Year 6 children that week – their attitude to the tests and their behaviour was exemplary, and we could see how hard they all tried to do their very best. Our thanks go to Mrs Riggs and Miss Milburn for their hard work in preparing the children in advance and supporting them during the 4 days of tests.



Thank you as parents too, for ensuring your children were prepared and ready for what we know can be an anxious time.

## **GOVERNOR MONITORING DAY - JUNE 2024**

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This term the governors were welcomed into school to carry out a monitoring visit. The focus was primarily on RE, French, DT and Music. During the morning, governors visited the classrooms across all years to observe the teaching, look at the displays and have the opportunity to see some of these subjects in action. We talked to pupils on the school council about the progress pupils are making in these key areas and their engagement and enjoyment of each.

Pupils had the opportunity to share their work, progress and anything they would like to change. Most noted they were happy and engagement levels were high, as well as a few suggestions on what can be changed! They could see the relevance of each subject and could discuss their individual involvement and what they have enjoyed so far. They were keen to share their extra curricular experiences in music including entering competitions, their new vocabulary learnt in French and their knowledge of cultures and religion around the world. Pupils shared DT projects and how their teachers are encouraging them to create exciting designs regularly as part of the wider topics; they often bring work in from home which is celebrated at school. Pupils expressed how they like to learn, including through drama and how they have enjoyed the 'mantle of the expert' curriculum including World Week where they practised their French skills and learnt about different countries.

Interviews were carried out with subject leads, which was an opportunity for teachers to discuss their vision for each subject as well as reflect on the successes over the last academic year. Looking ahead to September, subject leads were confident with where they can increase the opportunities to support further outcomes for the pupils.

It was a successful day with many positive aspects of the work happening in school shared with the governing body. It was pleasing to hear how the subject's vision aligns with the pupils' experience and the extensive curriculum on offer. The behaviour in the classrooms visited was exceptional, and the pupils interviewed were clearly proud of their school and community.

The governing body would like to thank all staff and pupils for their involvement in the monitoring visit, excellent practice was seen and all feedback was taken onboard.



## **OTHER MONITORING**

One of our governors also attended the phonics screening with the Year 1 children, observing how the tests were managed and the support given. The governor was only present with children who wouldn't be fazed by having someone in the room with them and Miss Firth. The tests were conducted in a supportive way, whilst ensuring the children completed the tests independently.

At our recent governor meeting, we were advised of the number of children who passed the test, and it was pleasing to see a positive pass mark.

## **WELLBEING**

Our wellbeing committee has met a couple of times this term to monitor the wellbeing of both staff and pupils. We conduct two staff wellbeing surveys each academic year, and in June we met to review the results from the survey we asked staff to complete in May.

As a result of these latest results, we have taken several actions including working with The Teachers' Health Coach to provide two sessions with teachers focusing on improving their wellbeing and managing workload, and, following an anonymous donation, the redecoration of the staff room to provide staff with a relaxed and comfortable space to spend their breaks in.

We will complete another staff wellbeing survey in October

## **GOVERNOR VISITS**

Governors have also attended a number of other events this term including EYFS new parents meeting, Sports Day, Mantle of the Expert afternoon, Year 6 performance and a Netball match! These are such important events of the school year, and it is great to see the enthusiasm and engagement of the children shine throughout.

Of course, these all take huge amounts of time and effort from the school team, so a huge thank you to them for organising and running these. We know these things will be a big part of the children's memories of their school journey, and will stay with them for the rest of their lives.



## **AND FINALLY...**

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all as parents for your support over the last year. We are extremely proud of everything your children have achieved this year. We wish you a very happy summer and look forward to seeing you and your children back in September.

Thank you to all the staff across the whole school for another very successful year. Your hard work, care and determination to make sure the children have the best environment in which to learn and grow is exceptional. Please enjoy a very well deserved summer break!

A special thank you goes to all of the year 6 parents and guardians. It has been a privilege to have you and your children as part of the Stanway Primary School community and we send you our very best wishes for the future.

But finally, and most importantly, we wish our year 6 children all the very best as they leave Stanway Primary and move to their new schools. Thank you for being such a credit to our school, for working so hard and well done for everything you've achieved. Be happy and continue to do your very best!

## Attendance Update

### Stanway Primary School - Attendance Statistics

15 Apr 2024 - 18 Jul 2024

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Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Auth. Absent R/C: Marks	Unauth. Absent R/C: Marks
Class 1 Blake	93.82%	3.38%	2.81%
Class 1 Donaldson	90.18%	7.43%	2.39%
Class 2 Bond	94.93%	3.59%	1.48%
Class 2 Dahl	95.64%	3.55%	0.81%
Class 3 Morpurgo	94.89%	4.22%	0.89%
Class 3 Wilson	95.5%	3.17%	1.32%
Class 4 Jackson	95.48%	3.68%	0.83%
Class 4 Zephaniah	94.58%	3.04%	2.38%
Class 5 Rauf	94.21%	4.36%	1.43%
Class 5 Shakespeare	89.58%	5.48%	4.94%
Class 6 Rowling	91.16%	4.3%	4.54%
Class 6 Tolkien	95.98%	3.8%	0.22%
Class R Hendra	92.3%	5.21%	2.48%
Class R Rosen	91.24%	6.43%	2.33%

## New Start Times

Please remember that there are new start times in place for September! The playground gates will open as usual at **8:30am** and then children will be admitted into the building from **8:35–8:40am**. The Reception gates will be open 5 minutes earlier also at **8:25am**.

Children arriving after this time should be taken to the main office via the Chapel Road entrance.

**Well done to 6 Tolkien on coming first for attendance again this term with 2 Dahl in second place, and 3 Wilson third!**

## Attendance Update

The yearly attendance winners are first place 6 Tolkien with 95.94%; in second place 4 Jackson with 95.76% and in equal third place 2 Dahl & 3 Morpurgo with 95.52%.

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04 Sep 2023 - 18 Jul 2024

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Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Auth. Absent R/C: Marks	Unauth. Absent R/C: Marks
Class 1 Blake	93.88%	4.36%	1.76%
Class 1 Donaldson	90.17%	7.23%	2.6%
Class 2 Bond	94.34%	4.09%	1.57%
Class 2 Dahl	95.52%	3.65%	0.83%
Class 3 Morpurgo	95.52%	3.84%	0.64%
Class 3 Wilson	94.41%	4.1%	1.49%
Class 4 Jackson	95.76%	3.2%	1.04%
Class 4 Zephaniah	94.84%	3.71%	1.45%
Class 5 Rauf	94.89%	3.9%	1.21%
Class 5 Shakespeare	90.26%	4.9%	4.84%
Class 6 Rowling	91.51%	4.99%	3.5%
Class 6 Tolkien	95.94%	3.78%	0.28%
Class R Hendra	91.71%	6.05%	2.24%
Class R Rosen	93.22%	5.34%	1.44%







# Stanway Pupil Voice

**Young Journalists: Elliott, River, Delphi and Anta**

## **Year 1 Trip to Frinton Beach**



## **Forest School with Year 5**



## **Bawdsey Manor Residential Trip**

My time at Bawdsey was packed with fun experiences and exhilarating activities. Things like abseiling and the giant swing really pushed people out of their comfort zones to try new things. Other activities like the challenge course or raft building were also quite enjoyable as they tested our teamwork and resilience skills. Staying away for those three days was in my opinion the highlight of the year.

The dorms were quite nice with bunk beds and some dorms even had sea views. The overall location is just perfect and stunning. I was in the room of ten and although it did get a bit hectic at times, the room itself very comfortable.

The food provided was immensely enjoyable as well. The portions I thought were just right and the quality was immaculate. Having access to a salad bar is also a great addition to lunches and dinners as it provides healthier options as well as the main dishes. I think everyone enjoyed the water supplied as there were multiple flavours to choose from but the choice of normal water was there as well though.

The journey on the coach there and back was quite nice as well because the coach seats were very pleasant to sit on and even a few people slept on the bus.

In conclusion, my experience at Bawdsey Manor was of a very high standard yet it was even better than I imagined. If I ever got the chance to go again I would take it. I hope the next year sixes and the ones after them all enjoy this wonderful trip just as much as I did.

Elliott



I have loved my time at Stanway Primary School and I am devastated that it is coming to an end, but all good things pass and I am excited to pave my own path into Stanway Secondary.

All of Year 6 has been an adventure from choosing my own secondary school to our trip to Bawdsey Manor. All of it is a new wonderful experience. I have loved every bit of my time here. Goodbye, farewell and, to all of our children, Good luck.

River

This year's residential was a blast! We went to Bawdsey Manor, a place crawling with fun and history. We all had extreme fun on the coach. We arrived, put our belongings in the great hall. Then we went and had our lunch and started our first activity - abseiling. We put on a harness and carabinas (hooks we put on the harness) and started walking down the wall. We then had a challenge course which was extremely fun.

Soon after we had dinner which was absolutely delicious. They had a different variety of food but one caught my eye, turkey meatballs and penne pasta.

The next day we first had a raft building session. At first it all went well but then one of my group members fell in the water and took the whole raft with them.

The trip was amazing and I wouldn't refuse to go again.

Anta



**Bawdsey Manor**

The 2024 Year Six end of year residential took place at a PGL centre called Bawdsey Manor. It is a mix of fun history and modern activities, You get to experience stepping out of your comfort zone and doing various different activities such as abseiling, raft building, giant swing and many more fun things to do. You get to choose who you want to be in your room and you get at least one person you asked for. In the rooms you will usually have a few bunk beds, space for clothes and a sink. For food there will be a menu for the daily meals on the wall When you get to eat, the allergies will go first followed by the rest. The food is laid out in a buffet type of way. There will be water available but the hot drinks are for adults only. During your time there you will have a slot to pick out what you want to buy from the gift shop.

Overall, it is a fantastic experience and a perfect way to end our Year 6, our last year at primary school.

Delphi

Year 4 went on an interesting trip to Gainsborough House. Having the opportunity to see artwork up close, in a gallery, was breathtaking. We also had the opportunity to complete our own sketches in the garden of the lovely wildlife that was growing there. Landscapes using natural resources. As part of our Greek topic, we dressed up as Ancient Greeks and hosted our own mini-Olympic Games for EYFS. We learnt some traditional dances for the



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