



# A New School Year!



## Stanway Primary School Newsletter

We've had a lovely start to the new school year with the children full of enthusiasm for learning and some exciting developments in progress. This term, there have been a number of physical changes both in and outside of the school buildings, all of which are helping to realise our vision of a nurturing, positive and purposeful environment in which to learn, that both children and staff can look forward to attending each day, and in which all children can be happy and successful.

### Parent Communication

In the last letter, I spoke about how the questionnaire had highlighted that parents wanted more information on what your children learn and do throughout the year. This term, we have ensured that classes are consistently sending out updates each week on Parent Hub, and we held an Information Evening at the beginning of term in which there were class presentations and a whole-school presentation. On the website, you will find some examples of work which the children have completed this term as well as these presentations and long-term plans for the year.

We have also started Class Assemblies again, and have been delighted to see so many parents and relatives attending. I hope you feel that we are getting it right with this level of contact. Some classes have also held specific events for their year groups such as Phonics and Reading afternoons. We have just had a wonderful Toy afternoon in Year 1 where grandparents came to share some photos and actual toys that they used to enjoy playing with! Look out for more of these events, as well as an Art Exhibition in November.

Hopefully, many of you have noticed the eye-catching Art-work and Wall Displays which are now prevalent throughout the school.

There is a board for every curriculum area, and we aim to showcase the progression of each subject throughout the school.

### Census Day

Census Day was the first of our themed lunch days this year and it was great to see the level of anticipation in the air. We served a staggering 308 dinners in the Stanway American Diner, and the children were very excited to see the staff dressed up in their baseball caps and stars and stripes aprons with jukebox hits jangling in the background. We will be sticking to an international theme with French day next on the agenda- what will the kitchen have in store for us then?!



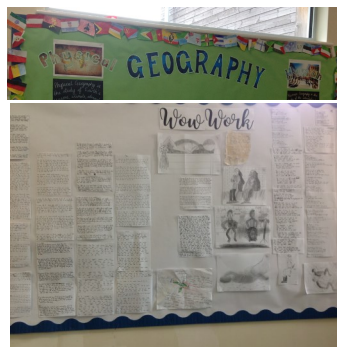
**Behaviour for Learning** One major drive this term has been to reinstate our behaviour expectations throughout the school. This has been led by the Year 6s modelling behaviour and taking on prefect roles in the school. Little things like making sure that children are smart as they enter the school building and assembly hall, tucking their shirts in and making sure that they present a polished image are helping children to realise that our presentation is key in being school-ready. We are also being sticklers for manners and politeness- children answering politely when they are greeted by an adult and remembering pleases and thank yous. Our Behaviour for Learning Policy is on our website for more information on how we support excellent behaviour in and out of school.

### Volunteers

We have been very pleased to welcome a number of volunteers from our parent (and grandparent) body in to assist classes in Key Stage One and Early Years in Reading. If you are interested in spending an afternoon a week supporting our younger children, please contact the office.

Warm wishes,

**Rebecca Loader**  
Headteacher



### Newbies

We are also very pleased to formally welcome some new members to the Stanway Team: Mrs. Gratzke has joined us in Reception's Hendra class, Mrs. Knights leads 2 Bond, Mrs. Russell is in 5 Shakespeare and Miss Milburn has joined 6 Tolkien.

Your child may also mention Mrs. Banes, who is covering PPA throughout the school, and teaching mainly Science and English.

Thursday, 20th October



# Stanway Primary School Newsletter

## New Play Equipment



We are so pleased that our brand new play equipment is finally in use. Along with our 3G pitch and exercise machines, the new wooden climbing frame and trim trail are timetabled for use so that each class has allocated time on them each week. We also now

have a Lunch Bunch club running for KS1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2 each lunchtime. Children are given a golden ticket to have time in these clubs where they take part in activities such as colouring, drawing, reading, Lego or writing. They are very popular and mean that we are catering for every child's needs.



## Clubs

It has been very pleasing to offer a far greater range of clubs this half-term, from archaeology to chess, as well as continuing to run some enrichment activities during the school day such as Forest Schools and Rocksteady. Remember that after half-term, we are also starting our new Eco club and Science club. A reminder will go out this week!



## Clothing Sale

The PTA will be running a second-hand uniform sale on Thursday, 10th November. We would be very grateful for any donations of uniform items – clean and in good condition, please. These can be brought into the school office from Tuesday, 1st November.

## Daily Attendance

**Even only two or three days missed every half-term equates to 18 weeks of missed learning throughout the primary phase– almost half a year of schooling...**

*Whilst any child may occasionally have time off school because they are ill, sometimes they can be reluctant to attend school. Any problems with regular attendance are best sorted out between the school, the parents and the child. If a parent thinks their child is reluctant to attend school then we will work with that family to understand the root problem and provide any necessary support. We can use outside agencies to help with this such as the School Nurse, The Local Authority or a Child and Family Support Worker.*

*Stanway Primary School Attendance Policy*

## Late Arrivals

Please could you ensure that children are entering the school by 8.45am on the playground, so that they can walk into the school with their peers and be fully part of the morning routine. It is disturbing for both the child and the class if they get into a pattern of always entering slightly later than everyone else. Authorised absence, e.g. illness or medical appointments, must be supported by a phone call, email or letter from parents explaining the reason for the absence.

**Well done, 5 Rauf, for the best attendance this half-term!**

**2nd place: 6 Rowling**

**3rd place: 6 Tolkien**

Let's see if some Key Stage One classes can pip them to the post next half-term. We will be publishing weekly figures in the Weekly Bulletins from after half-term.

Class	Attendance %
1 Blake	94.2
1 Donaldson	94.5
2 Bond	95.8
2 Dahl	94
3 Morpurgo	95.9
3 Wilson	95.6
4 Jackson	95
4 Zephaniah	96.5
5 Rauf	97.4
5 Shakespeare	93.3
6 Rowling	96.7
6 Tolkien	96.2
R Hendra	93.5
R Rosen	96.1





# Stanway Primary School Newsletter

# Stanway Pupil Voice

## School Council Profiles

Chair: Summer (Oscar E)



The Chair has given us many ideas about what we could add to the school. One of her ideas is a class pet or a

school pet so that each class could have a day each to look after it. She would like to offer students more after school clubs. Another idea of hers is to raise money for charities, but aiming at the smaller charities.

Vice Chair: Esme (Oscar E)

The Vice Chair has been helping the Chair with some of her ideas and has had a few of her own such as more school fayres and fundraisers. We could also change the front playground as well and we could also donate some of the books that classes don't like.

Treasurer: Ollie (Josh)

The school council has lots of plans. They are very keen on theatre. Also they want to have Mini Helpers and Mini TAs to help the kids with their work. The treasurer has also said that they are planning to have a story competition.



Welcome to a new part of the half-termly newsletter.....two pages full of information that the Year 6 Journalism club have selected and written for you to share...

**Young Journalists: Toby, Avaneish, Connor, Oscar E and Josh**

## Year 5 and 6 Assemblies:

Yr 5 and Yr 6 have both been practising their own class assembly, and the Yr 5 assembly was a performance to tell facts to their parents all about space. They all took turns to tell the audience a fact about space and our solar system, and during the assembly they all sang a song together. The song is called Rocket Man and they really enjoyed singing it. The Yr 6 assembly was informing parents all about WW2 and its main events. The show was about important events of the second world war such as how it started and how it ended. Like the Yr 5 assembly, each student would stand up and say a line of their own. The children all performed a dance called 'The Lambeth Walk' and some students performed a dance called 'The Charleston'. At the start and end of the assembly the children sang run rabbit run and we'll meet again.

## Stanway Secondary School Visit By Connor

On 30th September the year six pupils visited Stanway Secondary School on a taster day. We communicated with other schools that were also going to the taster day so that we got a fair share of fun activities and lessons. Some of the lessons that they participated in included Science, History, Maths, English, French, PE, Citizenship, Woodwork/DT, Music and Drama. The groups of children were led by newly joined Year 7's and some Year 8's. The trip was well organised and made it perfect for younger students to get experience in a bigger school.

## Stanway Roundups

By Toby and Connor

Connor in Year 6 says that teachers make sure we do a wide spread of subjects. Teachers control the behaviour and it is an easy to work environment. The lunches are well prepared and if it's less popular they will change it. In learning we have a lot of equipment to help us if needed. At lunch we have a big area and many bits of equipment to play with. The school is well laid out and I've been seeing the new students are getting around easily.

Kieron, a prefect, says that in the halls the younger children are mostly walking around sensibly. The teachers help with prefect duty if they're stuck on what to do. The new equipment like the library and play equipment are shared fairly and presented well.

The Deputy Head, Mr. Godwin says that the dinner hall behaviour has improved very much for previous years. Children walking around the school look a lot smarter. When I visit classrooms I can see the teachers are trying to teach the students a lot of vocabulary. I run the astro that Upper KS2 and the children have good sportsmanship and show respect towards others. I see a lot of children being kind to one another at break.

## Wow Challenge!

Our school has started participating in this walking challenge which encourages children to walk to school every day. If you walk to school once every week in a month you get a cool badge. For people who live far away there is an option to park and stride. This means you can park ten minutes away from school and walk the rest. By Toby



On 6th October schools across the country had a national day where in English they would only write a poem. In year 6 they were writing a poem based on the poem The Word Bird by Sally Crabtree. It was a great day for the children because it allowed them to express their ideas freely in that type of a poem.

## No Pens Wednesday

By Josh

Recently the school had a day on Wednesday as you can see by the title; where you could not use any pens. This was called No Pens Wednesday. Here is what 6 Rowling produced.

After our class assembly we joined a thing called nearpod which was made by our teacher. On our Chromebooks we joined the meeting and our teacher flicked through the slides and answered the questions after the slides.



Connor won, Esme came second and Faith was third. After break we completed some art but with no pens we did this by creating our model sculptures. We used clay as you do and used a couple of complex tools to help us shape them properly. They were based on WW2 artist Henry Moore. Next after that we took some time to complete our model trenches

which were made of cardboard with a couple of little devices.

After lunch we played a little game of Taboo. Here's how the game worked. Your group had a set of cards and on the card was a thing and the other people had to try and guess what the thing was but here's the twist. There were four obvious words that you couldn't say to describe the thing. We played that for ten minutes and then moved on.

Soon after we played a story game, so you had three little pieces of paper, a who, a what and a where and you had to make a story out of the three things. Best story out of your group get to read it to the class.

Lastly we got to read to the cute, innocent year ones





# Stanway Primary School Newsletter

## Stanway Primary School PTA

PTA Newsletter

### In this issue:

- ♦ PTA trustees
- ♦ Schedule of events
- ♦ What your funds have contributed to
- ♦ Easy fundraising

### PTA trustees

The AGM of the SPS PTA was held on 10th September 2022. The following members were elected as Trustees:

Chairperson	Michelle Moxon
Secretary	Saras Ruddick
Treasurer	Julia Randall
Vice Chair	Megan Govinden

In our first month in office, the trustees focused on handover from the previous trustees, team building and establishing new ways of working together as a team to raise more funds for our children. We are working closely with the school to produce a calendar of PTA

events for the year ahead and looking at ways we can be more sustainable.

### Schedule of events

10th November - Sale of pre-owned uniforms

9th December - Christmas Disco

16th December - Christmas Raffle

2021/22	2022/23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £3000 donation to school library</li><li>• Leavers jumpers</li><li>• Leavers end of term event</li><li>• School Disco</li><li>• Mothers Day</li><li>• Someone special day</li><li>• Doughnuts</li><li>• Summer Fair</li><li>• Colchester castle - coach</li><li>• Santa visit and presents</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book bags for Reception</li><li>• Tea and Coffee for classroom assemblies</li><li>• Christmas cards</li><li>• Christmas crackers</li></ul>



Michelle Moxon



Saras Ruddick

### Easy Fundraising

We're now registered with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanwayprimarypta/?q=stanway&cat=cause-), which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanwayprimarypta/?q=stanway&cat=cause-) to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanwayprimarypta/?q=stanway&cat=cause-) whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanwayprimarypta/?q=stanway&cat=cause->



# Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for

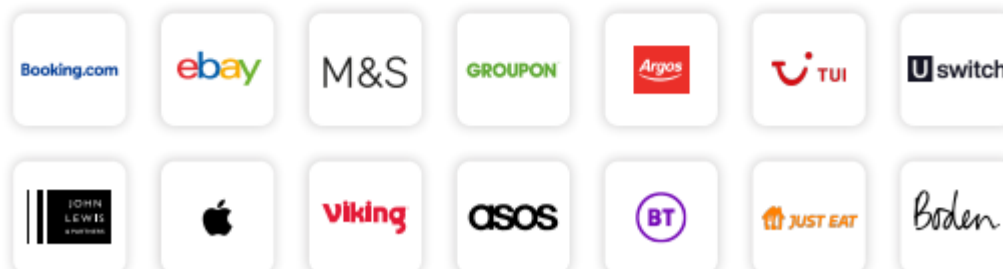
## Stanway Primary School PTA

### with easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us.  
It won't cost you any extra!

#### How to sign up

- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them



Download the  
easyfundraising App



Excellent   
3,945 reviews on  Trustpilot





# Stanway Primary School Newsletter

## Our New Rooms!!!

Our Nurture Room is now fully in use, and the new library has its furniture and will be full of books after half-term. The money you raised last term through the sponsored walk and Choosing Day is responsible for these wonderful additions to the school.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AUTUMN TERM 2022

#### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Children return to School
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pre-owned Uniform Donation
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	4 Zephaniah Class Assembly (9:00am) – PTA Coffee Morning
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting (6:00pm – 7:00pm)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Open Morning – September 2023 (Tours at 9:15am & 10:45am)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Pre-owned Uniform and Book Sale
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	4 Jackson Class Assembly (9:00am) – PTA Coffee Morning
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Open Morning – September 2023 (Tours at 9:15am & 10:45am)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Art Exhibition (3:30pm – 5:00pm) – PTA Teas and Coffees
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 Morpurgo Class Assembly (9:00am) – PTA Coffee Morning
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3 Wilson Class Assembly (9:00am) – PTA Coffee Morning



#### DECEMBER

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day – Non-uniform Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA School Disco
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Celebration (9:30am)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Play (1:30pm)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Dinner
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Raffle
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Visit from Santa
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Services
	Years 3 & 4 (9:30am)
	Years 5 & 6 (2:00pm)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Break for Christmas Holiday



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Break for Christmas Holiday

Years 3 & 4 (9:30am)

Years 5 & 6 (2:00pm)