



Here We Go Again!

It's been a busy half-term with expectations and standards being set, and lots of new learning completed as children have settled into their new classes.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Thanks to the families who attended this. Hopefully, they found it useful and informative. The presentations are included on the website, so please take a look.



Class Assemblies

We have already had some fantastic class assemblies to which it was a real pleasure to invite parents and carers. Well done, Year 5, on your fascinating and music-filled journey to Space, and to Year 1 on your uplifting Harvest Celebration. Thank you for joining us in school for these events. It means so much for the children for you to join us.

Key Stage Two Nurture Room

There have been some changes in the school building as we continue our endeavour to make our space as inclusive and purposeful as we can. Our studio in the KS2 block was under-used as a teaching space, so we are in the process of adapting it to form a peaceful and relaxed sensory environment for children with additional needs, as a welcome accompaniment to our Key Stage 1 Nurture Room installed last year and very well-used. The School Council have also enjoyed using it as a meeting space at lunchtimes. We also plan to install a kitchen area in this space so it can be also be used as a teaching area and for After-School Club when required. It is exciting to see the school grow and change with our expanding school role.

Year 1 Grandparents Afternoons

The children listened avidly while grandparents explained the toys they enjoyed playing with when they were children. This is always a great end to an exciting topic for Year 1 as they enjoy an introduction to Design and Technology and create their own toys through junk-modelling. A few weeks before that, they enjoyed a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the last of the summer sun.

New Responsibilities

It is very pleasing that so many of our Year 6 children have been keen to contribute to the wider life of our school. As last year, Year 6's who wanted a position on the Senior School Council prepared speeches which they read out in assemblies to up to 240 children. The speeches this year were extremely impressive and it was a very difficult choice to make with adults in the school voting as well as children this year. I was pleased to announce that the well-deserved places this year go to Amna (Chair); Annie (Vice-Chair); Hugo (Treasurer) and Ameira (Secretary). They have been busy already and chosen a charity to support, The Dog's Trust, and are busy organising more lunchtime clubs and a Choosing Day to raise money for outdoor facilities and the charity. This year they have decided that the certificates they give out on Fridays will be linked to assembly themes. So far we have had tolerance and being supportive.

Other positions voted in Year 6 have been the Sports Captains: Zenen, Luke, Ruby, Annie, Felicity, Jacob, Sharna and Chase who are doing an excellent job organising and taking care of playground equipment and the Librarians: Anta, Kian, River, Felicity, Jasmine, Macey, Chase, Niamh and William. I have to say that I have never seen the library looking quite so tidy before so they are definitely doing a good job. We have a new team of young journalists working on this newsletter and our prefects: Jasmine, Kaitlyn, Macy, Kian, Delphi, River, Julia, Harry, Chloe, Izzy and they are keeping order in the corridors.

Tea Parties Our Behaviour Policy has been updated to include clear progressive rewards and sanctions, so that there is clarity throughout the school regarding our expectations of behaviour for learning. Please find it here on our website: https://www.stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk/essex/primary/stanway/arenas/websitecontent/web/Behaviour%20for%20Learning%20-%20SPS%202023-24-28876_20231017100736397.pdf

This half-term we are holding tea parties for children who have consistently shown us that they are doing the right thing and trying hard. Well done Ryan, Seren, Maia, Indy, Lacey, Harry, Teds, Emily, Aradya, Arlo, Alexa, Charlie, Toby, Olivia, Isla, Reuben, Hannah, Millie, Nandini, Amelia, Lyla-Rose, Kieran, Esme, Chloe, Zach, Harry, Delphi and Julia! This event will be held twice termly and will be a positive end to the half-term.

Silver Street Park Walk

Hendra and Rosen classes have settled very well into their school routines and I can hardly believe that they have only been in school for six weeks, for some of them, the



first time they have been an educational setting. They have already

been on their first trip to the local park, taking part in an Autumn Walk

Warm wishes,

Rebecca Loader
Headteacher

You may have noticed the large Beech Tree on the side playground has been roped off during the last few weeks. We believe that this tree was planted when the school was built in 1911 and, as such, is an important part of our history, providing much-needed shade in the summer and an attractive focal point all year round.



Although the tree was surveyed as a very low risk in terms of branch droppage, we did lose a branch a few weeks ago, and so we have erred on the side of caution and the tree had a major hair cut at the weekend!

Stanway Primary School Newsletter

Thursday, 19th October



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Parking Plea

Unfortunately, we have had several complaints about parking from local residents who are concerned that their drives are being blocked at drop-off and pick-up time; and that parents are driving without due care and attention in the roads near to the school.

Please show consideration and respect for the rights of householders to be able to access and exit their property at all times of day, and take care not to park across driveways or in prohibited areas. Parking in Homebase should mean that there are available spaces.

The last thing any of us want is an accident occurring endangering pedestrians or other road users. Inconsiderate driving or parking by any parent unfortunately affects the reputation of our school which ultimately affects us all.

SEND Coffee Morning

This is a reminder that on Tuesday 31st October, 9am - 10:30am, we will be holding our first SEND coffee morning of the year. The topic is 'Supporting Anxious Children in the Home' and all parents are invited. The session will be run by Alison Crumpton and Amie Glackin, who both work for Essex County Council SEND.



If you would like to attend, please let the school office know.

Like and follow us to see all the things that are happening at Stanway primary on facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/>



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...Use this link to see whether or not your child should be attending school if they seem unwell. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

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.

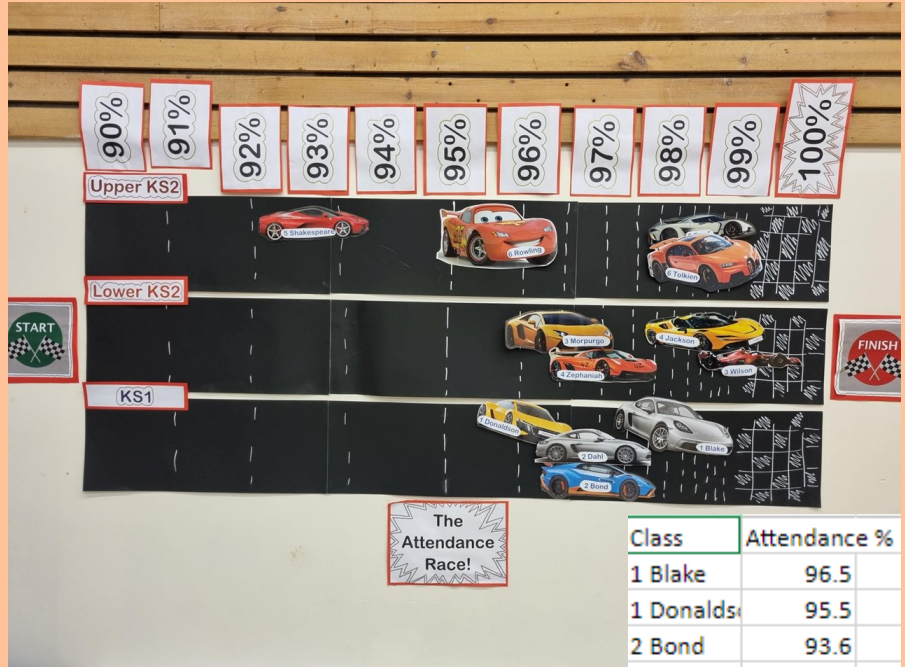
The children are enjoying competing for the fastest car on the track on the new Attendance Display.

Well done, 3 Morpurgo, for the best attendance this half-term!

2nd place: 1 Blake/6 Tolkien

3rd place: 5 Rauf

It's the first time we've had a Key Stage One class in second place! Look out for the weekly placings each week in the Bulletin.





Stanway Pupil Voice

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School Council Profiles

Chair: Amna

My name is Amna. I am the Chair of Stanway Primary School. My goal is to improve Stanway Primary in as many ways as possible. Starting with a reading dog we have already organised for at some point next term, a reading dog to come in and let some of our students being in a calm and comfortable space with something they can trust.

We are working extremely hard to make that happen I believe anybody has a place and a voice in our amazing school. I want Stanway Primary to be the best it can possibly be and with our hard-working school council members I think it might just be possible.

Vice-Chair: Annie

My name is Annie and I am Vice Chair of the Stanway Primary School Council. I believe it is important for everyone to be themselves and this school definitely achieves that. We love to support charities and every year we choose one to donate to and this year we have chosen Dogs' Trust.

Dogs' Trust is a place where hurt and injured dogs can get back on their feet. They have 22 places for sad dogs all around the UK and Ireland! They train the dogs for a new and better home and treat all of the dogs the way they should be treated. Right now we are working on having an assembly with them so that they can explain what their AMAZING charity is about. We would like to support them in every way possible because every animal should have a loving and caring home.



Welcome to two pages full of information that the Year 6 Journalism club have selected and written for you to share...

Young Journalists:
Anta, Delphi, Amna and Annie



Clubs: Amna and Annie

This year we want to introduce new creative clubs around the school that include everybody's interests. We would like everyone this year to have an interest in a club or activity that they can do around the school such as gardening run by Mrs Loader, eco club run by Mrs Banes, cross country run by Miss Vanner, chess club run by Mr Godwin, loom bands, baking and sewing run by responsible Year 6's and a variation of sporty activities run by SCS. Creative Writing Club run by Mrs Riggs and Choir Club run by Mrs. Loader As you can see, we have a lot of clubs that can encourage your child to take part in new activities and play a bigger part in Stanway Primary School.

Gardening Club

At Stanway Primary we are trying extremely hard to grow our Vegetable Garden to make it a bigger part in our school which is why we want your children to sign up to our gardening club and help make it bloom. This year we have managed to harvest tomatoes and radishes, and grow our own Mexican Sunflowers. Next year it is our goal to double the number of vegetables grown, flowers bloomed and fruit harvested. With everyone's help, we can achieve our wild goal.

Next term we are going to nominate responsible Year 6's to run some of our adventurous clubs. This is because us as Year 6's need to develop new leadership skills and learn how to lead a group responsibly before going to secondary school. We would like your child to sign up for gardening, eco, cross country, sewing, baking, SCS activities, loom bands, art and creative writing clubs.



Stanway Roundups

At Stanway Primary School your child's learning is the most important thing to us, which is why we want to give you half-termly updates to tell you a little bit about what your child is up to in class. This week we want to start with Years 5 and 6.

Recently, Year 6 has just finished reading their class book 'Private Peaceful' written by Michael Morpurgo. It was about two families who lived in a small village and had children who went to school. Their children didn't like school that much they thought it was pointless. One day the Colonel came knocking on their door threatening to take their house away if one of the eldest children, Charlie, didn't go to war. Charlie left to go to war but Tommo, his younger brother, insisted he had to go too even though he didn't want to. There was a lot of mayhem in WW1 including having a Christmas truce throughout No Man's Land. Sadly, Charlie got executed due to standing up to his brother. The book ended with sorrow but Tommo took care of the family even though they felt hate towards the army.

Previously Year 5 have been doing Maths tests so Mrs. Horwood and Miss Vanner can see what standard their pupils are at 5 Shakespeare and 5 Rauf have both welcomed a new pupil into their class and have taught them the Stanway rules. They are super stars!

We have made quite a few displays around the school to tell you a little bit about what we are learning. We have taken a few pictures to show you what we mean. Lastly, we want to keep taking pictures of what we are learning all over the school.

Rocksteady

By Anta

Rocksteady is a Music School that gives children the chance to experience playing instruments while playing as a team. My experience at Rocksteady is the best experience that I have while playing instruments. My role in the band is playing the keyboard.

I really enjoy playing the keyboard because it sharpened my skills to learn something new every time. The reason I chose to play the keyboard is because I would love to find a new talent. My journey at Rocksteady will be better and better each time.



MORE INTERVIEWS!

What do you like about school?

Bikes Bikes and drawing

Junk modelling Playing outside

What do you like learning about?

Learning letters x 2

Handwriting x 2

How did you feel on the first day of school?

Excited Scared and excited Nervous

Your favourite colour?

Blue, pink , red

What would you like to be when you're older?

Doctor, Dentist

If there was a dress-up day at school, what would you be?

Elsa, skeleton

What is your favourite animal?

Monkey Gibbon Cheetah

We interviewed some of our youngest pupils from Hendra and Rosen classes...



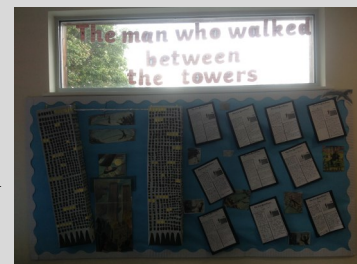
The Interviews

By Anta and Delphi

Anta and Delphi inter-

viewed our past teacher Mrs Banes for our newsletter. The first question we asked her was 'What do you like about teaching?' She quoted that she liked to be able to help children to learn and be a part of their learning journey. We also asked her about what students would be surprised to know about her. She said "probably that I can bake or that I was a model". We were both astonished to know that fact about her. We also found out that while she was a model she was put on the cover of a magazine. We have learnt a lot of staggering information about Mrs Banes. When we asked her what her favourite subjects are she said 'Science, Maths and DT'.

We have also interviewed Miss Vanner who teaches 5 Shakespeare. She said that her dream was to be a teacher. She wanted to help children who are struggling to do their best. She likes the fact that you can see people progress. When she moved to Stanway she was looking for a job to fulfil her teacher dream job. She found our school online and thought we were great. We asked her what she does to be involved in school and she said, 'Through going to fetes and attending clubs and community things'. We asked her what students would be surprised to know about her and she said that 'she met Prince Phillip and performed at the Royal Albert Hall'.





Stanway Primary School Newsletter

Stanway Primary School PTA

PTA Newsletter

In this issue:

- ♦ PTA trustees
- ♦ What your fundraising efforts have contributed to
- ♦ Dates for the diary
- ♦ IQ Christmas Cards
- ♦ Quiz & Colour Raffle

PTA trustees

Chairperson	Michelle Moxon
Secretary	Jemma Holliday
Treasurer	Julia Randall
Vice Chair	Megan Govinden

We would like to thank parents for attending our AGM in September. Since then we have had another PTA meeting where we discussed some very exciting events coming up for both parents and children for the academic year ahead. The PTA had a very successful fundraising year, as shown below, and have already agreed to pay £3500.00 towards school trips again this year and donate funds to help rebuild the Nature Cabin.



Schedule of events

20th October - IQ Christmas card designs
3rd November - Non Uniform Day (See page 3)
10th November - PTA Quiz night
24th November - Wreath Making
7th December - Christmas Disco
13th December - Christmas Raffle & Father Christmas visit

IQ Christmas Cards

DEADLINE

20th October 2023

Please note that payments can be made online using the collective link below. Please ensure you hand your childrens design back to the office by Friday.

<http://pay.collectiv.com/christmas-cards-2023-42679>



Stanway Primary School
PTA's
Quiz Night

Friday 10th November 2023
Doors open at 5.45pm, Quiz starts at 6.15pm

Stanway Primary School, Main Hall
Villa Road, CO3 0RH

Family friendly with up to 6 per team (including children) | Bring your own food and drink

Suitable for school age and above

£5 per person

Book your table via <https://pay.collectiv.com/quiz-91117>
Please enter your team name, contact details and number of players.
Tables available on a first come first served basis so be quick.. there's only a limited number available!

All orders are non refundable after Wednesday 8th November 2023

Any queries, please contact the PTA on pta@stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk

WREATH MAKING

24th November 2023 – 6pm-9pm - Locally

£35.00 per person (£10.00 will be donated to PTA)

Spaces are limited to 50 so it will be a first com first serve basis . Email pta@stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk to book a place and we will provide payment details



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OCTOBER

Tuesday 3 rd	5 Rauf Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Thursday 5 th	5 Shakespeare Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Thursday 5 th	American Diner Lunch
Wednesday 11 th	New Intake School Tour (1:30pm)
Thursday 12 th	Year 1 Harvest Assembly (2:30pm)
Thursday 12 th	School Photos
Thursday 12 th	PTA Meeting (5:30pm)
Monday 16 th	1 Blake Grandparents' Toy Afternoon (1:00pm)
Tuesday 17 th	1 Donaldson Grandparents' Toy Afternoon (1:00pm)
Tuesday 17 th	Parents' Evening (3:40pm – 6:30pm)
Wednesday 18 th	New Intake School Tour (1:30pm)
Thursday 19 th	Guide Dog Visit to Year 1
Thursday 19 th	Parents' Evening (4:00pm – 7:00pm)
Friday 20 th	Flu Immunisation Day
Friday 20 th	Break for Half Term
Monday 30 th	Children return to School
Tuesday 31 st	SEND Coffee Morning (9:00am-10:30am)

NOVEMBER

Thursday 2 nd	New Intake School Tour (5:00pm)
Friday 3 rd	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Monday 6 th	New Intake School Tour (9:15am)
Tuesday 7 th	6 Rowling Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Thursday 9 th	6 Tolkien Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Thursday 9 th	Choir Competition – First Heat (7:00pm)
Friday 10 th	PTA Quiz Night (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Monday 13 th	New Intake School Tour (10:15am)
Tuesday 14 th	4 Zephaniah Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Thursday 16 th	4 Jackson Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Friday 17 th	Children in Need Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 21 st	Year 6 Trip to Duxford
Tuesday 21 st	3 Wilson Class Assembly (2:30pm)
Tuesday 21 st	Choir Competition – Final (7:00pm)
Thursday 23 rd	3 Morpurgo Class Assembly (2:30pm)

DECEMBER

Friday 1 st	No Pens Day
Thursday 7 th	Christmas Jumper Day – Non-uniform Day
Thursday 7 th	PTA Christmas Discos
Friday 8 th	Year 5 Trip to Greenwich Observatory
Tuesday 12 th	Year 2 Christmas Performance (2:00pm)
Wednesday 13 th	Father Christmas Visit & PTA Raffle
Wednesday 13 th	EYFS Christmas Performance (9:30am)
Wednesday 13 th	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14 th	Year 2 Christmas Performance (9:30am)
Friday 15 th	Rocksteady Concert (9:00am)
Monday 18 th	KS2 Carol Services
	Years 3 & 4 (9:30am)
	Years 5 & 6 (2:00pm)
Tuesday 19 th	Rocksteady Concert (9:00am)
Wednesday 20 th	Break for Christmas Holiday

Non-Uniform Day Friday 3rd November

This year the PTA are organising a 'Christmas Rainbow Raffle' consisting of 15 'rainbow' themed hamper prizes.

Each school year has been assigned a colour and we ask for your support by joining us for a Non-Uniform Day and donating a colourful item as suggested below:

Reception - Red
Year 1 - Yellow or Orange
Year 2 - Pink

Year 3 - Green
Year 4 - Blue
Year 5 - Purple

Year 6 - Silver or Gold

The items can range from food, drink and toys to stationery, toiletries or clothes - have fun with it! As long as it's coloured related, we can make it work!

The items along with gift vouchers will then be added to hampers, creating 15 prizes to be won, including the 'Pot of Gold' prize which will also include a £100 cash prize!

We've provided some images of what we hope to create. A donations table will be available on the 3rd by the office.

Thank you for your support

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