



# THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY 26th Sept 2025

Dear Parents,

I wish to start by saying a big thank you to all the staff who supported the recent Year 6 residential trip to PGL. Their time and care helped create a truly memorable experience for the children, which was undoubtedly filled with adventure, teamwork and personal growth. The children returned with big smiles and many stories to tell. Thank you again to everyone who made the trip such a success.

We've been excited this week as our new football academy has kicked off! This is a great opportunity open to children who are passionate about developing their football skills. Our academy offers high-quality coaching embeds our focused on technique which six core values – teamwork, effort, respect, honesty, resilience and creativity. It's been great to see the children enthusiastically taking part – and we look forward to watching their confidence and abilities grow over the coming weeks.

Across the whole school, we've begun to see some positive progress in the children's writing – not only in the quality of their work but also in the pride they are taking in it. Many children are beginning to write more independently and with more care, using their imaginations and applying what they've learned in our grammar and spelling lessons or in our interventions. It's been great to see many children enjoying writing and I'm excited to see where their writing journeys will take them this year!

Attendance has been strong so far. Thank you for your support with this. Please do not be surprised to receive a call from a school leader if your child starts to be regularly absent. The teachers have enjoyed meeting their new classes parents at the beginning and end of each day. Please can I ask that you all be patient at pick up time from classrooms. The teachers will dismiss the children to you as soon as they can and I assure you that they always do their best to be on time with this. However, the children's safety is our priority and it's important that they are only dismissed to you when we are properly ready.

Many thanks. Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Fordham  
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM DATES TO REMEMBER!			
Wednesday 8th October	All About Reception parent workshop 9.00am - 10.00am 5.30pm - 6.30pm More information to follow	Thursday 4th December	PTA Christmas disco
Wednesday 8th October	Reception 'Little City' workshop	Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Christmas production 10.30am and 2.00pm
Wednesday 15th October	Parent's Evening 3.45pm - 7.45pm	Thursday 11th December	Rock Steady Christmas Concert
Wednesday 22nd October	Parent's Evening 3.45pm - 5.45pm	Tuesday 16th December	Year 1 Pantomime trip
Friday 24th October	Non-uniform day for Level Trust	Wednesday 17th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day
Friday 24th October	Last Day of Half Term	Thursday 18th December	Class Christmas parties
Monday 3rd November	Back to School	Thursday 18th December	Nursery Nativity
Friday 14th November	Children in Need	Friday 19th December	PTA Rainbow Raffle Draw Last Day of Term
Friday 21st November	Inset Day - School Closed	Monday 5th January	Inset Day - School Closed
Friday 28th November	PTA Non-uniform day	Tuesday 6th January	Back to School

# sports



It's been a busy few weeks of sport at the school with the return of our before and after school clubs. This week also saw the start of the Sports Academy, with the students looking real professionals in their Sports Academy kit. We also had our first sports event with the Year 3 and 4 multi sports event at Inspire. The children who took part represented the school really well and worked very hard across the morning. Next week sees the start of our netball squad training and the build up towards our first school football and netball fixtures in October.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

Parents Evening bookings are live for...

**Wednesday 15th October**  
**Wednesday 22nd October**

Please use Arbor to book now.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**WELL DONE TO OUR CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK!**

**Key Stage 1: Kandinsky 99.9%**  
**Prize: Games afternoon**

**Key Stage 2: Curie 99.7%**  
**Prize: Extra dodgeball session**

### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL	Thursday 2nd October 5-8pm
Putteridge High School	Tuesday 7th October 5-8pm
Queen Elizabeth School	Thursday 9th October 5-7.30pm

Please visit the school websites for more information as some evenings may be ticketed.

Everyone is welcome!

### PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL. WE'LL ALSO BE VOTING FOR THIS YEAR'S COMMITTEE. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING/FINDING OUT MORE, PLEASE EMAIL: [PTA@STOPSLEY.PRIMARYLUTON.CO.UK](mailto:PTA@STOPSLEY.PRIMARYLUTON.CO.UK)

**Friday 3rd October 11.30am to 1pm**

In the Meeting Room at School - sign in at the Office

## PTA NEWS

### PTA BINGO NIGHT WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER

**FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER**

Bar opens: 7.00pm  
Bingo starts: 7.30pm  
Fish and Chip Supper: 8.30pm  
Raffle: 10pm  
Key Stage 2 Hall

£12 PER PERSON INC. SUPPER  
See letter in school bags soon to purchase tickets and select meal choices

## WE ARE HIRING

### CASUAL MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are looking to appoint the following position within our school...

**Part Time Casual Midday Supervisor**  
Please click on the link below for details:  
<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/109553/EDV-2025-SCPS-81585>

### GOVERNOR

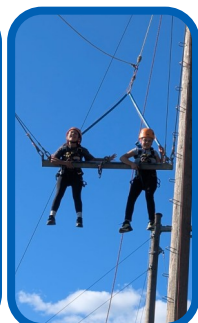
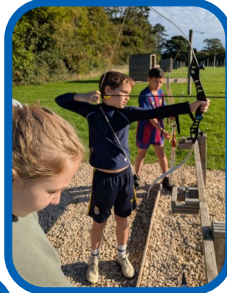
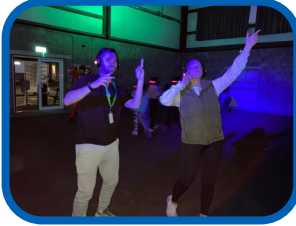
We are looking to appoint the following position within our school...

**School Co-Opted Governor**  
Please click on the link below for details:  
<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/109553/EDV-2025-SCPS-97045>



This week we had our annual residential trip where our Year 6 children went to PGL and took part in an array of fun activities.

Please visit our Facebook page for more pictures.





We want to see your  
 'Spooktacular'   
Halloween Pumpkins

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN  
CARVING COMPETITION



To enter grab a pumpkin, carve your spooky design and send us a picture! You could be in with a chance of winning a Waterstones gift voucher to spend however you choose!

Entries should be emailed to [pumpkins@abmcatering.co.uk](mailto:pumpkins@abmcatering.co.uk) by no later than 5pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Remember to include your name and the name of your school.

The winner will be chosen on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Design it. Carve it. Snap it!**



**Grow**

FUEL FOR YOUNG MINDS

