



THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

24th Oct 2025

Dear Parents,

I am absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news with you all – our school has been officially given the ‘Trauma Informed School’ award. We are the first primary school in all of Bedfordshire to be given this award. This is amazing recognition by *Trauma Informed Schools UK* for the outstanding work we do to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of our children. This award celebrates the commitment, compassion and expertise of our staff in creating such a safe, nurturing and understanding environment where every child who attends Stopsley can flourish.

On Monday, we welcomed the assessor from *Trauma Informed Schools UK* into school for the day. She spent time talking with staff and children, observing our approaches in action and seeing first-hand how we embed trauma and mental health-informed practice across everything we do. We were so proud to share our work and the strong, caring relationships that are at the heart of our school community.

This recognition reflects the dedication of our whole school team — from teachers and support staff to lunchtime staff, premises staff and office staff — who work tirelessly to ensure that all children feel seen, heard and valued. It also acknowledges the vital partnership we have with our families in supporting children’s wellbeing and development.

We shared this exciting news on our social media platforms earlier this week and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your continued support in helping us make our school such a warm, understanding and inclusive place to learn. I also want to give particular thanks to our brilliant and inspirational Safeguarding, Mental Health and Well-Being Lead, Ms Mann, who led on this work and award for us. I also want to give particular thanks to Mrs Allen, our wonderful Pastoral Teaching Assistant, and to Mrs Herrick, our wonderful Family Worker, who have really helped make Trauma Informed Practice the heart of what we are about.

Enjoy the weekend... We will probably all be celebrating!



Mr Fordham
Headteacher



‘Stopsley is a school where regulation is contagious. Calm has become culture and safety is felt in every corner—from the sensory garden to the smiles that greet each child at the door. A truly wonderful and protective school.’

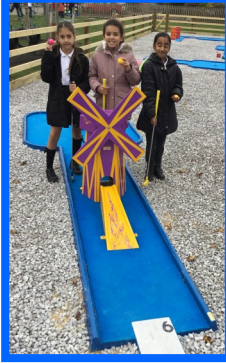
TIS UK Assessor, 21 October 2025

AUTUMN TERM DATES TO REMEMBER!

Monday 3rd November	Back to School	Friday 12th December	PTA Rainbow Raffle Draw
Friday 14th November	Children In Need	Tuesday 16th December	Year 1 Pantomime trip
Friday 21st November	Inset Day - School Closed	Wednesday 17th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day
Friday 28th November	PTA Non-uniform day	Thursday 18th December	Class Christmas parties
Saturday 29th November	PTA Santa's Grotto at Stopsley Christmas Market	Thursday 18th December	Nursery Carols
Thursday 4th December	PTA Christmas disco	Friday 19th December	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Christmas production 10.30am and 2.00pm	Monday 5th January	Inset Day - School Closed
Thursday 11th December	Rock Steady Christmas Concert	Tuesday 6th January	Back to School

sports

Our list of children scoring a hole in one is growing! The girls have all made it onto the 'Stopsley Honours' board... Well done!



SPORTS & EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Sign up for clubs for Autumn 2 half term will be live on Arbor this evening at 7.00pm.

You can find the timetable for this half term's clubs on our school website under the 'clubs' section.

Booking will close on **Wednesday 5th November at 11.00pm.**



HALLOWEEN CRAFTS AT FLAG CLUB

FLAG Club have been getting crafty this week... Look at these wonderfully wicked creations!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget
11th NOVEMBER

From Monday 3rd November we will be selling poppies and poppy themed accessories at school. Some of our Year 6 children will take them to classrooms throughout the week for children to buy.

Thank you to all our families for your generous donations today to Level Trust. Together we raised...



We hope all our families that celebrated Diwali this week had a fantastic time. Our amazing kitchen staff put up some beautiful decorations and made a delicious meal. We had some lovely feedback from the children...

'It was so good, especially the chicken'
'It was brilliant. I would definitely eat it again!'

HAPPY Diwali



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WELL DONE TO OUR CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK!

Key Stage 1: Matisse 97.9%
Prize: A game of dodgeball

Key Stage 2: Jeffreys 98.1%
Prize: A day of sitting where they want to in class!

PTA NEWS

Our children have been busy creating amazing artwork!

The PTA is organising a Christmas fundraiser with My Child's Art where you'll soon be able to order your child's masterpiece on cards, mugs, placemats, notepads, magnets, and more.



Watch this space for ordering details coming soon!



Last Friday, the PTA held a fun bingo night with a fish and chip supper taking in £518 towards our fundraising! Thanks for all your support.



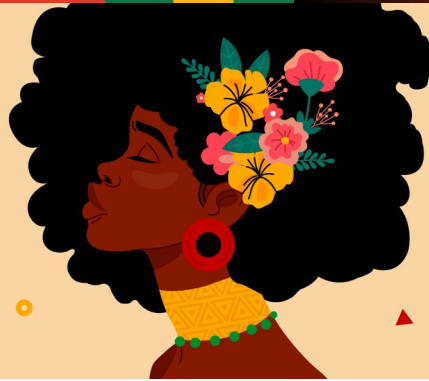
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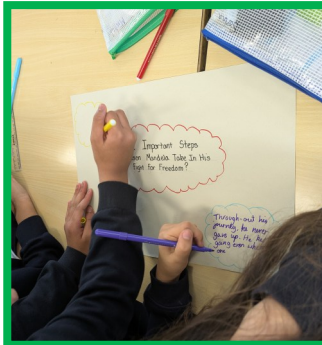
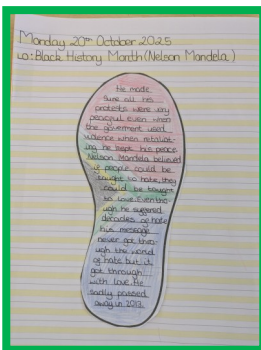
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

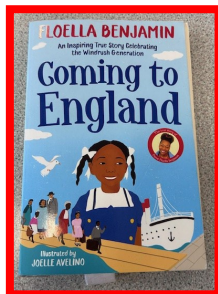


This month we have been learning about and celebrating 'Black History Month'. The children have been learning about black people throughout history that have been inspirational and courageous. Year 6 have been doing some important work about Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther-King Jr.



Starter: Picture inference

- Who is this?
- What do you think he is doing?
- Where could he be?
- How do you think he is feeling?
- Why is there a big crowd?



Year 5 have been looking at a book called 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. 'A story about the triumph of hope and determination, Dame Floella Benjamin's inspiring childhood memoir is a powerful reminder that courage can always overcome adversity and that friends can be found in the most unlikely places'.

We are lucky to have an illustrated copy of this book for our younger readers, as well as a chapter version for our older readers. The children have been looking at the differences between living in Trinidad and in the UK.

Why Do We Have Black History Month?

Black people have been an important part of society for a long time. Even though many people have had a hard time, they have always been there. Black History Month is a time to remember their stories and the things they have done. We have Black History Month so that people can learn about the important achievements of these people and how people can overcome their struggles.

This month that lots of people didn't know about all the amazing things that they had done. We have Black History Month so that people can learn about the important achievements of these people and how people can overcome their struggles.

Illustration: Oponeke, Henry, Nelson, Katherine.

Significant Black People

There are just some of the people you might learn about during Black History Month.

Elizabeth Keyes lived in Britain over 300 years ago. She had been an enslaved person. She wrote a book about how slavery was wrong and how people should be treated for the rest of her life.

Harriet Tubman was born in the USA around 200 years ago. She was an enslaved person but she helped many other people escape from slavery.

Illustration: Harriet Tubman.

Racism

Racism has meant that the achievements of Black people in history have often not been recognised. Racism is when a person is treated unfairly or wrongly because of parts of their cultural identity or characteristics such as the colour of someone's skin.

Examples of racism in the past include:

- In the USA, Black people used to have to sit at the back of buses and give up their seats if a white person wanted their seat;
- In South Africa, Black people could only live in certain places, often without electricity or running water;
- In the UK, some people wouldn't rent houses or rooms to Black people.

Illustration: A group of people protesting with signs that say 'Let us live in the same houses as white people', 'Boycott', and 'Every Man has the right to work'.

In our assemblies we have been looking at why we have Black History Month and significant people that have shaped the future and challenged prejudice and racism.

Illustration: A group of diverse people, including Barack Obama, and a person with a raised fist.