



THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

7th Nov 2025

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share with you our new **School Development Plan**, which sets out our main goals and priorities for the year ahead. This plan helps us to focus on what matters most for our children's learning, wellbeing and overall school experience. It includes key areas such as improving our phonics and writing, developing the children's confidence and resilience and making sure that we offer good enrichment opportunities and pastoral care so our children thrive. We are having a continued focus on positive attendance so please do keep an eye on the pyramid plan 'small absences make big gaps' and support us with this aim at all times.

Our children, staff and Governing Board have worked together to create this plan and we will keep reviewing our progress throughout the year. Our aims take into account the regular feedback we get from yourselves too. We believe that by working closely together, we can make a real difference in helping every child reach their full potential. No child is invisible at our school.

To help you see our priorities at a glance, we've attached a **School Development Plan poster** to this newsletter. Please take a few moments to look at it and if you have any questions, do ask us. You can find out further information on our school website or by following us on our social media. We have already made a really promising start to our plan by gaining the 'Trauma and Mental Health Informed Schools' award. Look out for us in the local paper as they are reporting about this as well as a feature on our crazy golf course! Our new Sports Academy has started well and LBC visited our EYFS on Wednesday and were highly impressed. They said that the strong routines and our high expectations are amazing. They were blown away by the level of independence that our youngest children are already showing.

If you know of anyone who wishes for their child to join our EYFS for next year, please ask them to contact the school for information. We are currently holding open tours for our new intake starting in September '26...

OPEN TOURS

Reception and Nursery

Please contact the school for details
www.stopsleyprimary.co.uk Tel: 01582 611035

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Mr Fordham
Headteacher

Development Plan

2025 – 2026

- Teaching in Phonics ensures that every child makes good progress and achieves the best possible outcomes in reading.
- Every child becomes a more confident and capable writer.
- Every child has the support they need to thrive, with a strong focus on improving progress and attendance.
- Children in the Early Years get the best possible start to their school journey by receiving the best teaching, learning and outcomes.
- Children consistently try to do their best and show resilience when they face setbacks.
- Provide extra care and opportunities for children who need it most so they feel confident, happy and ready to learn.

Family Christmas Crafts 2025

Please see below the dates and times for our family Christmas crafts. Entry will be via the library gate and head to your child's classroom.

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME
Nursery	Thursday 27th November	10:30 – 11:30 (AM) 2:15 – 3:15 (PM)
Year 2 and 4	Thursday 27th November	2:15 – 3:15
Year R and 1	Monday 1st December	2:15 – 3:15
Year 3 and 6	Tuesday 2nd December	2:15 – 3:15
Year 5	Thursday 4th December	2:15 – 3:15

sports



The KS2 children had an absolutely amazing time with glow-in-the-dark dodgeball on Tuesday. It was a fun and vibrant experience that they surely won't forget anytime soon. The hall was filled with laughter and excitement as the kids dodged, ducked and dived under the neon lights.

Additionally, our year 3 & 4 students shone brightly at the sports hall athletics competition. They participated in a range of track and field events including javelin, standing long jump, chest push (shot put) and vertical jump. The running races and relays were particularly exciting and the children showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them for their hard work and dedication.



BONFIRE NIGHT AT FLAG CLUB

FLAG Club have been getting crafty again this week! They've made brilliantly creative firework pictures with paint and chalk.



HALLOWEEN




We hope all the children had a great time over half term if they dressed up for Halloween or went trick or treating! Our Kitchen delivered some Halloween fun in The Barn.

We think the children enjoyed being served by our amazing witches for the day!

Sports and extra curricular club confirmations have been sent out today. Please keep a note of the dates on the email.

ODD SOCKS DAY

Monday 10th November

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week so we will be holding an Odd Socks Day where the children are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks to raise awareness of bullying.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WELL DONE TO OUR CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK!

Key Stage 1: Squirrels 99.2%
Prize: Triple points

Key Stage 2: Earhart and Sharman 99.6%
Prize: Crazy golf and an extra break time

REMINDER

Poppies and poppy related accessories are still for sale at school until Tuesday 11th November.

Our year 6 children will come round to the classrooms so children will be able to purchase them then.

COMING SOON!

Friday 28th November is non-uniform day in exchange for a donation of coloured raffle items.

MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON

If you are able to donate a prize to support our fundraising efforts, please email pta@stopsley.primaryluton.co.uk

Choose us as your Co-op local cause

STOPSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We're delighted to share that we received **£1,785.63** from Co-op towards the outdoor dining hall project!

We Have Also Been Selected Again As A Co-op Local Cause. Please Choose Us and Help Us Secure A Share of **£5 Million Funding**. Spread The Word!!!

Visit membership.coop.co.uk/causes/99942

Santa's Grotto

Hosted by
Stopsley Primary School Association (PTA)

Saturday 29th November
11am to 3pm

AT STOPSLEY CHRISTMAS MARKET

STOPSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
ST THOMAS' ROAD
LUTON, LU2 7XP

To book, scan the QR code below or visit: tinyurl.com/367u7c8e

PTA NEWS

CHRISTMAS UV DISCO

THUR 4TH DEC

SAVE THE DATE!!
More details coming soon!

Get personalised items and gifts with your child's artwork

www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Early bird discount **10% OFF** ALL PRODUCTS UNTIL 11.59pm 30th NOV

Username: Stopsley | Password: mhgx3ztp
Discount code is 'StopsleyX25'

Remember, 20% off all purchases goes towards fundraising for resources for school

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SMALL ABSENCES MAKE **BIG** GAPS

All children have the right to be educated so we take attendance seriously. We promise to help children so that they do not miss out on their right. We also promise that we will act swiftly to support families where it is needed. Our three tier system shows you how we do this.

LOCAL AUTHORITY INVOLVEMENT

If 4 or more of these sessions are unauthorised, parents receive an 'Early Intervention' letter.

A child is absent for 10 sessions. Parents receive a phone call and a warning letter.

AT RISK

IF YOU TAKE A TERM TIME HOLIDAY

Parents are likely to receive a 'Holiday Penalty Notice' (with a fine per child, per parent)

NO IMPROVEMENT IN 2 WEEKS

Parents receive bespoke support. Parents receive a 'Notice to Improve' letter.

Parents must meet with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. 'Bespoke support' is offered to parents. Medical evidence will have to be provided for all future absences.

HIGH RISK

NO IMPROVEMENT IN 2 WEEKS

Parents receive a possible 'Penalty Notice Charge' and possible court appearance.

Parents must meet with the Headteacher or Safeguarding Leader. A possible referral to Social Services to be made on the grounds of neglect as all children have the right to be educated. The breach of the 'Home School Agreement' may lead to the school holding a conversation with LBC Admissions.

CRITICAL ABSENCE

IT IS AN OFFENCE to deny a child their legal right to an education.

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