



THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

20th Nov 2025

Dear Parents,

I start with a big well done to all the children for their hard work with their class assessments this week. They have all tried their best and didn't even let the snow put them off on Wednesday morning!

It was lovely to see the article in Luton News last week about our crazy golf course. It was also lovely to share all about our school with several families who visited to consider our new Reception intake for next year. We only have a few spaces left at the next two open tours so please book if interested (or let your friends know).

We have had several other visitors from other schools this past week and they have all spoken so positively about what they saw. A few quotes sharing what they said are below. One of the things that sticks out at Stopsley is 'teamwork' and this is one of the things that will be mentioned at this evening's Year 6 SATs meeting for parents. It is through 'collaborative working' that we continue to achieve above National results for Year 6 in all subjects (every year). It is through 'teamwork' that we are the number 1 school in Luton for our achievement with children who receive Pupil Premium funding. It is through 'collaboration' that has made the DfE write to us to tell us we are the 'highest performing school' (amongst similar sized schools) for attendance. Thank you for playing your part as parents and well done to the children and staff. With this in mind, we are focussing on our Learning Behaviour 'Collaboration' this half term. Please do praise your child whenever they work well with others, help others or listen well to others. Our poster for collaboration is shown to the right...

"It is a pleasure to be able to visit. The children are very lucky to come here." (visiting teacher from Wigmore Primary)

"The things on offer are great but it's the standards in the classroom we love. We're going to move our child here now!" (visiting parent)

"You all really care about learning. The children work hard, are really well-behaved and the staff make everything safe and exciting." (visiting Headteacher)



Sadly, Ms Mann is away from work at the moment for personal reasons. Hopefully, she will be back for the spring term. This means that our 'safeguarding@' email address is not being monitored. If you have any well-being, mental health or safeguarding issues, please still contact us via the 'schooloffice@' email address and it will be passed to someone who can help. Mrs Herick (Family Worker) is available to meet with any parents, as are senior leaders at the school or Mrs Allen (our Pastoral TA). We all send our love and best wishes to Ms Mann and her family as she looks after her poorly son.

From all members of staff and our Governing Board, we wish you a happy (day longer) weekend.

Mr Fordham
Headteacher

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

PARENTS SATS MEETING



A reminder for Year 6 parents, the SATs parent's meeting is today at 4.30pm in the KS2 hall. Entry is via the library gate. We look forward to seeing you there.

COLD WEATHER



Please take extra care walking to and from school and when moving around the school site. We grit where we can but paths may still be slippery. Please allow more time for travelling to and from school. No children should be riding on scooters or bikes in the school grounds at drop-off and pick up times. Thank you.

The school will be closed tomorrow due to inset day. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th November.



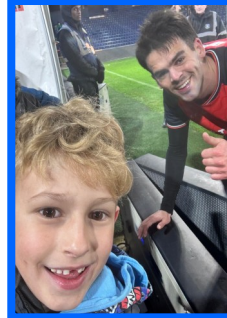
In the event that we have snow and the school has to be closed, parents are informed of this by email and it will also appear on the school website and our social media platforms. School closure is also reported on Heart FM radio and on the Luton Borough Council website.

We will always make every endeavour to keep our school open but pupil and staff safety is paramount.

sports



On Wednesday, we took a group of year 5 and 6 children (left) to a dodgeball competition at Inspire. Despite the weather, the children played seven matches of dodgeball in a best of three format in each match. Having won the competition last year, we went to give our best and see if we could retain the trophy. We started brilliantly, playing attacking dodgeball and working superbly as a team. We ended up finishing in third place, receiving bronze medals. All the children should be really proud of themselves for their effort!



Have you heard?
Team GB Gymnast STEVE FREW is coming to our school

Scan to sponsor
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- Get the children moving in a fun fitness circuit
- Witness the strength, talent & resilience of a top gymnast
- Raise money for new sports equipment

We have an exciting visit from Olympic athlete, Steve Frew on Wednesday. The children will be taking part in activities and you will have received a sponsorship form to help raise money for our school to purchase new sports equipment. If you would like to sponsor your child online, please scan the QR code on the left.



We were very lucky to receive some complimentary tickets to the Luton Town vs. West Bromwich match on Tuesday. Thank you to our parents for sending in such lovely pictures of your children enjoying their time at Kenilworth Road.



FUN IN THE SNOW!



Flag club had lots of fun when it snowed yesterday morning. It was great to see all the happy, smiling faces!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WELL DONE TO OUR CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK!

Key Stage 1: Matisse 97.6%
Key Stage 2: Snowdon 99.7%

Due to inset day and not having had our celebration assembly, prizes are yet to be announced.

Wednesday 10th December

SAVE THE DATE

After drop off on Wednesday 10th December, there will be a parent's information session for Reception children who are taking part in ELSEC. Invites will be sent directly to parents involved. Please look out for this email if your child is involved with ELSEC.

PTA NEWS

Santa's Grotto
Saturday 29th November - 11am to 3pm! Hosted by the (PTA)
AT STOPSLEY CHRISTMAS MARKET
STOPSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
31 THOMAS ROAD, LUTON, LU2 7RP
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<https://tinyurl.com/367u7c8e>

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Rudolph's Rainbow RAFFLE

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

SEE LETTER IN SCHOOL BAGS FOR MORE DETAILS AND YOUR YEAR GROUP COLOUR.

CHRISTMAS UV DISCO
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Remember to get your child a ticket by Friday 28th November!
Look out for the letter in your child's school bag

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