



THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY 27th Feb 2026

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome the new families who have joined the school over the past couple of weeks. It has been great to meet new parents and to get to know the children. They have settled into their new classes really well.

This year, we have been placing a special focus on reading. We know that reading opens doors to imagination, knowledge and confidence so we are working hard to nurture a real love of books in every child. Across the school, classes are enjoying daily story times, exploring new authors and sharing their favourite books with friends. I regularly see children in our two library areas hunting for a good book to take back to class to read. I know that the children like listening to our audio books that play out loud as they walk through the school.

We are especially excited to continue our reading focus next week as we celebrate World Book Day on Thursday. Throughout the day, children will be read to by different teachers from around the school, giving them the chance to enjoy a variety of stories and voices. It's always a magical day that helps remind us how joyful reading can be! A reminder to parents that children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on World Book Day. Costumes can be simple and creative - sometimes a homemade idea is the most fun!

For our younger children, we are putting lots of effort into developing strong phonics skills, which are the building blocks of confident reading. We really appreciate your support at home with this. Practising sounds regularly, using flashcards and hearing your child read makes a huge difference. Just as importantly, we encourage you to read stories together for pleasure - sharing books at bedtime or cuddling up with a favourite story helps children see reading as something special and enjoyable.

Thank you, as always, for supporting your child's learning journey.

Mr Fordham
Headteacher



There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.

JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS

SPRING/SUMMER TERM DATES TO REMEMBER			
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day World Book Day menu	Friday 27th March	Year 1 Kings and Queens day Last day of term
Monday 9th March Tuesday 10th March	Reception height, weight and audiology screening	Monday 13th April	Back to school
Monday 9th March - Friday 13th March	Mock SATS week	Friday 17th April	PTA Quiz and Chips night
Tuesday 10th March	Grandparents Coffee Morning in the Family Hut	Monday 20th April	Year 3 Ukulele Concert 2.50pm - 3.20pm
Tuesday 10th March	Parent's Evening 3.45pm - 5.45pm	Thursday 7th May	Class photos
Wednesday 11th March	Parent's Evening 3.45pm - 7.45pm	Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	SATS week
Wednesday 11th March Thursday 12th March	PTA Mother's Day pop up shop	Tuesday 19th May	Year 1 Teaching Talons workshop
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day	Friday 22nd May	Last day of half term
Wednesday 25th March	Year 3 and 4 production - 'Spring Chicken The Musical' 11.00am - 12.00pm 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Monday 1st June	Inset day
Thursday 26th March	Rock Steady Easter concert	Tuesday 2nd June	Back to school
Thursday 26th March	School discos		

Parent's Evening

Tuesday 10th March **Booking is live on Arbor** Wednesday 11th March
Please remember, there is no parent's evening for year 6



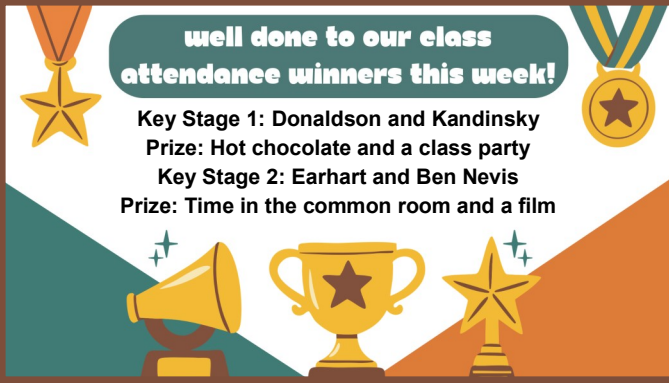
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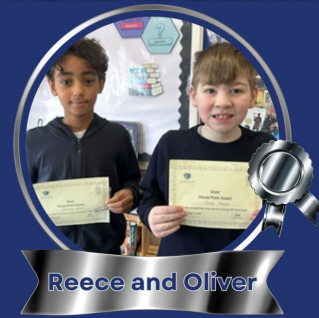
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

well done to our class attendance winners this week!

Key Stage 1: Donaldson and Kandinsky
Prize: Hot chocolate and a class party
Key Stage 2: Earhart and Ben Nevis
Prize: Time in the common room and a film



CONGRATULATIONS



Well done on being the first to achieve your silver house point awards this year!

PTA NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY POP-UP SHOP!

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March

There will be a selection of wrapped gifts available for your child to choose for someone special at a price of £3.50 each.

Children will need to bring in the money in a labelled envelope on the day of the shop.

EASTER DISCOS THUR 26TH MARCH

SAVE THE DATE!!
More details coming soon!



Get Involved!

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

USE YOUR SKILLS

IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

BE BETTER CONNECTED

IT'S FUN AND REWARDING

CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

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