



# THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

12th June 2026

Dear Parents,

The second half of the term is continuing very well. We are incredibly proud of all our children and what they are achieving. It has been great to see so many examples of excellent learning taking place across the school – from Reception children being sent to share their amazing writing with me to the brilliant effort by our year 1 children in their Phonics Screening Checks and year 4 children with their Maths Timestables Checks. The children have shown determination, resilience and enthusiasm for learning.

Many classes have also enjoyed exciting trips this term, helping to bring their learning to life and create memorable experiences. These opportunities allow children to develop their understanding beyond the classroom and support the rich curriculum we provide at Stopsley. This week, we were delighted to welcome an outdoor theatre company to school. Through a fun show and a range of workshops, the children explored important environmental themes and developed their understanding of eco-learning. The sessions link to some of our Global Goals and make sure the children consider how they can make a positive difference to the world around them.

We are fortunate to have a highly supportive and committed Governing Body. Our governors generously give their time to support and challenge the school, helping us to provide the very best education for our children. We thank them for this. You should recently have received a flyer introducing our governors and sharing information about their role within the school.

For the remainder of the term, our whole-school learning behaviour focus is 'Curiosity'. We are encouraging children to ask questions, explore new ideas, investigate problems and show a genuine interest in everything we do. Children can demonstrate curiosity by finding out more about topics they are learning, asking "how" and "why" questions, trying new approaches when faced with challenges and by sharing their discoveries with others. We look forward to seeing our pupils becoming really curious people (Detectives even!)



Have a great weekend.

Mr Fordham  
Headteacher

## KEY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 16th June	Celebrating cultures and diversity day	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Sports Day Morning session 9.00am-10.30am Afternoon session 12.30pm-2.00pm
Wednesday 17th June	Sports Day Year R - Year 6 9.00am-10.30am - KS1 10.45am-12.15pm - LKS2 12.45pm-1.45pm - Reception 2.00pm-3.30pm - UKS2	Thursday 9th July	Year 6 production of Aladdin 2.00pm - 3.30pm and 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 17th June Thursday 18th June	PTA Father's Day pop up shop	Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 fun day Reception leavers' assembly
Friday 19th June	Choir - Singing Spectacular at SBC	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open evening 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 2 Whipsnade Zoo trip	Thursday 16th July	Rock Steady summer concert PTA summer disco
Friday 26th June	Year 5 overnight camp at school	Friday 17th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly 10am - 11.00am Last day of term
Friday 3rd July	Whole school transition day		

# STOPSLEY sports



A group of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils recently had the opportunity to take part in an exciting Multi-Sports Festival, where they experienced a variety of sports including tennis, golf, cricket and ultimate frisbee.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to try new activities, develop new skills and challenge themselves in unfamiliar sporting environments. Throughout the day, the pupils demonstrated excellent confidence, enthusiasm and a willingness to step outside of their comfort zones. They embraced each activity with positive attitudes and showed great determination to learn and improve.

As well as participating in the sports sessions, the children had the chance to work alongside young leaders and meet pupils from other schools. They represented our school brilliantly, showing respect, kindness and excellent teamwork throughout the event.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part. Their positivity, confidence and behaviour were outstanding, and they were excellent ambassadors for our school throughout the festival.



This week, we were delighted to welcome Imajica Theatre to school for two engaging performances, Don't Worry Bee Happy and Heidi's New Shell. Through music, storytelling and interactive theatre, the children learned about the importance of caring for our environment, from planting flowers to support pollinators to reducing waste and protecting our oceans. The performances were enjoyed by all and inspired our pupils to think about the positive changes they can make to help our planet.



Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge as part of their Ancient Egypt topic. The children explored fascinating artefacts, including sarcophagi, canopic jars, hieroglyphs and a pharaoh's tomb, bringing their classroom learning to life. They had a wonderful day and learnt lots about this ancient civilisation.

Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Luton Fire Brigade this week, where they learned all about fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire. The children loved exploring the fire engine, learning about the firefighters' equipment and even having a turn using the hose! One highlight was a special race between Miss Hussain and Billie-Rae to see who could put on the firefighter uniform the fastest. Check out our social media pages to see who won!

## SPORTS DAY REMINDER

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

YEAR R - YEAR 6  
ENTRY VIA THE CO-OP GATE

9.00AM-10.30AM - KS1
10.45AM-12.15PM - LKS2
12.45PM-1.45PM - RECEPTION
2.00PM-3.30PM - UKS2



## SINGING SPECTACULAR!

@STOPSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

CHOIR CHILDREN WILL HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER WITH DETAILS.  
DON'T FORGET TO BRING A PACKED TEA!

## JS SPORTS & SCHOOLWEAR UNIFORM

We have an additional supplier for our school jumpers and cardigans. They are competitively priced and we hope this helps parents to have more choice of where to purchase branded uniform should you wish to.

**Shop now at**

22 Neville Road  
Luton  
LU3 2JQ  
<http://myuniformshop.co.uk>  
01582 494401  
[jssports@btconnect.com](mailto:jssports@btconnect.com)

## PTA NEWS

### FATHER'S DAY POP-UP SHOP!

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th June

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.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WELL DONE TO THIS WEEK'S CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

**KS1: FREEDMAN 98.3%  
PRIZE: EXTRA GOLDEN TIME**

**KS2: EARHART 98.7%  
PRIZE: TBC**

## FLAG CLUB PARENTS

For the safety of all children attending Flag Club, we kindly ask parents and carers to supervise their child from the visitor car park to the FLAG Club entrance when dropping them off.

Please do not simply drop children off and allow them to make their own way across the car park. The visitor car park can be a busy area, and children should be accompanied directly to the Flag Club door to ensure they arrive safely. We also ask all parents and carers to take extra care when driving in the visitor car park, remaining vigilant for children and pedestrians at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep all children safe.

# Miss Nemes

## KITCHEN MANAGER

### WHICH FAMOUS CHEF WOULD YOU LIKE TO COOK FOR YOU?

I think it would be Heston Blumenthal. I don't know if any of you know about him but he's into molecular gastronomy, so he combines a lot of science with cooking and I think that would be an amazing experience.

### WHAT'S ONE THING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

I have a lot! I think I would really love to take a gap year and just go and travel around a bit and explore. My first place on the list would be Mexico.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON YOUR IDEAL WEEKEND?

This might sound a bit boring, but it's just pyjamas, a lot of snacks and movies. Peace and quiet.

### IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THIS JOB WHAT JOB WOULD YOU HAVE?

That's a really good question. When I was little, I always wanted to be a police officer. Obviously I didn't follow that career but now looking back at it, the genre of movies I watch and the podcasts I listen to, I think I should have listened to what I was thinking when I was little and I could have become a detective.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE ITEM ON OUR LUNCH MENU?

I think it has to be cakes. Any cakes. I love cakes.

### HOW DO YOU MAKE THE BEST FOOD EVER?

Do I make the best food ever? Oh my gosh! Thank you so much! I don't know, I just think everything I cook in general, regardless of the ingredients I have or the equipment, I try to do the best in the hope that everyone will enjoy it.

### HOW DID YOU LEARN HOW TO COOK?

Where I come from our summer holidays are about three months long. So for three months every year I was spending time with my grandma and that was what we were doing all day, every day. I was helping grandma with cooking and gardening - whatever she was doing and without me realising when I grew up to become a teenager, I already knew how to cook.

### WHAT'S IT LIKE COOKING FOR HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE?

I love a challenge. I really, really enjoy it. I think that's partly why I am in this job because I wasn't meant to become a chef. I didn't wish for it. It just happened that one day I went into a kitchen to help and realised that I actually really enjoyed the busyness of it. You don't have time and constantly have to think one step ahead and be prepared because not one day is the same in the kitchen. Always something happens, something could be missing as ingredients don't arrive on time and so on. I think that's what drew me into the job, because it's challenging and I like a challenge.

### TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU:

I actually know how to play violin and piano. I studied music when I was younger.

### HOW HOT IS IT IN THE KITCHEN?

In the summer it's very hot but I think I'm very lucky as I'm constantly very cold. I'm constantly freezing regardless of the weather.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

I like pasta a lot. I like polenta. If I was to choose, I think it would be tacos.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR?

Emerald green.

### IF YOU COULD ONLY EAT ONE MEAL FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

It would be bread, cheese and tomatoes. I can't give up these three things. We'll pair them together and call them a meal.

### DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN THREE WORDS:

I would like to think I'm very caring, funny - I have a very sarcastic sense of humour, so most of the time I tone it down. I'm trying to think what other people would think of me... Passionate about things. When I get a hobby I get into my hobby, I like to study it.

### WHERE DO YOU GET ALL THE DECORATIONS FOR THE KITCHEN FROM ON OUR THEME DAYS?

You will be surprised, it's from my attic. In my attic I have decorations for every sort of event. It's all boxed up and I like to change the displays every single year for different events.

### HOW MANY LANGUAGES DO YOU SPEAK?

I speak Romanian - that's my mother language. I speak English, but I also speak a bit of French, Spanish and Italian. Because Romanian is a Latin language, I think all the other Latin languages come very easy to me. If I practice a little bit I can speak all of them.

### WHAT'S YOUR REAL NAME?

Daniela Christina. My family calls me Christina, all of my friends and work colleagues call me Daniela.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN?

Yes, I have one daughter.

### WHAT PHONE APP COULD YOU NEVER LIVE WITHOUT?

It would probably be Google Photos. We take a lot of photos these days.

### WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE FOR DINNER TONIGHT?

I think my little one is gonna dictate what we have for dinner. More than likely we're gonna have stir fry noodles because that's an every day request or meatball soup. That's another thing she likes.

### TELL US SOMETHING YOU DISLIKE:

Mess. I don't like mess at all.



### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE RESTAURANT?

Heston Blumenthal's restaurant, The Fat Duck. I think it's shut down now. It was a wonderful experience there.

### DESCRIBE A TYPICAL DAY AT WORK:

So when I come in I have to open everything, turn on the gas, sign in and check the temperatures of everything. Make sure the fridges have been working through the night and the food is safe. Then I start making loads and loads of jelly every single day. We go through a lot of jelly! Then whatever is on the menu, I start the prep on the menu and if possible I start the prep on the next day for whatever I can make. Sometimes I have to go through a lot of cookie dough to make cookies for 300 kids or 350 some days. So I have to start one day ahead making the cookie dough, so I can bake them the next day and so on. So there's a lot of prep involved.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CUISINE?

It has to be Mexican. And Vietnamese as well. Have you tried Pho? It's a noodle soup. It's really nice.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME TO WATCH?

Umm, it would have to be something like FBI Files. Anything true crime.

### WHAT'S THE WEIRDEST THING YOU'VE EVER EATEN?

When I was little, somebody cooked frog. I didn't know what it was. I thought it was chicken. It was only after the meal I was told what it was!

### DO YOU HAVE ANY PETS?

Yes I have a British short haired cat. She's very fluffy. Her name is Sparkle. My daughter chose her name.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK?

It would have been one of the first books that I read. It would have been Hector Malot. I'm trying to think of the translation... Alone in the World, I think it's called? Or Without Family? I don't know because English translation is a bit different. Hector Malot is a French author. I found it in my mum's library and grabbed it because there was a little boy with a dog on the cover and that still stays to this day as my favourite book.

### WHAT MUSIC DO YOU LIKE TO LISTEN TO?

I don't really have a specific style of music I like to listen to. I love anything from opera to rock 'n' roll. It depends a lot on how I feel. If I'm very cheerful, I will listen to Spanish songs. If I'm a bit moody, I will listen to opera. It depends, whatever comes onto my playlist usually.

### WHAT'S THE WORST THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Peeling loads of potatoes!

### WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Seeing you all happy when you come and get your food. And chatty.

### WHAT WAS YOUR JOB BEFORE THIS ONE?

Before here I worked at Eton College. I was a development chef over there. Previous to that I worked in the Savoy, in Gordon Ramsay's restaurant. I was a pastry chef. Most of the famous people were staying up until two or three in the morning. Being a pastry chef meant that the desserts were served last and I had to wait until everyone was ready to go home. That is the reason why I moved jobs. But before I became a chef I was actually an engineer.

### IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE WISH, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Just one? I think it would be everyone to be happy and for no sadness ever again.

### WHAT TIME DO YOU GO TO SLEEP?

Quite late. I would say, perhaps, I would like to think it's before 12 o'clock, but sometimes it might be a bit later.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE SANDWICH FILLING?

It would have to be cheese and salad.

### WHAT TIME DO YOU WAKE UP?

I wake up at 5.30, because I have a little kitten to look after and then I have to be here quite early to start making all the jellies!