



# THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

26th June 2026

Today's newsletter shares with you everything you need to know for our transition for next year. Please take the time to read this newsletter carefully so that you know all the details.

In September we welcome two new, fantastic teachers to the team. Mrs Lee-Dell joins us from a local secondary school and is passionate about helping our Stopsley community thrive. Mr Gifford joins us from a primary school in Herts, having taught in KS2 and having worked across schools with Rock Steady. We are very lucky to have two such brilliant teachers joining us.

Our Transition day takes place on Friday 3rd July although the younger children in EYFS and KS1 will do extra activities earlier in the week, such as having stories read to them by their new teacher. On Thursday 2nd July, all children will spend an hour getting to know their new teacher before the Friday, when they spend the whole morning in their new class. Please note that on all days, your child is still to be dropped off and collected from their current classroom.

The week finishes slightly differently for year 6 children as they visit their High School on Friday 3rd July. This is just for one day this year. Please be aware that they attend their High School for the whole day (rather than finishing at 1pm). No year 6 children should come to Stopsley on Friday 3rd July. We are aware that one local High School is having their new children on both Thursday (2nd) and Friday (3rd). If your child is going to this school, we will authorise their absence on the Thursday as well.

Next year's classes are shown in the chart below. We return to having two Reception classes for next year but please be aware that we will have three year 1 classes so the current year 2 classrooms move up one (along the runway). All children have been told today who their class teacher is going to be for September and where their new classroom is. They will be able to explain this to you. Parents will be able to meet their child's new class teacher and see their new room at our Open Evening on Wednesday 15th July (3:30-5:00pm). Further details about this event will follow shortly although there is a flyer attached to this newsletter, which advertises the 'food tasting' that will take place in The Barn. A big thank you to Grow catering for doing this on our Open Evening.

Change can be an anxious time for many children so please do spend some time talking your child through this if need be. By holding a transition day (and other activities across the week for younger children), this helps everyone feel more confident with change and cope much better.

Reception children will be bringing home a letter today telling you which class they will be in for year 1. In this letter Mrs Johnstone has explained whether your child is in Freedman (Mrs Healy and Mrs Chaudhry), Donaldson (Miss Carpenter) or Carle (Miss Jackson-Gomez) class next year. Our teachers working in Nursery will be Mrs Higgins (Weds, Thurs and Fri) and Mrs Gallagher (Mon and Tues). Our Reception teachers will be Mrs Johnstone (Squirrels) and Miss Ludlow (Rabbits).

CURRENT CLASS	NEW CLASS	NEW TEACHER		CURRENT CLASS	NEW CLASS	NEW TEACHER
Donaldson (y1)	Matisse	Miss Southwell		Sharman (y3)	Snowdon	Mrs Lee-Dell
Freedman (y1)	Kandinsky	Miss Hussain		Snowdon (y4)	Curie	Mr Dymock / Mrs Chaudhry
Kandinsky (y2)	Earhart	Mr Gifford		Ben Nevis (y4)	Jeffreys	Miss Harrison
Matisse (y2)	Sharman	Mrs Dearman		Curie (y5)	Murray	Mrs Fuller
Earhart (y3)	Ben Nevis	Mrs McDonald / Mrs Rhodes		Jeffreys (y5)	Bolt	Mr Palumbo

Some classes have two teachers because these staff share the class. This helps free our Deputy and SENDCos to be out of class so they can do their important leadership work across the school. We take this approach using our own staff team to avoid change for the children, ie: they have familiar staff teaching them, meaning we are less reliant on using supply teachers. Mr Chart is also out of class as he carries on teaching sport across the school, including our Sports Academy. If your child has had 1:1 support from a TA this year (due to an EHCP), a SENDCo will be in touch with you soon to let you know how this will look next year.

Mr Fordham  
Headteacher



Dennis in year 4 was excited to be selected to represent Street Futsal as part of their Under 9 group at a prestigious European tournament held in Holland.

The competition featured strong teams from Holland, France, Belgium, Germany, and the USA, providing an exciting and challenging experience for all the young players.

Street Futsal performed brilliantly, finishing an impressive 3rd place in the Under 9 group winning the Silver Cup.

Dennis had a fantastic weekend, scoring a number of goals across the matches. He was also chosen to represent the Under 9's in a special penalty shootout against a professional Dutch goalkeeper during the lunch break – a nerve-wracking but memorable moment! Dennis rose to the occasion, confidently scoring 3 out of 5 penalties.

Dennis also played for the Under 10's group for their knockout stage fixtures. Playing up an age group, he continued his strong form by scoring 2 more goals, helping the team in their campaign.

It was a great opportunity to experience a Dutch tournament and explore the local region!

This week, our Year 6 Sports Academy pupils had the fantastic opportunity to enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Kenilworth Road, home of Luton Town FC. The children were given access to areas of the stadium that are usually off limits to visitors, including the manager's office, the players' changing rooms, and even the chance to sit in the home team dugout. It was a truly memorable experience, with pupils also seeing the pitch being prepared for the new season, as the stadium enters its penultimate year before the club's move to their new ground. The visit created a special and lasting memory for our Year 6s as they approach the end of their time at school. A huge thank you to everyone at Luton Town FC, and especially to Bert Klemmer, for the kind invitation and for providing such a unique and exciting opportunity.



## Attendance Matters

Well done to our class attendance award winners this week!

KS1: Rabbits 96.7%  
Prize: Double points  
KS2: Jeffrey's 99.4%  
A 'craftersnoon'



## Our Year 1 Outdoor Learning Area Gets a Fresh New Look!

Our Year 1 outdoor area has had a wonderful makeover, creating an even more engaging and enjoyable space for our children to learn and play. One of the exciting new additions is a cosy Book Nook, made by Mr Garner. It provides the perfect spot for children to relax and enjoy a good book in the fresh air. Our outdoor space also now features a weather vane, a sandpit, and beautifully painted stones decorated by the children to brighten up the area and make it feel even more welcoming.

The children have also been busy planting flowers, helping to create a colourful environment while learning about caring for plants and nature. To help keep our flowers blooming, we are looking for donations of watering cans. If you have any spare watering cans that you no longer need, we would be very grateful if you could donate them. Please hand them in at the school office or directly to the Year 1 team. Thank you for your continued support.



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We invite you and your child  
to join us after school on

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

3.30pm - 5pm

for our

# Menu Taster Session

Enjoy some delicious  
bite size samples from  
our new menu

