THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY *16th Oct 2026*

Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting week with lots of opportunities for our children to learn and shine! I hope you found Parents' Evening useful and you enjoyed the opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about their progress so far and to look at their books. It was great to see so many of you and a big thank you goes to our amazing Prefects who helped show people around.

It has been lovely to begin our open tours for next year's Reception intake and to meet some of the families who may be joining us next September. These tours will continue throughout the term so please do spread the word to any friends or relatives who may be looking for a school place. A special thank you to Sophie and Reece (in Year 6) who did a fantastic job speaking to parents during our first tour.

At the beginning of this week it was a real privilege to take our Pupil Leadership Team to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. This visit was part of our enrichment work, giving children opportunities to explore how they can make a difference, both within school and in the wider community. It was a fantastic experience for the children, who represented Stopsley brilliantly throughout the day. Watch this space for an exciting new initiative coming soon for all children! We have something special in the pipeline which involves a passport and a magic number 14.

We are also incredibly proud of our sports stars this week! Our children have taken part in events at Inspire and played their first football and netball matches of the season. It has been wonderful to see them have such enthusiasm and team spirit. Well done to everyone involved!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Fordham
Headteacher

AUTUMN 1 AND 2 TERM DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 21st October	Whole school flu vaccination	**Thursday 10th December**	Rock Steady Christmas concert PTA Christmas disco
Friday 23rd October	Last day of school for half term	**Monday 14th December**	Year 4 Drumming concert 9.00-10.00am
Monday 2nd November	Back to school	**Wednesday 16th December**	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day
Thursday 12th November	Individual and sibling school photos	**Thursday 17th December**	Nursery Christmas songs 9.30-10.30am Class Christmas parties
Friday 13th November	Children In Need	**Friday 18th December**	Last day of school term No Rainbow or FLAG club
Friday 20th November	Inset day - school closed for children	**Monday 4th January**	Inset day - school closed for children
Monday 30th November	Little City Reception workshop visit	**Tuesday 5th January**	Back to school
Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Chritsmas Production 9.30-10.30am 2.15-3.15pm		

STOPSLEY SPORTS



Some of our Sports Academy children enjoyed a fantastic opportunity this week as they visited Luton Sixth Form College to take part in a futsal development event.

The focus of the event was on developing skills, building confidence and gaining valuable experience against other schools, rather than competing for an overall title. With limited time available, the teams aimed to play as many different schools as possible, giving everyone the chance to get involved, learn and put their skills into practice.

Our team performed brilliantly throughout the event, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and enthusiasm. The children showed great ability on the court, supported one another well and embraced the opportunity to challenge themselves against new opponents.

Although no overall winner was announced, the day was a great success, with the emphasis firmly on learning, development and enjoyment of the game.

Well done to all our players for representing the Sports Academy so positively. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing them continue to develop their futsal skills!



PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT VISIT

Our Pupil Leadership Team recently enjoyed an exciting and inspiring visit to the Houses of Parliament, where they had the opportunity to see and learn about the place where our laws are made!

This was a fantastic experience for our pupils, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of democracy, decision-making and how their voices can make a difference. Visiting such an important part of our country's history and government brought their learning to life and gave them a real insight into how decisions are made that affect us all.

At Stopsley, pupil voice really matters! We are proud that our Pupil Leadership Team plays an active role in shaping school life, representing the views of their peers and helping to make positive changes within our school community. Experiences like this empower our young leaders to recognise the value of their opinions, the importance of listening to others and the impact they can have, both in school and beyond.

FRENCH DAY



Yesterday, our school was filled with a little French flair as the children celebrated French Day! It was wonderful to see so many pupils embracing the theme and coming to school dressed in the colours of the French flag: blue, white and red.

Throughout the day, the children had the opportunity to practise their French and immerse themselves in the language through a variety of fun and engaging activities. Many also put their creativity to the test by designing their own menus featuring delicious French dishes.

The menus were beautifully decorated, and we can't wait to share some of their fantastic creations with you, so keep an eye on our social media channels!

Of course, no French celebration would be complete without sampling some delicious food! Our kitchen treated the children to a taste of France with sausage cassoulet and pommes frites, followed by a delightful tarte aux pommes for dessert.

It was a lovely day filled with learning, creativity and a taste of French culture. Merci to everyone who helped make French Day such a success!



CONGRATULATIONS!

to our class attendance award winners this week!

KS1: Carle and Freedman - 97.7%
Prize: Crazy golf and non-uniform day
(Freedman class only)
KS2: Snowdon - 98.7%
Prize: iPad time

YEAR 6 PARENTS

Don't forget, the deadline for high school applications is Saturday 31st October

For winning the attendance reward this week

FREEDMAN CLASS

have a non-uniform day on **Friday 23rd October**
Fancy dress is encouraged

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