THE STOPSLEY NEWS

ALL ABOUT STOPSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY — *6th Nov 2026*

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to Autumn 2! We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some well-deserved time together. You will have recently received your child's curriculum newsletter, highlighting what they will learn between now and Christmas.

There are lots of exciting and fun activities to look forward to over the coming weeks, with our first being Children in Need next Friday. To support this fantastic cause, we will be taking part in 'Run with Pudsey'. As the theme is based around the marathon distance of 26 miles, we are challenging all of our children to run (or walk) a mile on Friday. On the day, all children should come to school wearing their own sporty clothes – no school uniform is needed. We encourage families to support this important event by making a donation to Children in Need. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, will help make a difference.

Very soon we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week, which begins on Monday 16th November. To kick-start the week, we would love all children to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and different! Over the week, we will be placing a real focus on making sure that bullying has no place at Stopsley. Children will take part in lessons and activities exploring themes such as respect, kindness, acceptance, empathy and celebrating differences.

Teamwork makes the dream work so this half-term, we are focussing on developing our learning behaviour of **Collaboration.** This is about working together, sharing ideas, listening to others and supporting one another to achieve a common goal. We want our children to become confident team players. There are many simple ways you can encourage collaboration at home, too…



- Play games together
- Cook together
- Encourage teamwork by giving children opportunities to help with household tasks!
- Talk and listen to each other
- Celebrate working together – praise your child for being a good team member

We will also be taking time next Wednesday to remember those who have served and sacrificed their lives for our country. We will be talking about Remembrance Day and will be holding a one-minute silence at 11am to pay our respects. We are already selling poppies in school and we will be taking our Year 6 children to the local church and war memorial to attend a special Remembrance service. We also welcome members of our local community into school to enjoy tea, coffee and songs together as we mark this important occasion.

We are looking forward to a fantastic half-term ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Fordham
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 12th November	Individual and sibling school photos	**Wednesday 9th December**	Christmas fair and Rudolph Rainbow Raffle pull, KS2 hall
Friday 13th November	Children In Need - Run with Pudsey, wear sportswear	**Thursday 10th December**	Rock Steady Christmas concert PTA UV Christmas disco
Monday 16th November	Anti Bullying Week Odd Socks Day	**Monday 14th December**	Year 4 Drumming concert 9.00-10.00am
Friday 20th November	Inset day - school closed for children	**Wednesday 16th December**	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day PTA Santa visit
Friday 27th November	Non-uniform day for the PTA Rudolph Rainbow Raffle	**Thursday 17th December**	Nursery Christmas songs 9.30-10.30am Class Christmas parties
Saturday 28th November	Santa's Grotto at Stopsley Christmas market, Stopsley Baptist Church	**Friday 18th December**	Last day of school term No Rainbow or FLAG club
Monday 30th November	Little City Reception workshop visit	**Monday 4th January**	Inset day - school closed for children
Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Chritsmas Production 9.30-10.30am 2.15-3.15pm	**Tuesday 5th January**	Back to school



GOAL GETTERS! GIRLS SHINE ON THE PITCH

On Tuesday, our girls' football team travelled to Queen Elizabeth School for the first round of league fixtures, competing against three other schools. The girls put in some fantastic performances, playing some excellent football and securing two wins and a draw across their three matches!

There were some brilliant goals and assists, but one of the highlights was seeing the girls celebrating each other's successes and supporting one another throughout. We also had several new players making their football debut, who did a fantastic job!

Well done to all the girls for their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to the next round of fixtures later this term!

• IMPORTANT NOTICES •

CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 13th November

As we are on an inset day for Children In Need, we will be supporting the cause on Friday 13th November instead.

We will be taking part in 'Run with Pudsey' so children can come to school in clothes and shoes suitable for sports activities on this day.



If you would like to donate to this amazing cause, please use this link: https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

We will not be accepting cash donations in school.

Thank you for your support.

ODD SOCKS DAY

Monday 16th November

To start off Anti-Bullying Week, children are invited to wear odd socks with their school uniform.

Later in the week, our ABAs will be helping us teach anti-bullying lessons and as the national theme is 'Break the silence' this year, we will be doing some activities and challenges around this.

PLEASE READ!



Children are not permitted to ride scooters anywhere on school grounds. This rule must be followed at all times, without exception. We have repeatedly reminded families of this expectation, and we now ask that it is strictly adhered to for everyone's safety.

PTA NEWS

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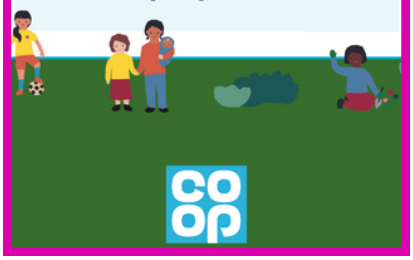
Thank you
for choosing us as your Co-op local cause

We're delighted to share that we received £1,984 from Co-op towards the outdoor dining hall project!



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Rudolph's Rainbow RAFFLE

Friday 27th November is non-uniform day in exchange for a donation of coloured raffle items.

LETTER IN SCHOOL BAGS SOON WITH MORE DETAILS

If you are able to donate a prize to support our fundraising efforts please email pta@stopsley.primaryluton.co.uk



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Can You Help?

Do you own a business - can you donate a prize? Or do you work for a company that would be willing to donate a prize? Anything from products, gift vouchers and tickets, to things like a free boiler service, carpet cleaning, or MOT!!

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH ASAP
EMAIL: PTA@STOPSLEY.PRIMARYLUTON.CO.UK



Santa's Grotto

Hosted by Stopsley Primary School Association (PTA)

Saturday 28th November - 11am to 3pm

AT STOPSLEY CHRISTMAS MARKET
STOPSLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
ST THOMAS' ROAD
LUTON, LU2 7XP



To book, visit https://tinyurl.com/e9jucz9t

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Congratulations to our class attendance award winners this week!

KS1: Squirrels and Kandinsky 98.7% Prize: Class party (Squirrels) and non-uniform day (Kandinsky) – details to follow

KS2: Murray 100% Prize: Seat swap

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