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The latest news and information from the staff and children at Stourport Primary Academy.

HEADlines

Welcome to the first edition of *Read All About It* for 2024-25 - I can't believe that we are already at the end of the first half term - it has just flown by. Inside you will find out about all of the amazing learning and adventures the children have been on, and what is coming up after half term.

STAFFING

This term we have been delighted to welcome a host of new colleagues to our school. Miss Powell joins us in Reception; Miss Allen and Miss Goodwin in Key Stage 1; and Miss Williams in Key Stage 2 are all part of our Learning Support Assistant Team.

Mrs Dicks is our new Attendance officer, and also works in Key Stage 1. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, or would like any advice, you can contact her via the school office.

In other news, we would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Bennett on the birth of their beautiful baby Gus, while Miss Bragg is about to start her maternity leave. We can't wait to have cuddles with the newest and youngest members of our SPA family.

As the weather grows colder after half term - please make sure children have coats in school, with their name in so they can be easily re-homed if they become lost.

I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work and wish everyone a wonderful Half Term. We look forward to seeing everyone return safe and well on **Monday 4th November**.

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HOUSE POINTS

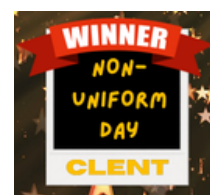
This half term has been a nail-biting eight weeks, where the children have been working really hard to demonstrate our school values of **Kindness, Honesty, Respect** and **Teamwork**, to earn marbles for their house. Each time a pupil receives a marble, you should receive an email explaining which value it is for.

The House Point totals this half term have seen houses leap-frog each other over the last eight weeks, and finally, here are the Grand Totals...

367	365	384	404
BREDON	MALVERN	CLUB	CLENT

...crowning **Clent** the winner for this half term.

Congratulations to all the pupils and staff in Clent, who voted for a non-uniform day as their reward. *I wonder who is going to win next half term?*





This half term Rainbow have had many first experiences. We have been to the hall for our first assembly, participated in our first Harvest Festival, had our first fire drill, visited Forest School and most importantly, had our first day at school! We have started learning new skills such as numbers and phonics but one of our favourite lessons is PE! We have looked around the school site and are learning what all the different rooms are called.



Thank you so much to everyone that came and joined us for our Harvest Festivals. We thoroughly enjoyed the first 'celebrations' of the year.

A huge well done to Rainbow for their first ever public performance - we can't wait to see them do their Nativity now! A special thank you to Year 6 who supported Rainbow and KS1 with theirs.

Franch Food Bank was extremely grateful for all the donations made and we were very proud to be able to support such an important cause - thank you very much to everyone who donated.



Curriculum Corner

Here is a snap shot about what each year group will be learning about next half term. You can find out the full details for every subject, along with the knowledge and skills the children will be developing from the [curriculum area of our website](#).

Reception

In the upcoming half term, Rainbow will be learning about special events and their significance in society. We will be exploring the story of the Gunpowder Plot and the story of Diwali, the Festival of Light. We will also be practising our Nativity 'The Sleepy Shepherd' and are very excited to perform in front of a live audience.

Year 1

Our topic next half term will be 'Once upon a time'. We will be reading *The Jolly Postman and Other People's Letters* and exploring the different traditional tales within the book. In DT, we will be making a moving story book based around the story 'Humpty Dumpty' with moving sliders and levers. In History, we will be learning about Rowland Hill and his impact upon the postal service.



Year 2

Our topic next half term will be 'People who have changed the world.' We will be learning all about the Gunpowder Plot in more detail, including why we remember Guy Fawkes and the other plotters. We will research other historical figures, including the nurses Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and how their important work changed nursing forever. We will end our topic with a DT project exploring mechanisms and how the children can create a sleigh using wheels and axles!

Year 3



In the upcoming half term, Year 3 will embark on an exciting journey back to the Stone Age to explore what life was like during that fascinating period. The children will investigate how Stone Age people gathered food, the types of shelters they lived in, and the tools they used for various tasks. As part of this experience, Year 3 will participate in a dedicated workshop that showcases Stone Age tools and offers a glimpse into daily life thousands of years ago. It promises to be an engaging and enriching adventure!

Year 4

Next half term our topic is 'Raid, Invade, Stayed'. We will be learning all about the Vikings; how they arrived; where they came from and how they changed Britain. We will be writing stories based on Viking sagas and asking the question: *Do The Vikings deserve their fierce reputation?*



Year 5



Next half term, Year 5 will be learning about where our food comes from in the topic: From Field to Fork. We will learn why farming truly matters and will deepen the children's understanding of the importance of more sustainable farming. We will be learning about food miles, different farming methods and more. This topic will hopefully ignite young minds about climate-positive farming and food production.

Year 6

Year 6 will be travelling back in time to Ancient Egypt and discovering the secrets of Pharaohs, Pyramids and Papyrus. We will begin our learning with a fun and interactive day on Monday 4th November with our immersive workshop provided by Off The Page. At the end of the term, to showcase our learning, we will be inviting parents, carers, pupils and teachers to view our pop-up museum where we will enthral visitors with our knowledge about this incredible ancient civilisation. As well as all this, we will be working hard to perform songs and readings in readiness for our Christmas Carol Service that will be held at St Michael's church.

Kindness

Respect

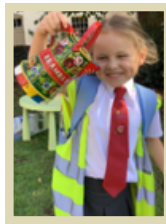


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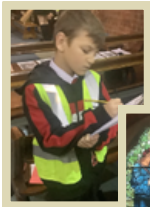
This half term, all of the children in Key Stage 1 and 2 have been looking at the same topic - Location, Location, Location - all about Stourport. Each year group takes a different lens, ranging from where live and go to school in Key Stage 1, through to Stourport in the Georgian and Victorian eras, through to the 1st and 2nd World Wars in Key Stage 2. As part of this, we have had lots of field trips in the local area.

For this half term **Year 1** have been inspired by the books 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and 'Martha Maps It Out' by Leigh Hodgkinson to explore our location of Stourport On Severn. We became geographers and investigated our local surroundings and drew maps from around the school. We especially enjoyed our visit to the **Memorial Park** where we talked about different features in the park and where we were in relation to the school. During our Art lessons, we created a tree using leaf rubbings, which the children really enjoyed.

For this half term **Year 2** have been studying their homes and the local area of Stourport. We started our topic by visiting the **Stourport Basin** where we learnt more about canal boats and explored their different artistic designs. Following on from this, in our Art lessons, we enjoyed creating our own roses and castle style prints. In Science we focused on the suitability of different materials to make model canal boats that we tested out on our pond.



In **Year 3**, we've been exploring the impact of canals on Stourport's history. To dive deeper into this topic, the children visited **Stourport Basin**. During our journey, we travelled back in time to discover how canals were utilised in the past. The highlight of the trip was stepping aboard a traditional narrow boat, just like those used many years ago. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the experience and returned brimming with fascinating facts and newfound knowledge about the Stourport canals.



This half term, **Year 4** were trying to answer the historical question 'How did the Baldwin family change Stourport during the Victorian period?' We were lucky enough to visit **Wilden Church** to help us find the answer! On our walk to the church, we spotted signs of our Victorian past including Stanley Baldwin's Foundry. During our visit we learned all about the church that Alfred Baldwin built, and the stained glass windows made by Edward Burne-Jones- which we had fun recreating in our Art lessons.

Year 5 have had a wonderful time this half term learning about WW1. We had a very enjoyable trip to **Memorial Park** and produced some great Geography fieldwork looking at the changes that have occurred in Stourport since WW1. We were also very fortunate to have had a **WW1 Experience Day** where we learnt lots about what life would have been like during the war and were able to explore a number of different artefacts that were provided.

Year 6 had a wonderful trip to **Burlish Top**, where they learned all about the training camp that was set up for American soldiers during World War 2. There were many buildings housing soldiers, a hospital wing and even a dentist to help wounded soldiers. Even General Patton visited the camp! We all learned such a lot about the changes in the area since the war, including historical and geographical features.

Year 6 also took part in a **WW2 Experience Day**. They had a great day furthering their understanding of the timeline of World War Two and practising skills that soldiers and civilians had to perfect during the war. These included: moving 'incendiary devices', learning First Aid and hosing down 'incendiary devices'. We also experienced handling many WW2 artefacts including a real gas mask. Thanks to the team from History Off The Page for a fantastic day.



Ribbesford

Some of the children in year 3 and 4 had a great time exploring 'The Great Outdoors' at The Frank Chapman Centre in Ribbesford Woods, Bewdley. Some of the highlights of the two night residential were: rock climbing, tree climbing, geocaching, mines (very muddy), wildlife tracking and challenge course. In the evenings we visited the famous 'Wishing Tree' as well as enjoyed singing around a fabulous camp-fire. Children from Wolverley School joined us and we had a lot of fun making new friends.



Malvern

Children from Year 5 and 6 had a brilliant time at Boundless Outdoors on their residential in Malvern. They enjoyed exploring the outdoors with a range of adventurous activities from rock climbing to zip-lining. These activities encouraged the children to build their self-confidence, resilience, independence and teamwork skills. It was wonderful to see the children taking part and challenging themselves to overcome obstacles. They worked together and made memories that will last a lifetime.



Honesty

Teamwork



During ½ term we know many of you will be celebrating Halloween and taking your

children 'Trick or Treating'. Here are a few safety tips to ensure everyone has a fun safe night

The brighter the better - make sure costumes are easily seen in the dark.

Nobody gets left behind

Know the area

Inspect before indulging!

An alternative to trick-or-treating that provides just as much entertainment without even having to leave the house is a hidden treats game. Simply hide some treats around the house, turn the lights out, and let your child search with their treat bag and torch in hand. The best part is that you have full control of the treats on offer. Writing out some riddles as clues to the hiding places can also make the game more challenging and rewarding.



The NHS has launched a new website called [LumiNova](#).

Lumi Nova is a therapeutic game that helps children for 7-12 year olds facing difficulties with anxiety, including: phobias, social anxiety and separation anxiety. Visit [luminova.app](#) for free access.

Attendance Matters



This half term **124** children have achieved 100% attendance...well done to everyone. The children will receive their 100% certificate after half term.

The Top 3 classes for Attendance this half term were:

1st Ash 98.1%

2nd Elm 96.3.%

3rd Willow B 96.2%

The top three classes for punctuality were:

1st Rainbow

2nd Willow

3rd Elm

You can see the weekly updates on [Facebook](#), or the [attendance page of our website](#).

Upcoming Events

October

28th - 1st Nov Half Term - School Closed

November

4th - First Day of Autumn 2

4th - Year 6 Egyptian Experience Day

15th - Year 3 Stone Age Workshop Day

18th-22nd - HSBC Financial Sense Workshops

December

2nd - Year 6 watching dress rehearsal at Stourport High School

5th - Rainbow Nativity - 9:15 am

5th - Christmas Film Night 3:30 - 5:30 pm

10th - KS1 Christingle Service - 2:00 pm

12th - Year 6 Carol Service at St Michael's Church - 9:00 am

17th & 18th - Year 3, 4, & 5 Christmas Performances - 1:45 pm

18th - Breakfast with Santa - Nursery, Reception, Year 5 and 6

19th - Breakfast with Santa - Years 1-4

20th - Last day of term.

*The children will be finishing school at 2:15 pm on the last day of term. As usual at the end of term, **all** children must be collected - no one will be allowed to walk home unaccompanied.*

January

6th - Teacher Training Day - School Closed

7th - First day of Spring Term for children

We will send out more details about events nearer the time.

You can also see all of our events on the calendar on our website.

stourportprimary.worcs.sch.uk/news-and-events/calendar/

