

### Message from Headteacher

It was great to see so many parents/carers during our in-person and online Parents' Evenings. We are keen to understand how this model of offering both in-person and online has worked for you as families and intend to share a short online poll via the class WhatsApp groups. Thanks for your feedback.

Thank you to everyone who has completed our parent survey. It is important to us that we hear your views on what the school is doing well and how we could improve. We hope to hear from as many parents and carers as possible, so please take a few minutes to complete the survey, which is open until **Monday 18th November**. See link later in Newsletter.

Last week, our assembly programme and activities in class focused on Diwali and this week our assembly focus has been on 'Anti-bullying Week' with Odd Socks adorned on Tuesday! The theme of 'Anti-Bullying Week' is 'Respect' and we have linked this to our school vision of CARE.

This half term's calendar is jam-packed with activities and events. As a school, we will be embracing national 'No Pens Day' on 27th November. The theme of this work is 'We all have a voice'. On this date, learning will be explored talking and listening and raising awareness of the importance of communication skills. Charity fundraising linked to this event is for children who find it hard to talk and understand words (Speech and Language UK). If you feel able to support and donate £1 per pupil taking part, please add your donation to MCAS (via 'Products') or bring in £1 coin and we will share our total school funds raised with the charity.

We also have 'Small Grains' dates and activities in the calendar for this half term with singing opportunities and Christmas activities for all classes. Our School Choir will also be performing during the Granary Winter Fair on Tuesday 17th December.

**A reminder that Friday 22nd November is a Staff Training Day in school and we are not open to pupils.**

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Our pupils  
CARE, they  
demonstrate:

**C**uriosity  
**A**mbition  
**R**esilience  
**E**xcellence





We want your feedback!

## **Parent survey – share your views!**

Each year, the governing body undertakes a survey of parents and carers to understand how the school is viewed, to find out what people like and appreciate and also find out what areas the school needs to focus on. This information also helps governors to shape the future policy and direction of the school.

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# **Thank you!**

**[Click here](#)**

## Why is your child's school taking part in No Pens Day 2024: Show and tell?

- Teachers estimate that, in the UK today, 1.9 million children struggle with talking and understanding words. Without the right support, they face huge hurdles in learning, making friends and staying in good mental health.
- By bringing in £1 and taking part in No Pens Day 2024, you and your child can help raise money to support children who struggle with talking and understanding words.
- It's a chance for your child to improve their speech, language and communication skills through a day of talking and listening activities
  - starting with the biggest ever show and tell!

### Donations

Parent donations for the No Pens Day can be found under 'Products' on MCAS

**No Pens Day**  
Show and tell

Speech and  
Language UK   
Changing young lives.

### Help your child take part by...

- Helping them choose something that they would like to bring in or talk about for show and tell. This could be:
  - An object from home that they love
  - An item of clothing
  - A photograph of a person who they want to talk about
  - A photograph of a special memory
  - Something imaginary! They don't have to bring anything in – they could just think of something they want to talk about.
- Helping them practise doing show and tell with their chosen item. They could mention:
  - What it is
  - Why they love this item/memory/imaginary thing
  - When they got it/did it
  - Who gave it to them/who they were with
  - What's special about it



We are grabbing our antlers and holding our very own Rudolph Run on **Friday 6th December** for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. Rudolph Run is a sponsored event where our school community will take to the field or running track in aid of Charity.

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity supports people in Cambridgeshire living with an advanced serious illness or other life-limiting condition and those who need end-of-life care. Its 'Outstanding' services are provided free of charge to patients and their families. The aim is to provide the highest quality care, helping them to make every moment count.

The link for the Just Giving page is

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/stapleford2024>

Proposal for class participation:



Class	Timings	Venue
Nursery	2pm - 2.10pm	Running Track
Reception	2.10pm - 2.20pm	Running Track
Year 1	2.20 - 2.30pm	Running Track
Year 2	2.45 - 3pm	School Field
Year 3	2.45 - 3pm	School Field
Year 4	2.45 - 3pm	School Field
Year 5	3pm - 3.15pm	School Field
Year 6	3pm - 3.15pm	School Field

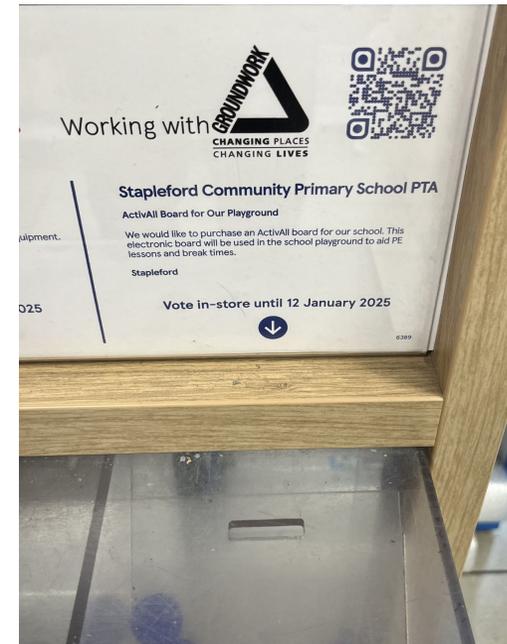
Our fantastic home-grown and home-made sale for Harvest raised a brilliant £79.51 for Home Start family support charity! Thank You All!



We are very excited to be part of Tesco's Stronger Starts

(blue token) scheme this round. We are fundraising for an ActivAll board for the school playground for use during PE lessons, break times and by after school club. You can vote for us until Mid January in stores across Cambridge including Shelford, Fulbourn, Newmarket Rd etc.

Thank you, The PTA



We continue to have the need to share messages around respectful parking. We must be mindful of the fact that emergency vehicles may need to move along the road outside school. **Please refrain from double parking.**

Thank you for your consideration.



### Colliers Field

Thank you for your support and understanding. The first phase of work to prevent vehicle access to the field (other than emergency vehicles and routine maintenance), was completed in October half term. Please ensure pupils use the pathway created not the dug ditch area and respect our neighbours.

## Rainbow Flag Award

In 2022, we were awarded the Rainbow Flag Award to recognise our commitment to creating an inclusive environment for pupils, staff and visitors.

The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework which focuses on positive LGBT+ inclusion and visibility. At Stapleford, we worked to include LGBT+ experts within our curriculum, learned about family dynamics and strove to create a safe space for our community. This year we are working to renew this award. As part of this, six pupils from UKS2 have volunteered to be 'Rainbow Ambassadors' to promote pupil voice in our school.

Just before half term, our new Rainbow Ambassadors spent time visiting different classes to read them stories. Two Year 5 pupils visited Year 2 to read 'The Marvellous Doctors for Magical Creatures'. They told the class: "We are the Rainbow Ambassadors and our job is to make sure everyone is equal."

We are delighted to be working with the Rainbow Flag Award once more and look forward to improving the inclusive provision across our school. If you have any questions or queries about our work, please do not hesitate to contact either Emma Mason or Tasha Hill.



Date	Comment
21st November	Open Classrooms (3.35- 4.15pm)
22nd November	Staff Training Day 2 (Pupils NOT in school)
27th November	No Pens Day!
3rd December	Nativity Matinee (2.15pm TBC)
4th December	Nativity Evening Performance (6pm)
6th December	<p>Quidditch Event/Rudolph Run/PTA Disco</p> <p>Rudolph Run, Arthur Rank Fundraising Track - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 (Running Track) 2pm onwards Field - Year 2 to 6 2.30pm onwards <i>(Parents/Carers welcome)</i></p>
10th December	KS2 Christmas Concert Matinee (2pm)
11th December	KS2 Christmas Concert Evening Performance (6pm)
20th December	Christmas Carol Service at the Church (Timings TBC but proposed 1030)



21/11/24 Year 6

17/1/25 Year 5

7/2/25 Year 3

14/3/25 Year 1

2/5/25 Year 4

23/5/25 Year 2

6/6/25 Year R

4/7/25 Nursery

Please note that dates in the Spring and Summer Term have been revised based on our trips/visits programme. *Thank you for your understanding.*

Year 6 Class Assembly  
21st November

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The following Trust policies and documents can be located on the Anglian Learning website within the General, Data Protection, Financial or Safeguarding Policy pages, and the Key Statutory Documents and Statements page:

## General Policies

- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Public Sector Equality Duty statement

## Financial Documents

- Charging Policy
- Annual accounts

## Data Protection Policies

- Data Protection (and privacy notices)
- Freedom of Information

## Safeguarding

- Whistleblowing Policy

## Key Statutory Documents and Statements

- Scheme of Delegation
- Gender Pay Gap Report



VISION AND VALUES

POLICIES

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It is important to highlight the importance of regular attendance at school. With the release of the DfE Statutory Guidance [“Working together to improve school attendance”](#) in August 2024 schools will be more rigorous in enforcing attendance rules to ensure every child benefits from a consistent, high-quality education.

### What’s changing:

- **Closer monitoring:** Schools will now closely track attendance and work with local authorities to address persistent absenteeism.
- **Legal duties:** Parents are reminded of their legal obligation to ensure regular school attendance. While schools aim to support parents in this, fines and legal measures will be enforced more consistently if necessary.
- **Support for struggling students:** Schools are encouraged to identify and help children facing challenges that impact attendance, such as mental health issues or difficult home environments.

Please ensure all children registered at Stapleford Community Primary School attend regularly and punctually everyday, unless prevented from doing so by illness or medical appointment. It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. [NHS ‘Is my child too ill for school?’ guidance](#) has further information.

To ensure the safety of your child we need to know promptly if he/she is unable to attend school. We require you to telephone or email the office before 9am on each day of your child’s absence to provide your child’s name, class and reason for absence. For any pupil not present at the close of registration, and the reason is still unknown, a member of the team will aim to make contact by 9am. **Thank you for your support.**

*“Attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils and should therefore be seen as everyone’s responsibility.” (Working Together to Improve School Attendance - DFE Guidance, Sept 2022)*

[Cambridgeshire County Council School Attendance Information for Parents Leaflet](#)

### School Times of the Day:

Yr1 - Yr 6

0855 - 1525

Reception

0850 - 1520

*Please aim to arrive promptly and ensure any absences are communicated to the school office by 9am.*

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**