

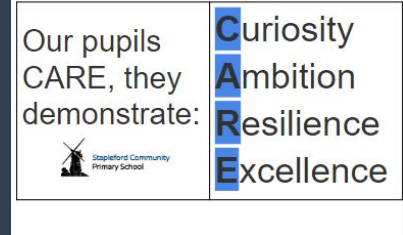
### Message from Headteacher

No Pens Day, with the theme 'we all have a voice', was a success across the school with much excitement from pupils about their opportunities for 'Show and Tell'! The day began with an assembly where we reflected on the importance of communication. Speech and language was the focus of the day, encouraging Stapleford learners to consider how you can talk effectively and actively listen to each other. Without pens, pupils spent a day exploring different ways of learning and communicating. Charity fundraising linked to this event is for children who find it hard to talk and understand words (Speech and Language UK). Thank you to the families who have felt able to support and donate £1 per pupil taking part by adding your donation to MCAS (via 'Products') or bringing in a £1 coin into school.

In Reception class, the children were learning Makaton signs, while in Year 2 children had the opportunity to demonstrate Christmas songs in Sign Language. At lunchtime, I had the pleasure of learning how to sign 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'! Year 1 used AI technology to enhance their verbal descriptions of a fairy-tale house. They discovered that using more adjectives in their descriptions resulted in the computer generating more detailed images.

In Key Stage 2, the children were thoroughly enjoying games of "20 Questions" and engaging in carefully planned 'Show and Tell' sessions. Highlights included presentations about zoo trips and the discovery of fascinating rocks from Iceland. There were also many opportunities across the day to take part in practical maths activities. Thank you to Mrs Webb for introducing plans for our day and to you as parents and carers for your support of the national campaign.

This week has also included Granary visits with much enthusiasm and singing continued on the return into school! It has also been a pleasure to hear rehearsals for Nativity and the KS2 Christmas Concerts from my office - we're in for a treat over the coming weeks! Our embracing of the Arts continues and we are delighted to have a certificate of recognition as a 'Music Mark School'.



Nativity Matinee  
3rd December

Nativity Evening  
4th December

Quidditch Event  
Rudolph Run  
*(Parents/Carers  
welcome to watch)*  
PTA Festive Disco  
6th December



We continue to embrace new opportunities and next week is our Quidditch Event! As part of our curriculum development, we are exploring how Quidditch can be played within PE to offer a new and different sport to engage and excite all pupils in physical activity. Generous funding from the PTA has enabled this.

Our Quidditch Event Day on Friday 6th December will include an assembly (possibly with a Sorting Hat!), active sports sessions, with Official Youth Quidditch Coaches, as a truly unique intra-school competition and a celebratory presentation! Pupils should wear sports kit for the day and ideally House colours (**Blake = Blue**, **Lewis = Red**, **Margolyes = Yellow**, **Newton = Green**). Class teachers will remind pupils of their House teams.

Next Friday, we are also grabbing our antlers and holding our very own Rudolph Run for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. Many of you will be familiar with the annual Rudolph Run sponsored event, where our school community will take to the field or running track in aid of Charity. Each child will be given a sponsorship form. Alternatively, you can sponsor the children on our Just Giving page – our website is <https://www.justgiving.com/page/stapleford2024> Please tick the Gift Aid box as it will enable Arthur Rank Hospice to claim an extra 25% back on eligible donations. You never know, there might even be a guest appearance from Arthur Bear! Feel free to come along to watch our Christmas Rudolph Run. School gates will open at 1.55pm to allow you to enter. Please be mindful of Safeguarding protocol and access to watch at the zones created and not entering the School Building.

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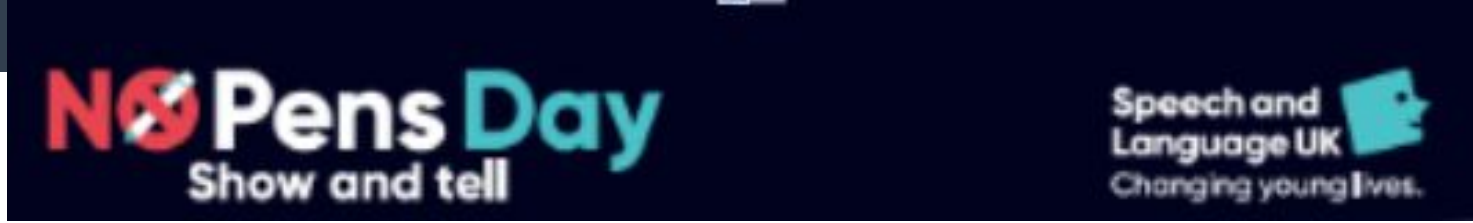
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KS2 Christmas Concert  
Matinee  
10th December

KS2 Christmas Evening  
11th December

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





- 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



The image shows four activity cards for No Pens Day. Each card has the No Pens Day logo and the text 'Show and tell'. The cards contain the following questions and illustrations:

- Card 1:** "When did you get your show and tell item?" with a calendar icon for November.
- Card 2:** "Where did you get your show and tell item?" with a globe icon.
- Card 3:** "What is your favourite memory with your show and tell item?" with a thought bubble icon.
- Card 4:** "Why did you chose this item for show and tell?" with a hand pointing to a red square, green circle, blue triangle, and purple hexagon.



## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

This school is proud to be a

# Music Mark School

In recognition of a commitment to  
providing a high-quality music education  
for all children and young people

**2024 - 2025**

Bridget Whyte  
CEO of Music Mark

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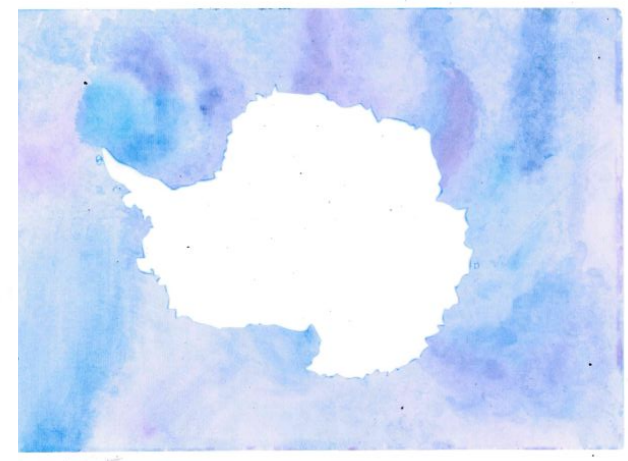
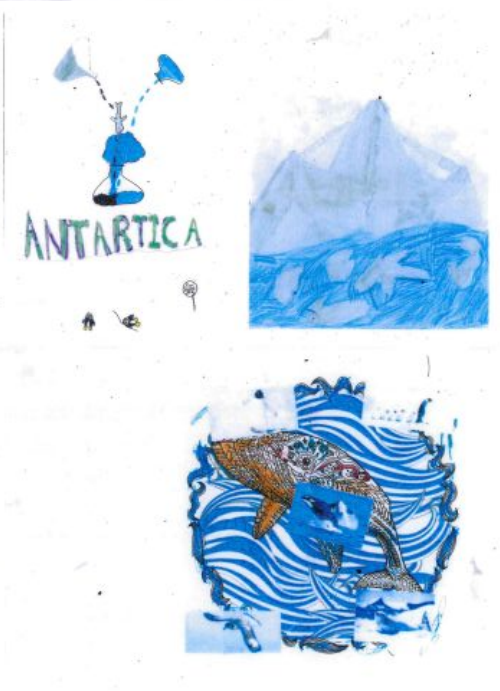
**THIS IS NOT  
A REHEARSAL.**

Music Mark's campaign  
on sustainability in  
music education

'Big Make' Antarctica - these designs are winging their way to Antarctica!



*Thank you to everyone who shared designs and Mrs Storer for making this opportunity possible for our school.*



This weekend, Saturday 30th November, Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination will be returning to Wandlebury to share their public art project: Fantastical Forest.

This work features pieces from past pupils as well as new designs from schools in the local area. We will be working with Cambridge, Curiosity and Imagination again in the upcoming year and it would be wonderful to see our families there on Saturday.

[Fantastical Forest | Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination](#)



**Get Set 4  
Education**

With the support of the PTA, we have funded a new PE scheme called 'Get Set for PE'. They have lots of resources on their website for families and keeping active. We look forward to developing our curriculum with this scheme.

[Get Set 4 PE - Resource Bank](#)

Facebook is to become the school's primary social media platform and we are developing our page.

All parents and carers are encouraged to like and follow the school's Facebook page for regular updates from the school:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19UyVSoJ9a/>

We also encourage you to like and follow Anglian Learning's Facebook page @AnglianLearning for regular news and updates from across our Trust.



**See more from Stapleford  
Community Primary School**



**See more from Anglian  
Learning | Cambridge**

A reminder of common expectations for communication between staff and parents:

- Emails, telephone messages, and letters received by staff should be acknowledged within two working days; more detailed responses within five working days.
- Emails sent to parents and carers, and others will not be sent outside of the normal school working day (8 am to 5.30 pm) and we ask parents and carers to adhere to this where possible as well. Where this is not possible, we would ask that parents and carers recognise that staff are not expected to send or reply to emails outside of this time.

*We are reviewing and updating our website.*

*Please note 'Term Dates for 2025 and 2026' have been added to the website.*

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- COMMUNITY
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Welcome to  
**Stapleford  
Community  
Primary  
School**



Welcome

Calendar

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Stapleford Nursery

### Stapleford Community Primary School

Term Dates 2025-2026

#### Autumn Term 2025

Staff Training Day 1: Monday 1st September 2025

Staff Training Day 2: Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Autumn Term starts: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half Term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

Autumn Term ends: Friday 19th December 2025

#### Spring Term 2026

Staff Training Day 3: Monday 5th January 2026

Staff Training Day 4: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Spring Term starts: Monday 8th January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Spring Term ends: Friday 27th March 2026

#### Summer Term 2026

Summer Term starts: Monday 13th April 2026

May Bank Holiday Monday 27th May 2026

Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Term Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

Staff Training Day 5: Monday 20th July 2026





Please see below information about Catch up clinics that Vaccination UK is holding across Cambridge and Peterborough in November and December.

If your child missed the flu vaccination while we were at their school this autumn, please follow the link below to book your child into a specific clinic and specific time.

NOTE: We vaccinate children from Reception to Year 11 only.  
Please follow the link below to book your slot:  
Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation ([schoolvaccination.uk](http://schoolvaccination.uk))

Appointments only! All clinics run from 10am - 2pm.

7th December - Cambridge – Trumpington Pavilion, Paget Road,  
Trumpington CB2 9JF

7th December – Huntingdon – The Coneygear Centre, Butts Grove Way,  
Huntingdon PE29 1PE

14th December – Huntingdon – The Coneygear Centre, Butts Grove Way,  
Huntingdon PE29 1PE



7th December - Peterborough – Gladstone Community Centre, 896 Bourges  
Boulevard, Peterborough PE1 2AN

30th of November – Wisbech- Oasis Centre, St Michael's Avenue, Wisbech  
PE13 3NR

Kind regards

Cambridge and Peterborough Vaccination Team

01480 275422

Date	Comment
3rd December	Nativity Matinee (2.15pm)
4th December	Nativity Evening Performance (6pm)
	 <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)

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

*Thank you to Year 6 for an impressive  
Class Assembly last week!*



AFTER SCHOOL

# SPRING TERM CLUBS

Stapleford Community Primary School



Starts w/c 13th January until w/c 31st March

## EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL...

Day:	Activity:	Year(s):	Time:	Price
Monday	Gymnastics	YR - 4	15:25 - 16:30	£5.75 per session
Thursday	Dance	YR - 6	15:25 - 16:30	£5.75 per session



We are pleased to inform you that we will be running the above listed clubs at your school this term for boys and girls of all abilities. Full details are available on our website.

To book, please follow these simple steps:

1. visit [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)
2. search your postcode in 'book a course'
3. select your school and click BOOK NOW
4. complete your details and receive email confirmation of your booking.

Please note booking remains open throughout the duration of the course, the price will adjust on the payment page! If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, the payment can be paid for by the school. If your family circumstances have changed since being awarded the Pupil Premium grant and you feel you could make a contribution or pay the full payment, it would be very much appreciated.

Any questions email [info@premier-education.com](mailto:info@premier-education.com)

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK**

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/347/>

Premier Education is the UK's No. 1 provider of sport and physical activity to primary schools, improving children's health and wellbeing through active learning every day!



Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Classrooms and to Innovate for providing menu tasters and sharing our school meal offer.




Looking for a cosy Christmas feeling? Come and join Mr Bowyer and Prime Brass at West Road, Cambridge on 8th December. Click on the link below for details and to book tickets:

[Prime Brass Family Christmas Concerts: A Candlelit Christmas](#)

We are pleased to announce the return of our highly sought-after “**Supporting Your Anxious Child**” course, designed to provide parents and carers with the knowledge and tools to support children experiencing anxiety.

#### Course Details:

 **Dates:** Thursdays, 9th - 23rd January 2025

 **Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

 **Location:** Online

With increasing awareness of the challenges many children face today, including heightened anxiety levels, this course equips families with practical strategies to build resilience and emotional well-being. You will learn how to identify signs of anxiety, provide effective support, and create a nurturing environment for your child to thrive.

Due to overwhelming demand in previous sessions, we’re pleased to offer this course again to ensure more families can access this vital support.

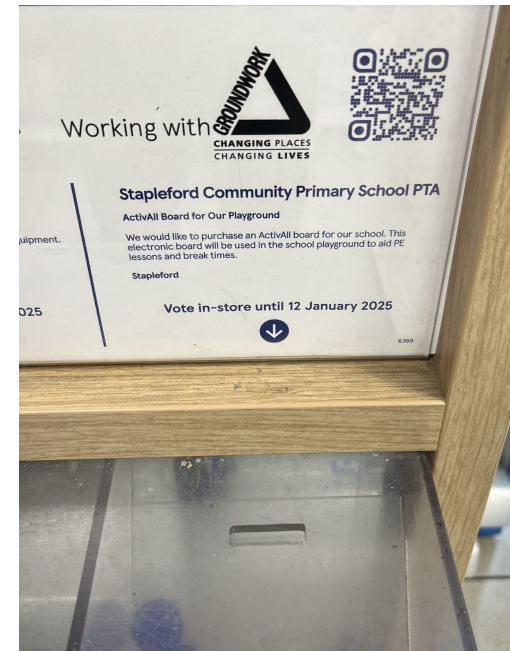
Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to secure your place soon. For further information or assistance, please feel free to contact us.

#### Curriculum Support Team

Cambridgeshire Skills, Cambridgeshire County Council  
March Community Centre, 34 Station Road, March,  
Cambridgeshire, PE15 8LE  
Tel: 01353 613013

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.

# Attendance

It is important to highlight the need for 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.

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

## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

# 1

### FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

# 2

### SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

# 3

### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

### 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

## KEY TIMINGS:

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.**