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Stapleford Community  
Primary School

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# Stapleford Newsletter

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through what is always one of the busiest and most vibrant terms of the year, it has been lovely to see the school full of energy, learning and excitement. There is so much happening across Stapleford, from trips and enrichment opportunities to assessments and end-of-year events, and I continue to be incredibly proud of how our children are embracing each opportunity with enthusiasm and care.

The recent warmer weather has certainly been felt by everyone. Thank you for your support in ensuring children come to school prepared with water bottles, sun hats and sun cream when needed. We are making sensible adjustments throughout the day to keep children safe and comfortable, including the use of shaded areas and regular water breaks.

Alongside this newsletter, you will find a poster about the Children's Commissioner's national survey, 'The Big Future'. This is a valuable opportunity for children to share their views, hopes and experiences. They can complete it at home and we will also provide time in school for children to take part, so that all pupils have the opportunity to contribute. Helping children to share their views matters - please do encourage your child to take part, so their voice can help shape the future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the smooth running of the school and to the safety and wellbeing of our community. As we head towards the final weeks of term, we are looking forward to celebrating all that the children have achieved.

Warm Wishes

Mrs Jayne Hore  
Headteacher



## Staff Updates/ Class Allocations

I'd like to take this opportunity to share some important staffing updates and class allocations for September 2026.

We will be sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Webb, Miss Cooper, and Mrs Williams at the end of this term. They are all long-standing staff members who have each made valuable contributions in their time here at Stapleford.

We thank them for their hard work and dedication to the children. They will be greatly missed, and we wish them all the very best for their future adventures.

We are also delighted to welcome Miss Sophie Murray to the team. She will be joining us in September, and we are very much looking forward to her becoming part of our school community.

Please see class allocations for next year below:

**Nursery - Miss Lauren Davies**

**Reception - Mrs Ellie Wild**

**Year 1 - Mrs Sophie Elwood and Mr Lloyd Douglas**

**Year 2 - Mrs Anna Storer and Miss Tasha Hill**

**Year 3 - Mr Oliver Jones**

**Year 4 - Mr Richard Marchant and Mrs Anna Storer**

**Year 5 - Miss Sophie Murray**

**Year 6 - Miss Katie Street and Mrs Emma Fewster**

This time of transition is an important one, ensuring that every child feels happy and secure as they move into their new classes in September.

To support this, we will be providing a range of transition opportunities for both children and families, including a Move-Up Morning on Monday 13th July and our Meet the Teacher Evening on Thursday 3rd September.

We look forward to working together to make these transitions a positive and exciting experience for all.

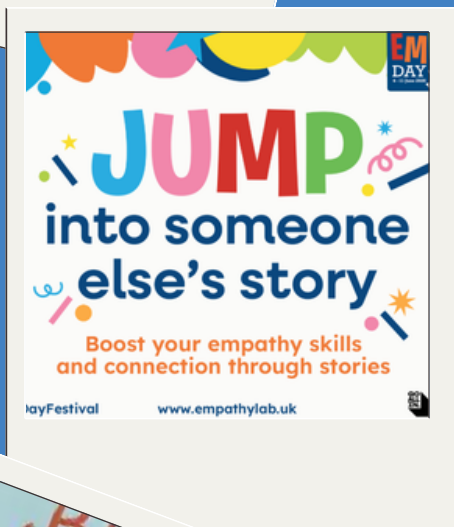


# Our CARE Values in Action

At Stapleford Community Primary, our CARE values guide how we learn, play, and grow together. These are the qualities we aim to show every day with care and kindness at the foundation.



Over the past two weeks, we have been thinking about the importance of empathy and understanding the experiences of others. Empathy sits at the heart of our CARE values, helping children to show care and curiosity about the feelings of those around them.



Through learning linked to the Empathy Festival resources and Refugee Week, children have been exploring what it means to walk in someone else's shoes, reflecting on the challenges some people face and how kindness and inclusion can make a real difference.



"Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another, and feeling with the heart of another."

— Alfred Adler

# Grafham Residential 2026

Our Year 6 pupils returned on Wednesday from a fantastic residential visit to Grafham Water, and what an experience it was!

Staying in their own bell tent village added to the sense of adventure, and from the moment they arrived, the children embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. Across the stay, they challenged themselves in a wide range of activities including high ropes, sailing and bike riding – alongside many more experiences that pushed them beyond their comfort zones.

There may not have been much sleep, but there was certainly no shortage of fun, laughter and teamwork! It was wonderful to see children supporting one another, building confidence and demonstrating resilience when faced with new challenges.

The residential is always a special milestone in Year 6, and this group truly made the most of it. They represented the school beautifully and created memories that will stay with them for a long time.





# SPORTS DAY

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

We're looking forward to our School Sports Day on Friday 3rd July, which will take place on the back field. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along and support the children at the following times:

Reception & Key Stage 1 (with Nursery joining for a racing opportunity): 9.15am

Key Stage 2: 1.15pm

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit, including a t-shirt in their house colour:

Newton - Green

Margolyes - Yellow

Blake - Blue

Lewis - Red

If you're not sure which house your child is in, please check with their class teacher.

Please also make sure that your child brings a water bottle, a sun hat, and has suncream applied before they come to school, as we will be outside in the sun.

We will provide some seating, but you are very welcome to bring along your own picnic rugs or camping chairs to make yourself comfortable.

**DON'T FORGET!** Sign up for your child's School Grid Account and book their lunches. We have a lot of unbooked at the moment.

I understand the frustration about the introduction of a new system, however this was IFG's decision due to previous booking system becoming obsolete.

# SOMETHING EXCITING IS COMING TO PLAYTIMES AT STAPLEFORD!

We are delighted to share that we are starting our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey. OPAL is all about creating richer opportunities for children to play, explore, create, imagine and collaborate. Through high-quality play, children develop confidence, resilience, problem-solving skills, creativity and friendships - all while having fun.

We'll be sharing more information with families about what OPAL is and what it will mean for our children. While many of the changes won't be seen until the new school year, we'd love your help in getting ready.

If you're having a summer clear-out of your home, garage, shed or garden, please keep an eye out for items that could be given a new lease of life through children's play. Useful items might include:

- Pots, pans and kitchen utensils
- Dressing-up clothes and accessories
- Toy cars and vehicles
- Soft toys
- Buckets, watering cans and gardening equipment
- Suitcases, bags and fabric
- Plastic crates and storage tubs
- Small-world toys and figures - e.g. dinosaurs, animals, etc.
- Other interesting loose parts that inspire imaginative play



Before throwing something away, ask yourself:

Could this become part of a child's next great adventure?

We look forward to working together to create exciting playtimes for all our children.

Curious to learn more? Visit [www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk](http://www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk) to find out more about the OPAL programme and how it is transforming playtimes in schools across the country.





## Year 3 Visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum

Last Thursday, our Year 3 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge to further enrich their history learning about Ancient Egypt.

The visit brought their history topic to life in a meaningful and memorable way. Pupils explored real artefacts, including ancient sculptures, jewellery and mummified remains.

The children were wonderfully engaged throughout, asking thoughtful questions and making connections with their classroom learning. It was lovely to see their curiosity and excitement.



### Reminders:

- The playground gates will be locked promptly at 9:00am each morning. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and helps us ensure the site remains secure once the school day has begun.
- We have a significant amount of lost property in school, much of which is unnamed. This makes it very difficult to return it to the right owners. Please ensure children's belongings are clearly named!

# Key Dates:

25/6/26 - 28/6/26 Stapleford Weekend

1/7/26, 6pm - New Reception Parents Induction Meeting

2/7/26 - School Sports Day

5/7/26 - Stapleford Fun Run

8/7/26 - 'Together in Tune' - our inaugural music festival with Shelford Primary School.

9/7/26 - Reserve Sports Day (in case of cancellation)

9/7/26, 3.30pm-4.15pm - Open Classrooms (all parents welcome)

13/7/26 - Move Up Morning

13/7/26, 1.30pm - Y5/6 'Oliver' Performance School Dress Rehearsal

14/7/26, 6pm - Y5/6 'Oliver' Performance 1

15/7/26, 6pm - Y5/6 'Oliver' Performance 2

16/7/26, 2pm Whole School End of Year Celebration Assembly (all parents welcome, but limited capacity)

17/7/26, 9.15am Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents Welcome)

17/7/26 - End of Term

3/9/26, 6pm-7pm - Meet the Teacher Evening (Y1-Y6 parents)



Stapleford PTA & the Stapleford weekend presents:

# Magic Paul's

# Children's Magician Show

## Thursday 25th June 2026

Doors 4:45pm show at 5pm

For all pre school/primary school aged children.

Kids will believe in the impossible and at the end of the show, we'll crown The Best Magician in the World!

Parents to supervise children. Ticket includes a glass of squash. Bar and snacks available.



£6 per child, under 3s free!

Marquee on the rec

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# PTA Fundraising Events

*Save the Date!*

# TOGETHER IN TUNE

A SHELFORD & STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bringing our communities together through music while raising funds for our school swimming pools.

**WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 4PM - 7PM**

**STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WHAT'S ON?**

- LIVE MUSIC
- COMMUNITY CHOIR
- ORCHESTRAS & MUSICAL GROUPS
- SPECIAL PERFORMANCES
- FACE PAINTING & FESTIVAL GLITTER
- FOOD & DRINK
- FAMILY FUN
- A GREAT COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE

Rewilding Family Yoga will be leading sessions

*All ages. All talents. Everyone welcome!*

**CALLING LOCAL MUSICIANS!**

We already have school choirs and musical performances planned and would love to welcome:

- CHOIRS
- BANDS
- ORCHESTRAS
- FOLK GROUPS
- SOLO PERFORMERS
- COMMUNITY MUSIC GROUPS
- YOUTH ENSEMBLES

Whether you can perform for 10 minutes or 30 minutes, we'd love to hear from you.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOLS FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN PERFORMING.

*Let's make some music together!*

The Stapleford Community Primary School PTA

# FUN RUN

1K  
4K  
8K

We're delighted to share that the Stapleford Fun Run is back in 2026! Please save the date for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am at Magog Down for a fun, family-friendly morning and a fantastic way to support our school.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it really does make a difference. This year, all profits will go towards supporting the opening and ongoing upkeep of our school swimming pool.

To make the event a success, we're hoping to grow our volunteer team. If you can help in any way (big or small), we'd love to hear from you:

- Help us keep [staplefordrun.com](http://staplefordrun.com) up to date: we're looking for a volunteer to make simple updates and keep the website ticking over. No technical experience is needed, but if you have **web design** skills, we'd also love your help giving it a fresh look.
- Do you have a link with a local business that could **sponsor the event**? Sponsorship helps cover event costs and increases what we can raise for the school.
- Could you display one of our **blue event signs** in a high-visibility spot? It's a simple way to help us spread the word around the village.
- And finally, we need volunteers to **set up** the course the day before and to help on the day itself.

Of course, the best way to support the Fun Run is also to join in! There are **1km, 4km and 8km** routes, so there's something for all ages and abilities.

If you can give a little time to support the **Stapleford Fun Run team**, please get in touch. Email [rahodriscol79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rahodriscol79@yahoo.co.uk) to find out more, and we look forward to seeing you on **5<sup>th</sup> July!**