



# Stamford Green

## Primary School and Nursery



### INSPIRING

Welcome to our School Newsletter - Issue 4 - January 2025

Dear Families,

At 5T's Class Assembly on Wednesday, I was reflecting how much Y5 have learnt and experienced so far this academic year and actually the same can be said for the whole school, even since January!

Thinking back to the start of January, we are still waiting for Ofsted to finish their quality assurance processes so that we can share the report with you all. For the parents/carers that picked up from Sunset later on, during the inspection on the Tuesday night, you might have seen the four inspectors having their team meeting in the Leadership and Management Team's (LMT) Office. At this meeting, the inspectors talk about their findings and myself, Miss Swann and Mrs Dray are invited to observe. Although it was dark, I saw a few encouraging smiles through the glass so thank you! Ofsted reports are a lot shorter than they used to be, so we took the opportunity at the meeting to take some notes about what was being said so that the detail can be reported back to the staff who, as you can imagine are eager to find out the outcome too.

Continuing with the busy January theme, last week, we hosted the teachers from Southfield Park, Ewell Grove and the Wallace Fields schools for a professional moderation session. The teachers from all the schools bring writing samples from the children along so that we can compare and be sure of our teacher assessments, which will be shared with you at the next parent/carer consultation. My thanks to Ms James, Mr Vidal and Miss Croucher, who along with leaders from the other schools led the session.

My standout moment of January though, has to be awarding Mr Vidal and Mrs Cater with their long service awards, for both working at Stamford Green for 25 years. What a phenomenal contribution they have made to our school and all the children over the years. So much has changed in education during that period of time and there have been no less than seventeen Education Secretaries!

Congratulations and thank you to the other fantastic members of staff who have received the following long service awards recently: Mrs Kellest - 20 years, Ms James - 10 years, Mrs Howe - 10 years, Mrs Price - 5 years and Mrs Yeld - 5 years.

I could not be prouder of the whole staffing team for what they have achieved around the school in January. I wonder what February will bring...

Best wishes,  
Mrs Druce  
Headteacher

## News In Brief

### A Warm Welcome

Miss Fletcher and Miss Underwood have joined our support staff team as PSAs.

Mrs Miller has joined us as a supply teacher

### Local Job Opportunity

Southfield Park have a vacancy in their school office. If you are interested, please follow the link

[Southfield Park Primary School - Recruitment](#)

[School Office Assistant](#)

### Save the Children

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Christmas Jumper day last term. We raised £468.00.

### Speaking to a teacher by the flags at the East Gate

Please note that if teachers are running a club they will be leaving sooner rather than later, but are available from 3.00pm



Thank you for still remembering to follow the preferred route round **Christ Church Mount** and keeping the school to your left!



### of the week!

PTA's Crazy Hair Day





**PTA Post**

Thank you so much for all the amazing fundraising that took place last term. The PTA raised an amazing £11,351.33 at our Fireworks event, £3,007.76 at the Christmas Fair and a further £720.00 from the Christmas cards that children made last September!



**Thursday 30.1.25**

**PTA Second Hand Uniform Donation day** – thank you for all the donations that have come in today.

**From 7.00pm – 8.00pm** we are looking for volunteers to help sort the donated uniform.

We have one volunteer so far, please do pop along if you can spare an hour this evening. Thank you.



**I've always wondered...**

We are often asked why a child's attendance isn't 100% when they have only been absent due to illness or appointments. The school registers are a legal document and we must follow government guidance when deciding which codes to use when completing the register. There are over thirty codes and the full guidance can be found [here](#) with the codes detailed in Chapter 8. The codes fall in to four broad categories which are summarised below with examples.

Attendance Category	Examples
Attending	Present or attending approved educational activities such as transition days / open days / music exams.
Not a possible attendance	School closed or partially closed.
Authorised Absence	Illness, medical appointments.
Unauthorised Absence	Holidays, pupils arriving late after 9.15am, circumstances unknown.

When we report attendance, all absences, whether authorised or unauthorised, are included in the absence figures. Registers are taken twice daily, at the start of the school day and after lunch. Please note that if your child is present when the register is taken and subsequently leaves school, they will be counted as 'present' for statistical purposes.



**Community Corner**

Surrey heartlands children and young people's asthma team are running two online events to look at challenges facing children and young people with asthma.

Please see the details below.

**Beating Asthma Together**  
13 February 7.30pm - 8.00pm



<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/abb4bb3b-ab3d-4b23-a331-e9447e561aa4@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

**Beating Asthma Together: Asthma Triggers**  
10 March 7.30pm - 8.00pm



<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d69dc58-004c-4124-879f-53f117c194c2@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>



**Online Safety**

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX**

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game can be played across a wide range of devices with Roblox users able to customise levels, which can then be shared online.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

Online (including games) presents unique (including) risks to children and young people. Roblox is no exception. Roblox users often attempt to trick young children into revealing their personal information for something which has no real value. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means.

**CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow players to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money – usually a Roblox Premium account. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means.

**ONLINE DATERS**

Roblox is free to download and play, but it does have in-app purchases. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**

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**SET PARENTAL CONTROLS**

Roblox comes with several parental control options. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means.

**DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING**

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by strangers. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means.

**PRIVATE SERVERS**

If a child has friends to play Roblox with, paying for a private server can be a good option. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means.

**MONITOR SPENDING**

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to occasionally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means.

**DEALING WITH STRANGERS**

At some point in their development, children must learn how to deal with strangers online. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means.

**Meet Our Expert**

Our expert is a child psychologist who has worked as an officer and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing expertise with expert coverage, reviews and gaming guides. Roblox users can also be contacted by strangers, who can then contact them via other means.

**Wakeup Wednesday**

**The National College**

@wake\_up\_weds | www.thenationalcollege | @wakeupwednesday | @wake.up.weds



## Pupil leadership Scoop

### Kindness Ambassadors

The Kindness Ambassadors meet twice per half term. In our last meeting, we explored different emotions by looking at the characters from Inside Out.

When a child has a worry to post in the Better Box, they can select who they want to talk to. If the Kindness Ambassador is selected, it is important that they understand about emotions.

We also discussed that Mrs Matthews would support any conversation between a child with a worry and a Kindness Ambassador.



## Above and Beyond

Congratulations to Ava Palmer, who was awarded the chief scouts silver award at Cubs. This is the highest award that a Cub can earn. To complete it you need to earn six activity or staged activity badges of your choice as well as all seven of the challenge awards.



If your child has gone above and beyond, and would like to be featured in the school newsletter, please send us an email and we can include them in future editions. [parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk)




## Governor Dispatch

The updated policies that were added to the school [website](#) last term were:

- Collective Worship
- SEND
- Freedom of Information
- First aid; supporting pupils with medical conditions in school and children with health needs who cannot attend school
- Data Protection and Privacy Notices
- Whistleblowing
- Equality
- Separated Parents




## Challenge Corner



### Young Artists' Summer Show 2025

#### The Royal Academy of Arts






Our school has been registered to take part in the Royal Academy of Arts competition. The competition is for children aged 5 and above. See here for further details: [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)

There is no theme to the submission – you can create any artwork of your choice. The artwork can be made on your own or as part of a team at home.

Registration is now open and the submission deadline is **5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Attached is the guidance on how to enter. [YASS-Submission-Guidance.pdf](#)

Here are the previous entries from 2024. Click on the link for some inspiration. [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)

Get creating and good luck!

## LEARNING

### Experiencing local democracy at the Council Chamber



Building on our learning about the British value of democracy and our visit to the Houses of Parliament, Year 6 walked to the town hall in Epsom, in November, to experience democracy at a local level.

We were welcomed into the Council Chamber by the Mayor, Cllr Steve Bridger, and his mace bearer and we sat in the chairs, where our local councillors debate and make decisions on issues that affect the people of Epsom and Ewell. In each class, one of the children was asked to take on the role of Deputy Mayor; they were dressed in the robes of office and officially opened the meeting. We took part in a mock debate and asked the Mayor questions about the role he plays in local politics.



Alexander (6J) "The most interesting part for me was seeing all the portraits of the past and present Mayors. There was even a portrait of Emily Davison, who we learnt about in history."

Sofia A (6J) "I liked getting ask the Mayor questions and finding out about everything he does in the borough."

## VALUES

Our value of the month is:

# HONESTY



Cecily suggests:  
Always tell the truth.

Mrs Cater suggests:  
Honesty is always telling the truth even if it is hard to do.

Synonyms: truthful, loyal, fairness, faithfulness.

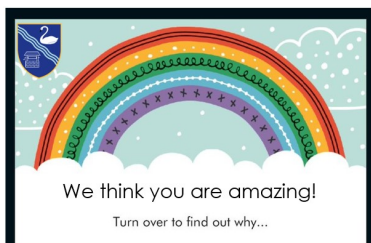


## INSPIRING AND THRIVING

### Behaviour

You may be aware that we have introduced two new forms of letting you know how wonderful

your children are. Teachers are rewarding some exceptional children who demonstrate our Behaviour Code consistently with either a positive note or letting you know with a phone call home to recognise your child's efforts to be ready, respectful and safe at school. These special rewards highlight how your child is prepared for lessons, listens attentively to teachers and peers, and makes responsible choices that help keep everyone safe. It's moments like this that can remind you how proud you can be of their development and values.



## HAPPINESS

Year 5 had an unforgettable experience rocking out at the O2 Arena as part of the Young Voices choir! The students joined thousands of other young singers in an electrifying performance, filling the iconic venue with energy, enthusiasm, and incredible harmonies. With dazzling lights, live music, and a supportive audience, their months of hard work and practice paid off as they sang their hearts out on the big stage. It was a moment of pure joy, teamwork, and pride that they'll cherish forever!





# Attendance Matters



Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authorisation, for 5 or more days, (which do not have to be consecutive) then the following will apply:

If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Please see our Attendance Policy to understand the new National Regulations.

<https://www.stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies+and+Procedures&pid=76>

**Coffee Morning for families  
whose children have Special  
Educational Needs**



Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs?

Do you have concerns about your child's needs and how best to meet these?

We warmly welcome you to our SEND Coffee mornings at Stamford Green Primary School. Here you can meet other parents and carers of children with SEND as well as talking to our SEND team.

**Next Coffee Morning:** Monday 3 February 2025  
8.45am to 9.45am

**Anxiety workshop:** Friday 14 March 2025  
8.45am to 9.45am



**Mrs Dray**  
Deputy Headteacher:  
Engagement, Inclusion and  
Achievement  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday



**Miss Burgess**  
Assistant Headteacher:  
Inclusion and SEND  
Monday to Friday



**Mrs Noble**  
School Nursery and SEND officer  
Monday to Wednesday



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

On **Thursday 6 March 2025**, the school is celebrating **World Book Day**. Children in years from Reception to Year 6 can dress up as a favourite book character for the day.

Nursery children will be able to dress up the following week for their nursery rhyme themed fancy dress day on Wednesday 12 March 2025.

We're looking forward to seeing the children's costumes and having some fun reading activities to enjoy on the day.

# LEARNING



## What's in the News?



## Diversity Equality, Inclusion and Belonging

We are excited about hosting our first school Iftar during Ramadan on Thursday 13 March. **Everyone will be welcome.** Iftar is a meal taken by Muslims at sundown to break the daily fast during Ramadan.

Our event will be a wonderful opportunity for the whole school community to come together at this special time. We are looking for volunteers to be part of our planning committee, to advise and support the event. If you feel you would like to be part of this team, please contact Mrs Temlett via [parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk)



## In the news this week

New data has shown that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by 1.5°C. Around 200 countries had agreed to help keep the temperature rise below this figure because scientists say that increases could cause more extreme weather. This includes events such as heatwaves, storms, and wildfires.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about climate change with others at home, and ask others to share their understanding.
- > Do you think more could and should be done to tackle climate change? If so, what and by whom?

## ACHIEVING - Celebrating Success



### Congratulations!



A special mention to the children who have received either a Headteacher's Award and Stamford Bear or a Governors' Values Award and Buckingham Bear.

Teddy-Ray Blagrove	1S	Emma Verdin	2W	Alex Gery	5P	Leah Smith	1S
Margot King	RB	Scarlett Sweeney	6B	Zachary Burbridge	1H	Amelie Kerbey	RB
Ava Green	3L	Lois Daniel	3MD	Anna Frampton	2J	Matilda Hawkins	4G
Lola Thomson	4G	Alex Lee	4C	Saurish Shinde	6J	Rafi Martins	5B
Lacey Bryant	5B	Amelia Kerbey	RB	Nella Pearce	2B	Lily Alvaro-De Clarin	6B
Oisin McHenry	3J	Ariana Cook	3L	Charlie Heath-Smith	4V	Sophie Zhao	6WO
Aurora Fabricius De Sou-	1BH	Kai Beer	5T	Theo Russell	RP	Theo Davey	2W



Winners of Pepe the Punctuality Puppy were: 4G, 5T, 6WO 1S, 4C, 2J, 1BH, 3L



Winners of Annabelle the Attendance Ape were: 5B, 5P, 1BH, 6J, 2W, 4V, 2B, 3J

- The winning House with the most values buttons was Hookfield, Waterloo
- Golden Awards for good behaviour at lunchtime were awarded to lots of children but Eric Hoppe (3J), Tomo\_Franklin (3MD), Alice Arnold (5P), Catherine Rees (6B), Phillip Greyling (3MD), Ethan Sheung(3J), Isabella Kettles (4G), Sabrina and Eliza Laming (1H & 5P), Benji Jackson (2W), LukaJuka-Dummer(1BH), Ethan Sheung(3J), Khloe Beer(3J), Elliot Skip(3J) and Emily Tillin(3J) won the lucky dip.



## Congratulations to everyone who has received a Merit Award recently:

Freddie Pethica	RP	Amulya Vellanki	6J
Jess McLaughlin	5B	Alex Gery	5P
Olivia	4C	Florence Illingworth	2J
Maya Harris	2W	Eden Maunder-Pasol	1S
Ellie Borrett	6B	Josh Wells	3L
Tilly Turnbull	6B	Josephine Yahiaoui	6WO
Layla Carter	4G	Henry Bourne	4V
Parker Flatt	3J	Autumn Dinwoodie	1H
Alba Castillo-Dixon	3MD	Anton Petri-Sylvester	RH
Phoebe Chapman	1BH	Ava Palmer	6J
Eden Turner	2J	Joseph Eddleston	4V
Skyla Baker	3L	Emily Stevens	1H
Willow Palmer	2B	Charlotte Sloman	6WO
Dakota Douglas	1S	Dianna Price	1S
Sofia Goggin	5P	Nairah Rasmaully	RB
Innis Wilson	2W	Kyla Jeyakumar	6B
Ada Pascoe	6B	Charlie Pearce	4C
Jess Hill	5B	Elliot Skipp	3J
Samuel Dalton	4G	Nico Filopei	1BH
Theo Dickens	3MD	Josh Wells	3L
Alexander Mcfarland	6J	Keaton Skelton-Thomson	2J
Freddie Marsden	5P	Enoch Sheung	6WO
Alexa Short	4V	Savannah Parker	4V
Thea Coleman	1S	Anna Gurski	1H

## Achiever of the Week - Well done to the following children who have worn our Golden Jumpers/t-shirts recently:

Iris Fletcher	RP	Mia Riseley	RB
Holly Dickson	5B	Ollie Wantola	RH
Esme Hoare	4C	Caleb Ruddle	2J
Margot Benton	2W	Hektor Beale	5P
Michaela Caroto	6B	Jane Chow	RB
Yoani Chokeepermal-Naidu	4G	Savannah Parker	4V
Lottie Bye Harris	3J	Buddy Moran	6J
Tomo Franklin	3MD	Ottilie Prior	1H
Covey Henderson-Thirlby	1BH	Rose Holgado	3L
Ethan Rees	6J	Wren McIntyre-Lally	2B
Eliza Laming	5P	Harry Robins	6WO
Robyn Condlyffe	2J	Zahra Martin	1S
Fatimah Ahmed	1S	Max Nwaejike Brodin	1S
Phoebe Young	3L	Eliza Goddard	2W
Kamea Levu-Bueno	6WO	Rosie Gordon	6B
Isabella Whelan	4V	Isla Thomas	4C
Deane Rivet Ray	1H	Mia Wentzel	5B
Ethan Sheung	3J	Harry Tuck	4G
Aurora Fabricius De Souza	1BH	Philip Greyling	3MD
Zara Moss	RP	Aariya Ladwa	RP
Rowan Donald	6B	Tianqi Li	2W
James Greenwood	5B	Rachel Davies	4C
Harry Bailey	4G	Ella Riseley	3MD
Thomas Riggall	5T	Molly Henderson	5T





## **Congratulations to everyone who has received a Merit Award recently:**

Lottie Breckon	2B	Maya Rochester	3J
Indie Massey	RP	Max Kozlov	1BH
Edward Crow	6B	Leo Green	3L
Scarlett Sweeney	6B	Florence Hobbis	6WO
Thea Carter	2W	Harriet Watson	1H
Leah Pitcher	2W	Archie Mulhern	5P
Esme Hoare	4C	Isaac Daniel	4V
Sofia Zhang	4G	Harrison Birch	1S
Audrey Victor	3MD	Beau Lavender	6J
Theon Mahaadikaramlage	5T	Rylee Anderson	2B
Ollie Coxon	5T	Evie-Rose Norton	RB
Cooper Hetherington	RB	Joe Stanborough	4C
James Pearson	6B	Annabel Hornblow-Lee	6B
Amelia Lewis	5B	Sophia Bennett	3J
Summer Hogg	3MD	Covey Henderson-Thirlby	1BH
Tommy Condlyffe	RH	Tom Ford	RP
Omor Islam	2W	Amber Hicks	4G

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Thayer Raynear	1B	James Leiper	3J
Ralphy Rameshwar	3L	Penelope Vezey	1H
Lana Roy	6J	Nirvaan Apte	4V
Poppy Ball	5P	Bonnie Cornell	2B
Isabella Paxton-Browne	6WO	Phoebe Young	3L
Lydia Jones	4V	Freddie Green	1S
Leah Smith	1S	Zoe Villinger	6J
Ivy Symes	1H	George Knotts-Akers	5P
Alice Seabroke	2B	Georgina Brown	6WO
Maisie Tuck	2W	Madison Amis	RB
Glen Wilson	4C	Tiggy Azah	RB
Toby West Mellow	4G	Niamh Trower	1BH
Maisie Pearce	6B	Alba Castillo-Dixon	3MD
Henry Hoong	5B	Eric Hoppe	3J
Alfie Phung	RH	Imogen Bennett	RP
Maisie Pearce	6B		

