

# Live

Learning  
Inspiring  
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Educating



# Love

Live  
Our  
Values  
Everyday

# Staverton CE Primary School Newsletter

April 2024

"Above all be loving, this ties everything together perfectly"

Colossians 3:14

**Responsibility; Friendship; Honesty; Compassion; Respect; Perseverance**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe we are already in the summer term – this year seems to have flown by!

Our value this half term is Friendship and the children have been living this value in abundance! It is nice to reward children who have been noticed going above and beyond in showing any of our school values with ice lollies!

This week we welcomed Leah from The Lighthouse Trust who led drama workshops throughout the school day. She will be returning to Staverton at the end of this term to support children in Y6 with transition to Secondary School and will again turn our library into a Prayer Space. The Lighthouse Trust work with many schools in PDET by bringing emotional and spiritual support to children, through assemblies, invitational Prayer Spaces and drama workshops. At the end of this term all of the schools within our Academy Trust will be fundraising for this amazing charity! Please keep an eye out for further information on how our school will be supporting this charity at the end of this month

Last month, we were kindly donated a sum of money from one of the residents in our village. This very thoughtful donation has enabled us to buy a new timber shelter with benches to accommodate a whole class. This space will have a multi-functional use as an outdoor classroom, a prayer space, a place to read and seek shade in the summer months to name but a few uses. In addition to this, we will also be having new rubber bark laid around the existing play equipment during our half term break.

I am delighted to share that we are full in September 2024 for our new Reception and Nursery intake – it is wonderful that all our current children in Nursery have a place with us in Reception from September onwards.

Please do take a look at our updated diary dates on page 4 of this newsletter.

With all good wishes for a wonderful summer term.

Ruth Nelmes

Headteacher

## Values

Our value next half term is

### Friendship

We are looking forward to our new  
Worship Leaders leading Collective  
Worship this half term.

## Music:

### Monday

Brass Lessons

### Tuesday

Guitar lessons

### Wednesday

Violin lessons

### Thursday

Piano / Keyboard lessons

**Congratulations to all the  
children who were Stars  
of the Week this month!**

## Clubs: 3.15 ~ 4.15

### Monday

Years 1 & 2

Ball sports - Mr Canning

### Tuesday

KS2 Football - Mr Canning

Boardgames & Jigsaws

Poppies & Sunflowers – Miss Phillip

### Wednesday

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics

GLK Coaching

### Thursday

KS2 Art & Crafts

Poppies & Sunflowers - Mrs Nelmes

Roses & Bluebells - Mrs Gresham

## Birthday Corner:

Wishing the following children a very  
Happy Birthday!

Nichita, Carter, D'arci, Aria, Emilia,  
Jenson, Oscar L, Jack, Henry S, Oscar  
S, Thomas S, Alaina



## SUMMER TERM 2024

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Roses to Everdon – River Study

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May ~ Early May Bank Holiday

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May ~ Y6 SATs

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Trip

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 5:30 pm - Bluebells talk to parents in preparation for trip to  
Rock UK Mrs Tuplin and Mrs Fox

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – pm – Sport's Day

Half term – week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – pm – Reserve Sport's Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June ~ am ~ Raptorxotics

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication Check

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Church service in school ~ postponed

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics Screening

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Lighthouse Trust – Y6 transition and Prayer Space

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 – Let's Sing!

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (Guilsborough Transition Days 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Bluebell's to Rock UK residential

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – (Southam Transition Days 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July)  
(Rugby High 10<sup>th</sup> July)

1pm – 2pm New Nursery and Reception intake afternoon

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 1:30 pm – (Parker & DSLV transition days 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>)  
1.30 pm Key Stage 2 Musical Production (might need to be  
re-arranged once we have transition to secondary school dates)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 6:00 pm ~ Key Stage 2 Musical Production

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Moving on up to meet new teacher afternoon and  
second new Nursery and Reception intake afternoon

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Going for Gold

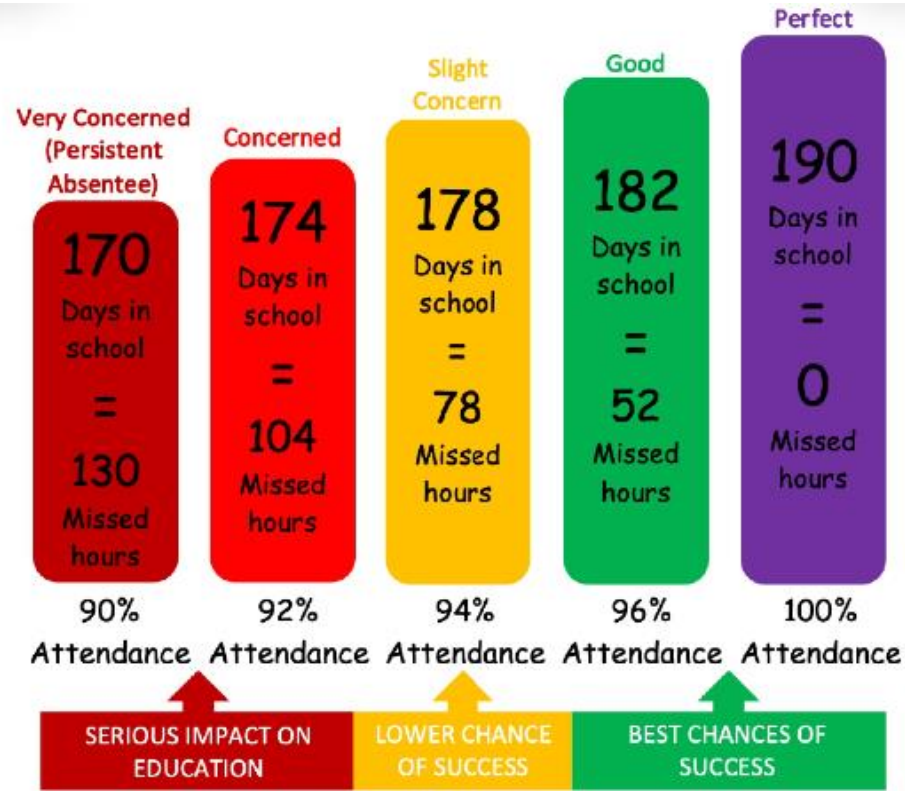
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Reports home

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Staverton's Got Talent! Stocks for Y6

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Church Service 2pm

Break up for Summer

Thank you for all your support in raising attendance in our school. Our monitoring is showing that our attendance is improving! Hopefully you will have received e-mails this week.



### Did you know?

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves
- Learn how to be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

A two-week holiday in term-time means the **highest** attendance your child can get is **94.7%**. This is 65 hours of missed school time.

# Attendance Matters

# E-safety checklist to keep children safe online.

Setting up devices for children will help them get the best out of their digital experiences. Use this e-safety checklist to get started.

## Set Up Safe Checklist

internet  
matters.org

Set your child up for online safety with these simple tasks

### Manage broadband & mobile networks



At home, access your broadband network and set applicable controls.



On the go, set up controls on the relevant mobile network.

See step-by-step guides to help

### Prepare their device



Explore the device controls and settings to set limits on inappropriate content, screen time, spending and more.



Download and install the apps and games you're okay with your child using.



Set up controls in these apps and games to help keep your child safe while they play, browse or chat.



Install or set up additional parental control apps for further protection.

Explore step-by-step guides for social media and video gaming

### Talk & learn regularly

Together, learn about online safety issues that might impact your child.

Together, explore privacy and safety settings on their favourite platforms.

Ask them to teach you about their favourite online platforms to create an open environment for conversation.

Keep these conversations going for continuous support.



Visit [internetmatters.org](https://internetmatters.org) for more advice

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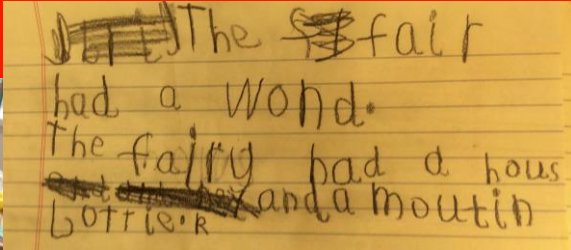
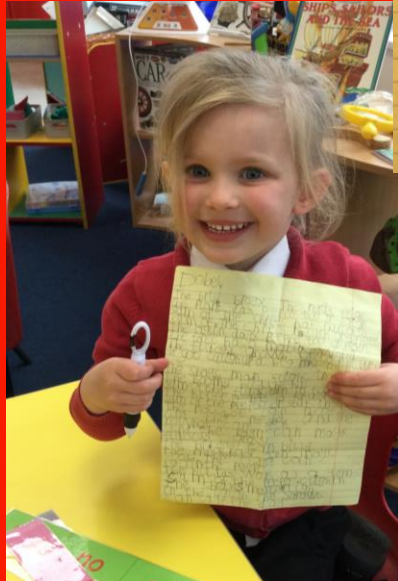
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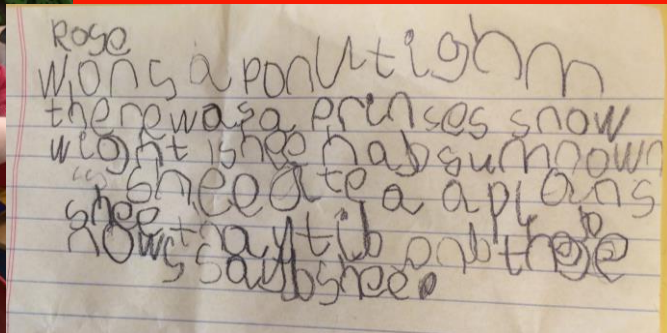


# Poppies

This term we are being immersed in our topic of transport. We have been enjoying the drier weather and have been getting more use of the bikes and trikes, using small world areas and Beebots to learn about maps. We have even used maps to locate key features when on our Tuesday Trekker walks.



Luna our class Fairy has asked us to try writing more independently. Look at what we have produced! Luna chose her best piece of writing to receive a prize. Well done, we are so proud of you!



We have also welcomed Garry back to coach us key cricket skills.



# Sunflowers

We have had another amazing month in Sunflowers' Class. The children have been working really hard in our English lessons and have created beautiful pieces of writing based on the text 'The Tin Forest'. These will be showcased in the hall alongside the other classes' pieces.

In Maths we have been learning about fractions, shape and have now moved on to time. If you cutting cakes or pizzas or planning timings, please do incorporate these newly learnt skills at home!

The children absolutely loved learning about the Great Fire of London and have become expert historians on the topic! We are now learning all about Mary Anning and we cannot wait to become expert fossil hunters too.

In science, we have been learning about living things. We have been looking at what makes a living thing and at their habitats.

In RE, we have been looking at the Easter story and learning about what Good News Jesus brought. The children particularly enjoyed acting out the story.





# Roses



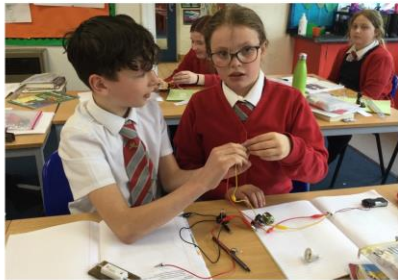
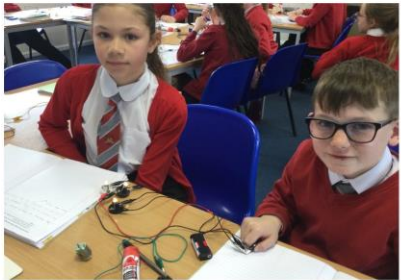
What another busy month we have had in Roses'! We have started our Geography topic on rivers and the water cycle and spent the afternoon creating and labelling our own rivers. We have also thoroughly enjoyed spending a day at Everton measuring the flow of the river, sketching the meander of the river and enjoyed pond dipping. Our Science this term, is all about plants and we began with exploring the different parts of a plant and their functions. We have planted some plants outside of Roses' classroom and look forward to seeing them bloom. In DT we have been experimenting with making structures and we have been lucky enough to have a visit from the Lighthouse Trust in RE. The children have all enjoyed the start of the nicer weather and have shown great friendship to one another outside in the sunshine! Our English text, is called Mama Miti and tells the story of a lady who highlighted the importance of trees in Kenya. The children have become very inspired by this story and are now in the process of writing to our local councillor to ask for more trees to be planted in our local area! I have been incredibly impressed this term, with the dedication the children have shown in learning their times tables, the progress has been outstanding, well done everyone and keep up the hard work!





# Bluebells

In Science we have been continuing to develop our understanding of electricity. We are investigating if different components effect how a circuit works.



April has been an enjoyable month for Bluebells' Class. We are enjoying reading our new text – Letters from the lighthouse, and linking this with our History lessons on World War II.

In PSHE we have been looking at how to develop positive friendships with people. We have also focused on and what kind and acceptable behaviour looks like when we are using our tablets or phones.



The children had lots of fun creating their own raps in music recently. They wrote their own rhyming lyrics and then performed these with the background beat to the rest of the class.



# Sport at Staverton



On Tuesday 22nd April, we hosted a tag rugby match against Guilsborough Primary school. This game had been a long time coming as we've had to cancel on several occasion due to the weather. Wow was it worth the wait! The game was well matched with both teams taking it into turns to score. However, in last few minutes of the game Staverton added a few unanswered tries and went on to win 13-10. I cannot express enough how incredibly proud I am of the team. Out of the 9 that played, 5 had never played before. They showed unbelievable progress since September and demonstrated our school and rugby values well. Well done everyone!



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