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Our
Values
Everyday

Staverton CE Primary School October Newsletter

2026

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

Colossians 3:14

Responsibility; Friendship; Honesty; Compassion; Respect; Perseverance

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our October newsletter! October has proved to be such a positive and exciting month, and it has been wonderful to see so many opportunities for learning, creativity and community spirit across the school.

Brass Lessons Success

Our children in **Roses Class** have been thoroughly enjoying their weekly brass lessons with NMPAT. It has been fantastic to see the progress they have made in such a short time. Their enthusiasm, commitment and growing confidence are a credit to them, and we are very proud of how well they are doing.

Clubs

Thank you to our Teachers and TA's who have given their time so freely to offer additional clubs to our children. The children have enjoyed LEGO club, Games club and being part of a choir. We are excited to announce our clubs for **Autumn 2**, which include Christmas crafts, Kurling and a lunchtime choir.

Eco-Club and Just One Tree Day

A huge well done to our **Eco-Club** members for their hard work and dedication in promoting environmental awareness across the school. We are delighted to share the outcome of our **Just One Tree Day** fundraising efforts. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, our school will now be donating **151 trees** to be planted. This is a wonderful achievement and an excellent example of how small actions can make a big difference to our planet. We can't wait to see your **'Waste to Wow'** creations!

Thank You, FOSS!

A very big thank you to **FOSS** for organising such an amazing **Silent Glow Disco**. The event was a huge success and the children absolutely loved every minute of it. We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort and enthusiasm that our FOSS team put into creating such memorable experiences for our children.

Harvest

Thank you for all your kind Harvest donations. The Daventry Food Bank really appreciated everything we shared with them.

Working Together with Families

Thank you to everyone who attended our **Phonics' Workshop** and **Parents' Evenings**. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school, and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to share your children's achievements and next steps in learning.

Wellies and Outdoor Play

A big thank you to all the families who have provided wellies for school. The children have been making the most of the autumn weather and are having lots of fun exploring and playing on the field. Having wellies available means they can continue to enjoy outdoor learning and play, even when the ground is a little muddy!

Looking Ahead

As we head into the second half of the autumn term, there is so much to look forward to! The lead-up to Christmas is always a special time in school, and we have lots of exciting learning experiences and events planned. For now, I would like to thank all of our children for their hard work, kindness and enthusiasm, and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With all good wishes,
Ruth Nelmes
Headteacher



Is your child starting primary school in September 2027?

The deadline to apply for a primary school place is fast approaching!

At PDET, we believe every child deserves a welcoming, supportive environment where they can learn, grow and flourish. Our schools are committed to helping every child feel valued, supported and ready to thrive.

📅 **Applications for September 2027 must be submitted by 15 January 2027.**

If your child is due to start school next September, now is the time to make sure you've completed your application.

Don't miss the deadline! Apply for your child's school place today.

We look forward to welcoming the next generation of learners to our PDET family!

Values:

Our value this half term is

Compassion

Clubs

Monday 3:15-4:15

Years 1 - 6 FOOTBALL (Led by Freestyle Coach)

Tuesday 3:15-4:15

Years 1 – 6 BASKETBALL (Led by Freestyle Coach)

Friday lunchtime

DRAMA Years 1 – 6 (Led by Freestyle)

Music:

Wednesday

Piano / Keyboard lessons

Thursday

Violin lessons

Coming soon....

Atomic Tom Science Club!

Kurling, Christmas crafts and choir!

Rock Steady Rock Band!!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 6th November : All 'Waste to Wow' entries to be brought into school for our House Challenge

11th November : Remembrance

16th November : Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 18th November : Atomic Tom is back at Staverton! He will be leading an assembly for the children to inspire a love of science! Look out for an e-mail for how to sign up to his very popular after-school club!

Friday 20th November : Mufti Day – FOSS to share further details

Tuesday 24th November : Debbie Martin for IIST (Inclusion, Intervention Support Team) will be in school all day supporting children. There will be a short parent workshop (30 minutes) at 8:45 am if you would like to join us in the hall to find out more about how IIST could support you child.

Friday 27th November @ 3:15 pm : FOSS Christmas Fair straight after school

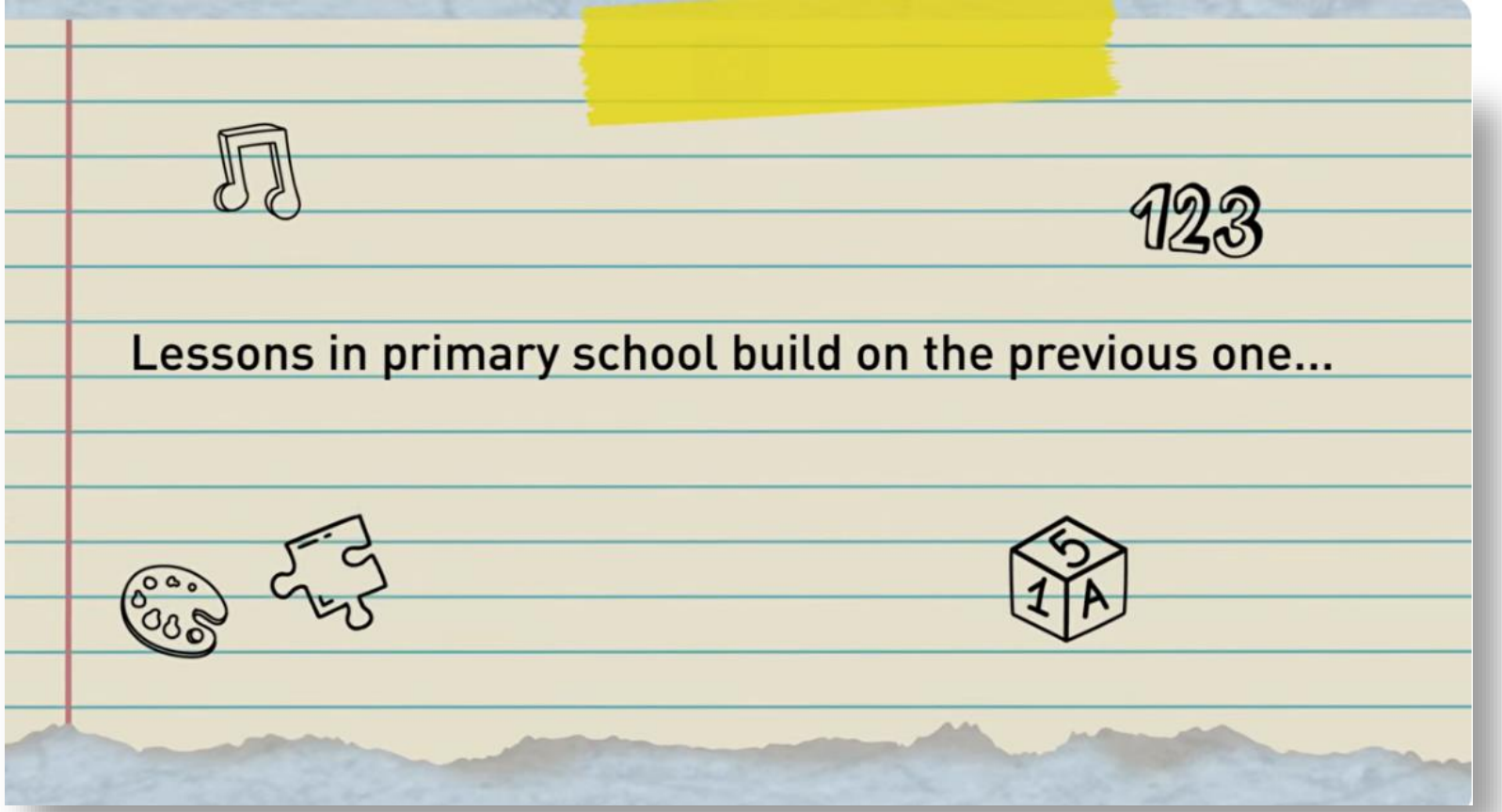
Friday 4th December – 2pm – MacMillan Coffee afternoon

Wednesday 9th December : Pantomime in school in the morning Dick Whittington. Oh yes it is! In the afternoon the children will be doing Christmas crafts to decorate their classrooms.

Tuesday 15th December @ 9:30 am : Poppies and Sunflowers Christmas Nativity performance to families

Thursday 17th December @ 1:30 pm : Poppies and Sunflowers Christmas Nativity performance to families

Friday 18th December @ 1:30 pm : Whole School Christingle service at St Mary's church. Please do join us in church if you can. Please note that the children can be collected early once we have returned to school following the Service.



Please click on the DfE link below to see why good attendance is so important.

https://youtu.be/3g_tfUyroZM?si=XyeQ2zKBcFU61LZ9

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Attendance Matters

Thank you for your kindness!

THANK YOU

FOR PLANTING TREES

Staverton CE Primary School

This is to certify that your school has planted 151 trees
by taking part in JUST ONE Tree Day 2026-2027.

During the next rainy season, your seedlings will be transported to their carefully selected new homes where they will be planted and nurtured over the coming years, removing approximately 46.51 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere over the next 25 years.

With your contribution we will be able to help global reforestation efforts clean the air we breathe, clean the water we drink, increase biodiversity, protect against deforestation, improve livelihoods and most importantly combat climate change.



Wake up Wednesay

Essential Online Safety

Children and young people use the internet to learn, play and connect but the online world is not always safe. This poster provides clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits to help our children to make informed, secure choices when using technology.



Poppies

What a fantastic term we have had in Poppies!

Our Nursery and Reception children have continued to grow in confidence and independence, and it has been wonderful to see them forming friendships, learning new skills and embracing each day with enthusiasm.

We have enjoyed some memorable experiences this term, including our Harvest celebrations, a fun-filled Silent Disco and a Phonics Workshop with families. The children have loved singing nursery rhymes and are becoming increasingly confident with their Set 1 phonics sounds.

Our learning has been brought to life through *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, inspiring the children to retell the story and create adventures of their own. Alongside this, they have developed their mathematical thinking through matching, sorting and comparing, while building their coordination and confidence through ball skills in PE.

The children have also enjoyed exploring the world around them by talking about their families, noticing seasonal changes and celebrating what makes each of us unique. Their creativity has shone through nature-inspired artwork, junk modelling projects and musical exploration, where they have experimented with a variety of sounds and instruments.

We are making wonderful, loving memories together in Poppies every day and we look forward to many more exciting learning experiences throughout the year.










Sunflowers

Sunflowers' have had another great month! The children's writing has been amazing, and they really enjoyed our story Hansel and Gretel. In Maths, the children learned all about addition and subtraction, using their base 10 to help them. In Science we learned about our sense and the children had lots of fun planning and performing experiments to see if we can use our other senses to help us when we take one away. In History, the children loved learning all about Neil Armstrong and blew us away with all of the facts and information they could remember about him and the Apollo 11 mission. Our RE lessons were all about the creation story and we created a dance to help us remember what happened on each of the days. The children also created some lovely artwork representing one of the days.

As always, we had great fun at Forest School and it was so wonderful to see the joy that it brings the children. Another highlight of the term was when the children got to create their own pencil pots. They all did a super job.







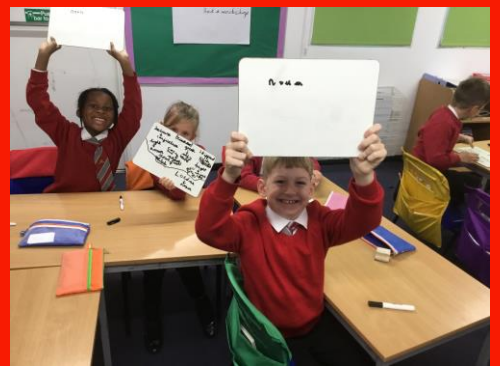




Roses

What a brilliant first term we have had in Roses!
Our Year 3 and 4 children have settled wonderfully into the new school year, showing growing confidence, independence and enthusiasm for their learning. It has been lovely to see friendships developing, children supporting one another and everyone embracing new challenges.
We have enjoyed some memorable experiences this term, including our Harvest celebrations and a fantastic Silent Disco.
In English, we have loved exploring *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, using our imaginations to bring the magical world of Narnia to life. The children have developed their descriptive writing, explored characters and settings, and worked hard to improve their sentence structures. In Maths, we have strengthened our understanding of place value and developed our confidence with addition and subtraction, including exchanging.

Our learning has taken us back in time in History, where we discovered how people lived during the Stone Age and Bronze Age, exploring everything from hunter-gatherers to ancient tools and settlements. In Science, we investigated sound, learning how vibrations create sounds and exploring pitch and volume through practical activities.
The children have also enjoyed developing their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills across our wider curriculum. We are incredibly proud of the effort, enthusiasm and progress shown by everyone in Roses this term.
We have made a wonderful start to the school year and cannot wait to see what exciting learning opportunities the next term brings!











Bluebells



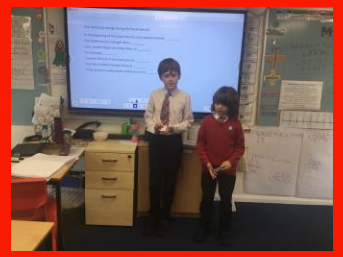
Bluebells had a fantastic first term and embraced every learning opportunity with enthusiasm.
One of the highlights was a visit from the Space Dome, which captivated the children and greatly enhanced their Science learning. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the wonders of space through this immersive experience.
In History, the class loved their topic on Crime and Punishment. They engaged in thoughtful discussions, asked insightful questions, and demonstrated a growing ability to think critically about how society has changed over time. It has been wonderful to see their confidence develop during class debates and discussions.



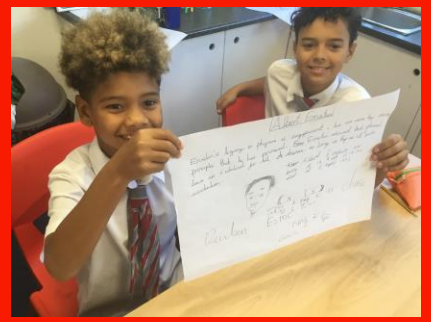
The children also thoroughly enjoyed their Design and Technology project, where they applied their understanding of electrical systems to design and create their own 'Doodlers'. They showed great creativity, perseverance and problem-solving skills throughout the project, and were very proud of their finished products.

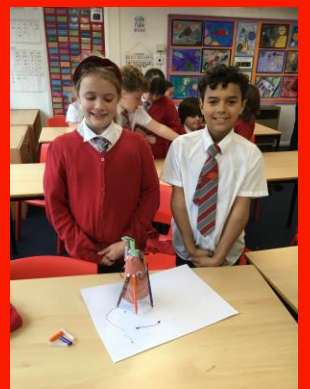


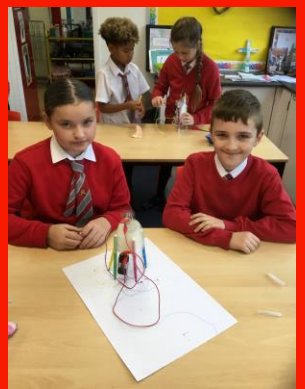
Another highlight of the term was the teamwork the children have developed, this was particularly evident during our PE sessions.
The children really enjoyed our class text and it has been really nice to hear how many children have gone on to read further books in the series.
The children have already made a great start to the new term and are looking forward to all of the opportunities this will bring.

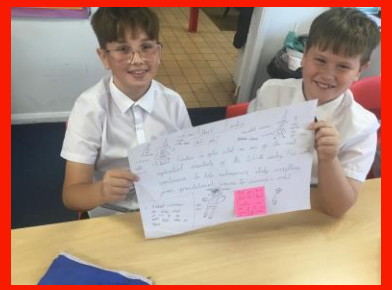












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