

Studham Village CE Academy

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2025



Hello!

.....and Happy Autumn!

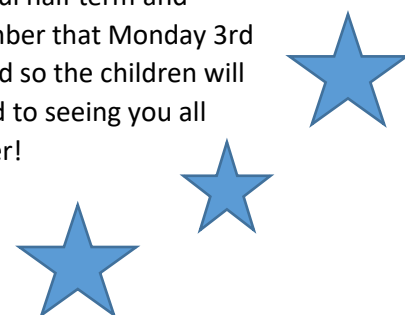
This half term the children have been working hard in all aspects of school life; please see your child's class section for news of the fantastic activities they've been doing.

We were lucky enough to have a visit from our local Member of Parliament, Rachel Hopkins, who came to speak to the children about Parliament, the role of an MP and how we are all global citizens. I was particularly impressed with the questions that the children asked - and so was she! We are looking forward to exploring the subject of government during 'Parliament Week' later this term.



I hope that you all have a restful half term and enjoy the break. Please remember that Monday 3rd November is a Training Day and so the children will not be in school. I look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 4th November!

Miss Flowers



Forest School-collecting Natural Materials

We always need a supply of natural materials to make crafts, for example pine cones, willow and dogwood. If you are out for a walk and are able to collect a couple of pine cones, small twigs or logs that would be greatly appreciated.



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Hedgehog Class Preschool



We have had a lovely start to the new term and it has certainly been busy. This term our topic is All About Me and My Community – the children have been talking about themselves, their families and people in our community who help us. We have had lots of different activities in the classroom including a police station, vets, doctors and a fire station. They are also enjoying Forest School on a Thursday.

Hedgehog class are learning about Diwali. Our room has a Diwali display which the children are really enjoying. Some children made some Rangoli Patterns from colourful gems and shapes.



Owl Class Years 1 and 2

Owl class have had great fun using their new weather station. Thank you to the PTFA for providing the equipment. They have been measuring the temperature, rainfall and wind speed. It is a great addition to their outdoor learning.

We have been travelling through time learning about toys! The children have been learning how historians find out about the past through using different sources of evidence, creating a timeline of when toys were first played with and importantly playing with the toys to find out how they were used!

All of the children's learning has been supported by the PTFA – with Morse code signs on the playground for the children to send messages, as well as scientific information signs about plants, animals and the seasons for the children to use at Forest School.



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Squirrel Class Reception



Squirrel Class have settled really well into their new classroom and their new routines. The children have all enjoyed their daily Supersonic Phonic Lessons, they are learning to sound out the letter sound and also the action that goes with it. Hopefully the children have been showing you what they have been learning in the lessons.

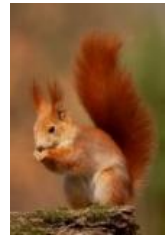
In Maths the children have been learning all about subitising which is the ability to instantly recognise the quantity of a small group of objects without counting them. Playing games at home like Snakes and Ladders or Dominoes can really help the children with their subitising.



As you can see our classroom tuff trays extend the children's learning in both Phonics and Maths.

In Talk for Writing we have been looking at Dear Zoo which has been lots of fun; they have looked at how a story map is created and will be starting to create their own story maps after half term.

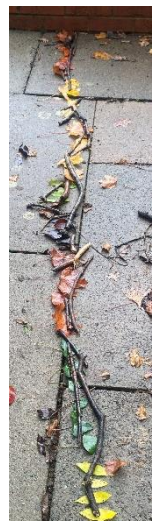
It has been so lovely getting to know all of the children and I am delighted at how well they have settled in.



Woodpecker Class Years 3 and 4



This half term, Woodpeckers have been increasing their knowledge of text structures and have written some wonderful stories. Their Autumn poetry has been creatively and thoughtfully authored as well. Woodpeckers have been learning about the Romans and how they invaded and conquered England; they have also used their artistic skills to emulate Roman mosaics, to great success!



Information



Attendance: The school gates are open from **8:45am**. If you arrive after **8:55am** please bring your child to the **main office** as they will need to be marked present there. We finish our day at **3.15pm** when the children will be released from their classroom doors to their authorised adult.



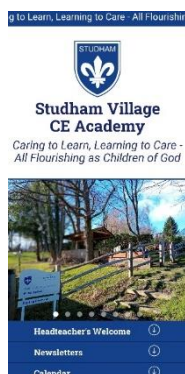
For early release (before 3.15pm) of a child for any reason other than the individual attending a medical appointment, parents are required to fill out a 'Leave of Absence Form' which can be found on our website.

Sickness: If your child is sick, please call the main school number **before 9AM**. **If you have booked them a school lunch it is your responsibility to cancel this via the Select website, especially those parents who pay for meals as you may be charged for the meal.**

We ask that School Lane is **not** used by parents with vehicles for dropping and/or picking up children at any time during the school day. **This includes before and after school clubs.** We also ask that you please park considerately along the main road adhering to the yellow lines, traffic regulations and local speed limits in place at all times.



You can find us on: www.studhamschools.org.uk



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Our School House Teams are:

Challenge – RED Aspire – GREEN Resilience – BLUE
Engage – YELLOW



Our Lunches

Please visit the Select website for the School Lunch Menu!

<https://select.aspens-services.com>

If you child is off sick please make sure you cancel their lunch!

*All lunches need to be ordered by **8am** on the day required.*

Meals are cooked to order and therefore unfortunately schools are unable to add any orders after the cut off time.

Please see our website, noticeboard or the Select website for up and coming theme days.

We are a HEALTHY SCHOOL – Fruit is available for your child each break time but if they bring in a snack from home, we ask that it is a healthy fruit option such as banana, cucumber, apples etc.



School dinners should be either a Select ordered meal or a packed lunch, please do not supply both. If your child brings in a packed lunch please ensure this is healthy and refrain from adding chocolate or sweets to the contents. We encourage children to minimise waste by composting food waste and operate a crisp packet recycling scheme in school.



Please note we have a number of children with NUT ALLERGIES.

We therefore ask that you do not send into school anything containing NUTS or NUT BASED products.
Thank you.

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Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2025-26

October 2025	
Friday 24 th October 2025	Church Service at St Mary's Church, Studham (AM) -All welcome
Friday 24 th October 2025	PTFA Pumpkin Patch Event 3pm-4.30pm
27 th -31 October 2025	Half Term Holiday
November 2025	
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Inset Day-No pupils in School (Trust Training Day)
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Back to School
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Aspens Menu-Sparkle Spectacular!
Tuesday 11 th November 2025	School Photographer- Individual Photos
Thursday 13 th November 2025	Woodpecker Class trip to Verulamium Museum, St Albans
Friday 21 st November 2025	Aspens Menu-Children In Need Dessert
December 2025	
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Squirrel Class Christmas Performance (AM)
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Owl Class Christmas Performance (PM)
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Owl Class Christmas Performance (AM)
Friday 19 th December 2025	School Trip to Grove Theatre Pantomime (TBC)
Friday 19th December 2025	Last day of School
January 2026	
Monday 5 th January 2026	Inset Day-No pupils in School
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Back to School

