

# NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2025

## MESSAGE FROM MRS CANTINI

Welcome to the new look newsletter. This term has seen many exciting events happening: trips, laser show, Elfridge's, visitors to name a few of them. Each half term newsletter will share news of different learning and events for each year group.

Our IT migration took place through September and October, which has meant a change in email addresses. In light of this we are now going to be refreshing our Facebook page and begin reusing it. We also plan to add an Instagram page to our account too. Our primary method for all communication will now be via EMAIL so please can you ensure that your email address is always up to date. We are going as paperless as we can. There will also be fewer text messages.

I would like to politely remind parents and carers to drive with extra caution when dropping children off around the school. As the winter months draw in, the mornings will become darker with reduced visibility. The speed limit is only 20mph and please park your car, with consideration for the safety of all children and our community. The car park is for staff only. It can only be used by parents with permission from me, then their children must be supervised across the car park. Thank you for your support with ensuring the safety of all.

Over the next few weeks, in the build up to Christmas, there are lots of exciting activities planned and key dates are shared below.

Finally, thank you for all of your continued support

## DANCE LIVE 2026

We are excited to share that Stamshaw Junior School have been busy preparing for the upcoming Dance Live event. This event will be hosted at The Guildhall in Portsmouth early next year.

The children have been rehearsing over the last couple of weeks and have shown fantastic teamwork and creativity.

As we move closer to the event, we will provide updates on key dates, performance details and more.

If you have any questions in the mean time, please contact Miss Witt or Miss Jeram who are running this fantastic event.



## LIGHTING UP THE COMMUNITY THE STAMSHAW WAY

We would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible PATCH team who recently organised a vibrant and engaging laser light show. This spectacular event took place at Stamshaw Junior Schools on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and hosted a dazzling display of colour and magic for over 1,110 members of our local community. A fun pack evening for all and we can't wait for the next PATCH event!



## UP AND COMING SCHOOL EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

### Elf Party Disco at Stamshaw Junior School

We are all looking forward to our Elf Party Disco, so make sure you prebook your child's ticket before the deadline on Monday 8th December.

- Year 3 and 4 disco 4:30-5:30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 5 and 6 disco 5:45pm-6:45pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### PATCH Stamshaw Christmas Fayre

Please visit our wonderful PATCH Christmas Fayre which will take place at Stamshaw Infant School on 6th December between 10am - 2pm - Free Entry.

### Santa's Grotto

This magical event will take place at Stamshaw Infant School on Saturday 6th December between 10:10am - 1:50pm. Spaces are limited and tickets will need to be prebooked at £4 per ticket either via [www.stamshawpatch.org](http://www.stamshawpatch.org) or the QR to the right of this page.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 11th December we will be supporting 'Save the Children' by wearing Christmas jumpers. All money raised will be donated to this important charity.

### Stamshaw Christmas Video

We will also be creating another festive Stamshaw Christmas video, where we will be inviting children and staff to wear a Christmas jumper on the days we will be filming. We kindly ask you provide your child's Christmas jumper in a separate bag on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, so they are able to change into it for the video.

### School Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas dinner will take place on Thursday 18th December.

The school office will send out correspondences shortly with instructions on how you would book if you wish your child to have one. The cost of Christmas dinner will be the same as a normal school lunch - £2.86 and free to children eligible to free school meals.



### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our last day of term for 2025 will be **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be an option to collect your child after the afternoon registration. The school gates will be opened from **1:15pm**.



## MOMENTS MATTER - ATTENDANCE COUNTS



Regular attendance is very important and at Stamshaw Junior School we aim for 96% as our attendance target.

As a school, we celebrate class attendance weekly. So far this year, the class winners for weekly attendance have been;



W/C 1<sup>st</sup> September - Class 3J with 100% attendance  
 W/C 8<sup>th</sup> September - Class 3B with 99.1% attendance  
 W/C 15<sup>th</sup> September - Class 5AW with 99.3% attendance  
 W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Class 3B with 99.6% attendance  
 W/C 29<sup>th</sup> September - Class 6B with 99.2% attendance  
 W/C 6<sup>th</sup> October - Class 3J with 98.3% attendance  
 W/C 27<sup>th</sup> October - Class 3B with 99.1% attendance  
 W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Class 6B with 99.2% attendance  
 W/C 10<sup>th</sup> November Class 5KW with 99.1% attendance

Keep up the good work!!

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. This means that we will not authorise leave of absence for family holidays during term time, unless we are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

If the requested unauthorised leave is taken, as a school we are obliged to inform you that you may be subject to a Penalty Notice. This is in line with Portsmouth City Councils, School Attendance code of conduct.

For more information, please contact our Attendance Officer via the school office.

## OUR SCHOOL DAY

Our school gates open at 08:25am and will be closed at 8:35am everyday. The register will be taken in class at 8:30am.

All children should aim to be in school by 8:30am every day.

Children arriving after 8:35 am will need to report to the school office and will be recorded as late for school.

Any children who arrive after 9:00am will be recorded as late after the registration closes. The late attendance marks do affect your child's overall attendance score.

If your child is unfortunately feeling unwell, we ask if you would kindly let the school office know before 9am on the day of the absence. Either by calling or emailing the school office or via studybugs. Thank you!

## IMPORTANT DATES



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 - Winter Warmers

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - PATCH Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - PATCH Santa's Grotto, hosted at the Stamshaw Infant School

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - Christmas sing-a-long Year 3 & Year 5

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - Christmas sing-a-long Year 4 & Year 6

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - Christmas Dinner

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025- LAST DAY OF TERM - Pick up at 1:15pm

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025—Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 CHRISTMAS HALF TERM

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026—INSET DAY

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Back to school

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Dance Live Show

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February—Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - HALF TERM

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March—Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - EASTER HALF TERM

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026—BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026—INSET DAY

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May—Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - HALF TERM

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026—INSET DAY

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - PATCH Stamshaw Summer Fete

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 - LAST DAY OF TERM

### Attendance Ladder



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# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

★ STAMSHAW JUNIOR SCHOOL

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



£1 DONATION - MONEY TO BE DONATED TO SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

BE KIND. DO YOUR BEST. WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER!

Stamshaw Junior School

JOIN US FOR

## A CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

<b>YEAR 3</b> MON 15 DEC 9:30 - 10AM	<b>YEAR 5</b> MON 15 DEC 2:30 - 3PM
<b>YEAR 4</b> TUE 16 DEC 9:30 - 10AM	<b>YEAR 6</b> TUE 16 DEC 2:30 - 3PM



Let's celebrate christmas together!



Stamshaw Junior School

Thursday 18th December

## Christmas Lunch



Christmas Jumpers Welcome!

# OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL



WE ARE THRILLED TO INTRODUCE THIS YEARS PREFECTS



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL



HEAD GIRL



HEAD BOY



DEPUTY HEAD BOY



# NEW AUTUMN / WINTER SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Our school meals are provided by Caterlink Ltd and cost £2.86 per day. Payments can be made online or with cash via the school office. We kindly ask that all school meals be paid for on the day they are ordered or in advance, thank you.

3 Choice Menu Autumn Winter 2025 - 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>RED OPTION</b>	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with rice	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Biryani	Fishfinger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>GREEN OPTION</b>	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Beetroot & Lentil Burger In Bun & Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> BBQ -Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Crips
	<b>OTHER OPTION</b>	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Tomato Pasta
	<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>DESSERT</b>	Cheese & Crackers	Apple Crumb Cake	Fruit Medley	Jelly & Mandarins	Syrup Sponge & Custard
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>RED OPTION</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>GREEN OPTION</b>	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes	Creamy Chickpea & Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>OTHER OPTION</b>	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Tomato Pasta
	<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>NEW</b> Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Brownie & Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	<b>RED OPTION</b>	Macaroni Cheese	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Enchilada Bake & Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>GREEN OPTION</b>	<b>NEW</b> Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Vegan Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>OTHER OPTION</b>	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Tomato Pasta
	<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>DESSERT</b>	Oaty Cookie	Pear Crumble & Custard	Fruit Salad	<b>NEW</b> Jamaican Ginger Cake & Custard	Cornflake Tart

## MENU KEY

Added Plant Protein Wholemeal Vegan Chef's Special

Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection

## ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

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## CONTACT US



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School website -  
<https://www.stamshawjunior.chimat.uk/>



Absence from school -  
Please contact the school office either via telephone, email or studybugs



Follow us and Stamshaw Patch on Facebook for further updates on school news and events

## A POLITE REMINDER

At Stamshaw Junior School we are committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all our children. To help children stay focused and ready to learn throughout the day, we kindly ask parents to send in **healthy, nut free** snacks only for break times.

