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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MRS COOPER

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been a wonderful start to the year and I have been genuinely thrilled by the maturity, responsibility and conscientious approach shown by our children across the school.

It has been a delight to be reunited with our children and to catch up with our wonderful families here at the Junior School. Mrs Spicer, Mrs Boyd, Mrs Steward and I are all on site throughout the week, ready to support, answer questions or help in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you or your child.

From the very first day, pupils have embraced our Stamshaw STAR values and have worked hard to demonstrate them in their learning, friendships and wider contributions to school life. It has been wonderful to see so many children showing kindness, teamwork and a commitment to doing their very best each day. Our Friday assemblies are always a joy and remain a real highlight of the week, providing an opportunity to celebrate the many achievements and successes of our pupils.

One thing that has particularly stood out this term is how smart and well prepared the children have been. They arrive ready to learn, equipped for the day ahead and eager to make the most of every opportunity. This positive attitude has helped to create calm, purposeful classrooms where children can flourish, achieve well and enjoy their learning.

Earlier this week, we enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Festival celebration together. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our collection. It was a special occasion that brought our school community together and reminded us of the importance of helping others. The children sang beautifully, shared thoughtful poetry and performed with great enthusiasm throughout.

We have also been delighted to welcome our new School Councillors. They have already embraced their roles with commitment and responsibility, representing their peers thoughtfully and helping to shape ideas for the future of our school.

As we break for half term, I hope you are able to enjoy some valuable time together as a family. Don't forget that the clocks go back next weekend! We look forward to welcoming the children back at the beginning of November, ready for another busy and successful half term.

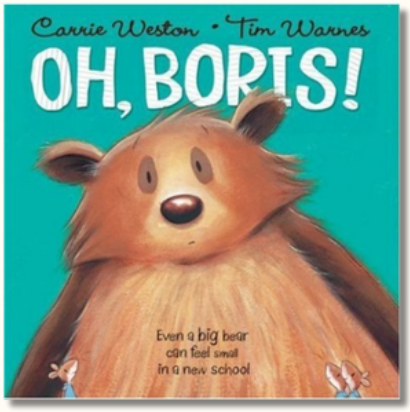
With very warm wishes,
Mrs Cooper

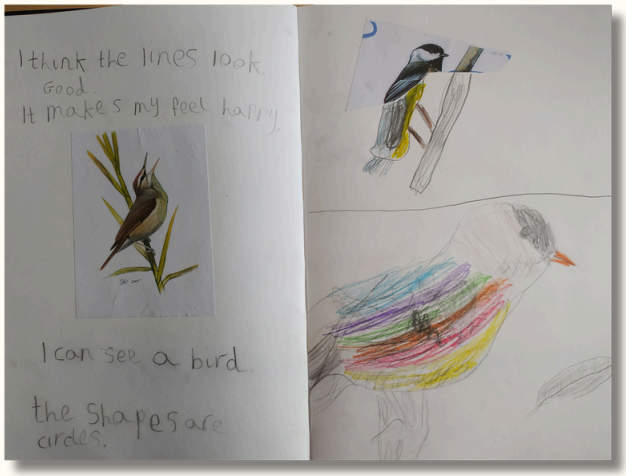
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YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 has had a fantastic start to the term, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the curriculum. In Art, the children have been developing their sketching skills inspired by David Sibley, while in PE they have been learning how to pass accurately in football. In English, we have been exploring nouns and verbs, as well as enjoying some incredible books together. The children have also been developing their independence and confidence in their learning. In Science, we have carried out fun practical experiments, and in History we have been looking at how things have changed over time, including holidays and sports.





LEGO Coding Workshop

We were delighted to welcome Dr Geary from UTC, who led an exciting LEGO coding workshop for Year 3. The children worked brilliantly in small groups to build and control their own LEGO creations, developing teamwork, problem-solving and coding skills along the way. They also learned how to log on to the system independently and showed great enthusiasm and perseverance throughout the session. It was a fantastic learning experience that inspired our young engineers and programmers!



LEGO education

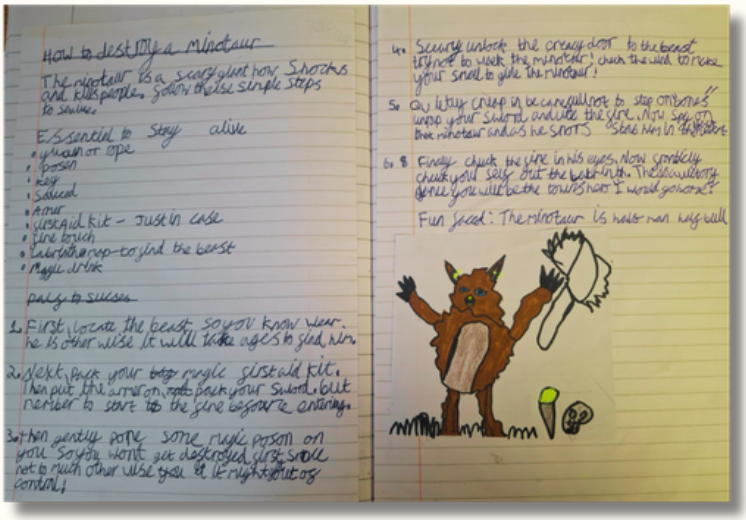
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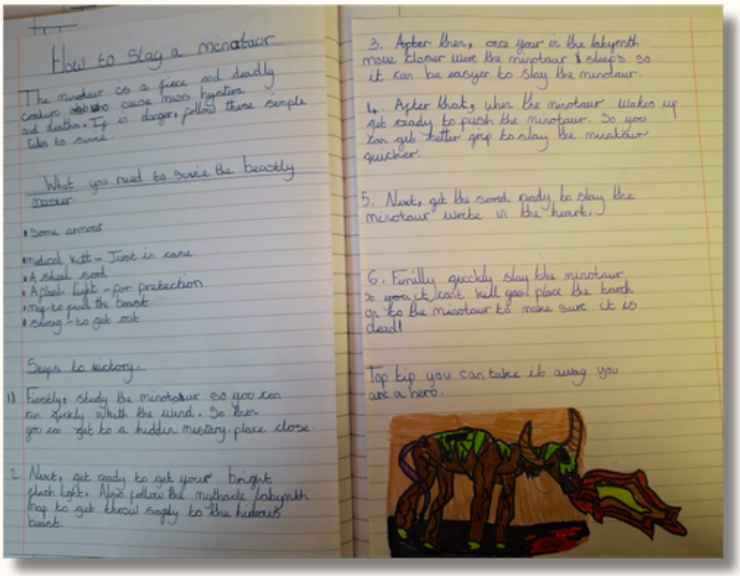
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YEAR 4 NEWS

We have had an exciting start to Year 4 with our history half term topic, 'The Ancient Greeks'. We have been immersing the children in several exciting Greek myths such as Daedalus and Icarus, Heracles and currently, Orpheus. This has formed much of our Guided Reading too!

In English, our first unit has been to write a set of instructions about how to 'Slay a Minotaur' which has been great fun! Final pieces of work were beautifully created either by hand or with word processing skills, and the children excelled in applying features correctly.





In Science, the children have been learning about 'Living things in their habitats' and have used various information to create information posters on Pond or Woodland habitats - this was great fun.

The children have had the opportunity to practice and develop their invasion game skills through learning Handball this half term, and the weather has helped to get the most out of our PE lessons!

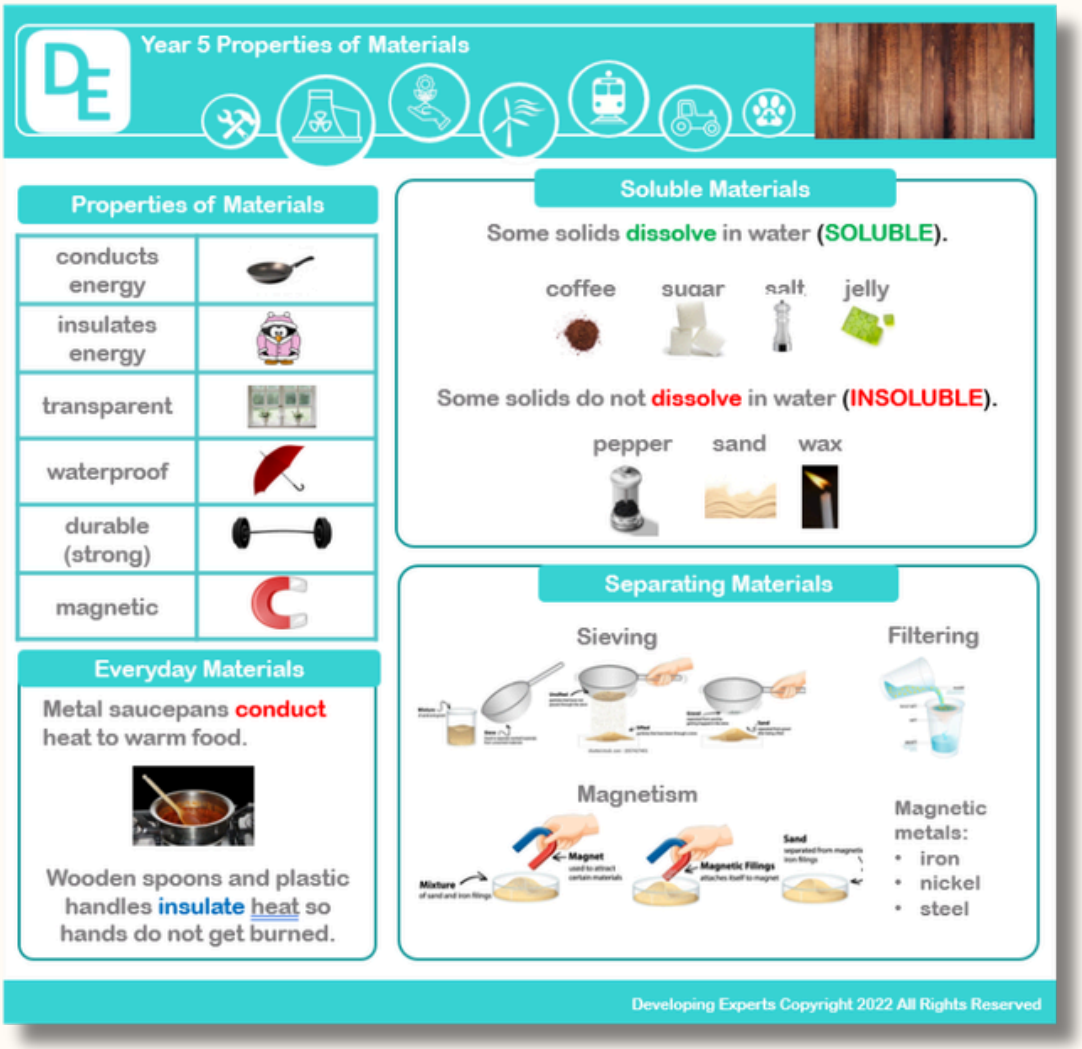
We are very proud of the children in how they have started Year 4 so far.

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YEAR 5 NEWS

This half term Dr Greary visited year 5 to tell us all about properties of and changes in materials. The session was very hands on, and the children tested a variety of materials to discover which ones conducted electricity, which ones were good thermal insulators or conductors and which ones were magnetic. They carried out a filtration experiment to understand which materials can dissolve in liquid, how liquids evaporate and that some materials can be separated out through a filtration process. The children really enjoyed being able to explore the different materials and understand that some materials can change.



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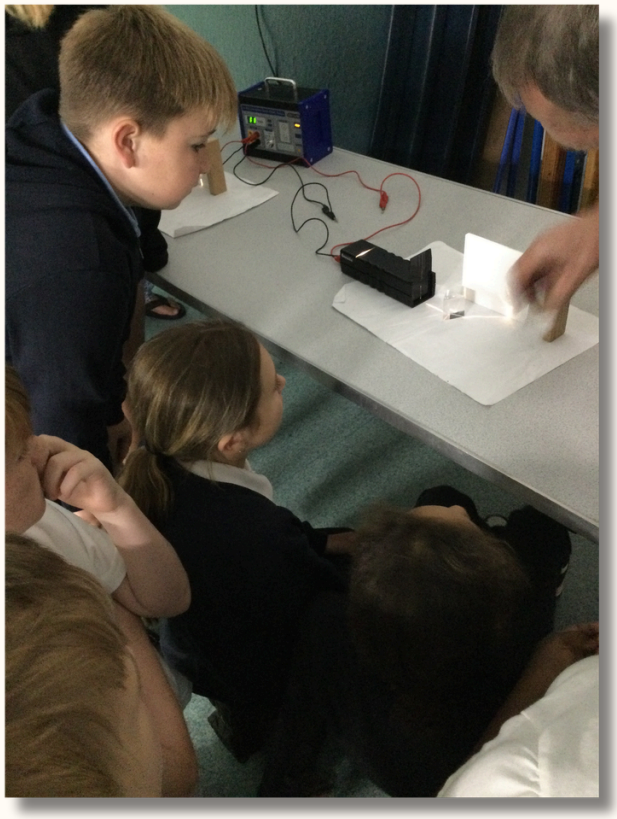
YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 have settled in well to the year and have made a positive start. Swimming lessons are going well and the children are already making considerable progress in their lessons.



Last week the children were fortunate enough to have Dr Geary in to run a science workshop about light. It was an exciting hands on workshop where they learnt how light travels, how we see things and how the light we see as white is really made up of all the colours of the rainbow.





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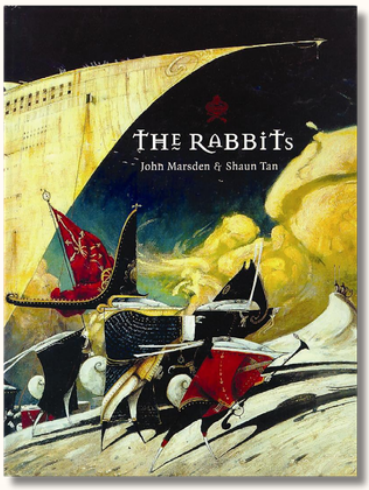
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Year 6 Writing Journey

This term, we began our writing journey with the beautiful animated film The Piano and the thought-provoking picture book The Rabbits. Both have inspired rich discussions and helped our children explore how writers use descriptive and emotive language to paint vivid pictures in the minds of their readers.

The children have embraced the challenge brilliantly, carefully choosing words and phrases to bring their ideas, characters and settings to life. We have been so impressed by their creativity, imagination and growing confidence as writers.

Below are two wonderful examples that showcase the fantastic work produced so far.



The cold, night sky loomed over the land with a blanket of darkness while stars shimmered innocently in the night sky. Fluffy clouds swirled with a chaotic glint in their eyes, making devious clasp the bare ground. A tall boat, which had withering sails, stood in the freezing sea covered in scars of unbelievable battles. The resentful water thrashed violently against the fossil-like rocks, roaring like a wild animal. The waves reached high, intimidating any soul that scurried past making their screams drown into background noise. It hungrily enveloped land, slurping up any rocks with enormous strength. The deafening sound of deep crashing disturbed the night sky, slowly turning into muffled sounds of chaos.

A sombre void of nothingness grasped the land with an icy hand of death while the shadows mocked their despair. Stone walls stood proudly covering the warriors while debris coiled around the battleground with deadly intentions. The soldier, who stood fiercely, was secretly terrified: his eyes shot around with fear. As the soldiers scrambled to their feet, the heavy machines rattled and followed their prey in the unfair game. Screams echoed through the landscape while the scent of blood stuck to the lifeless bodies that held fear and remorse.



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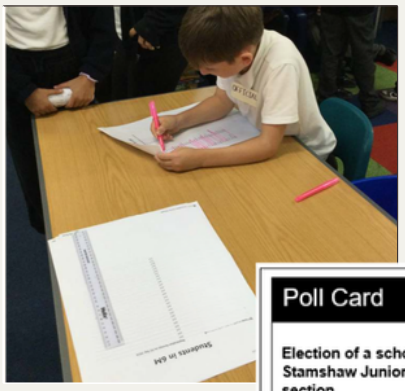
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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

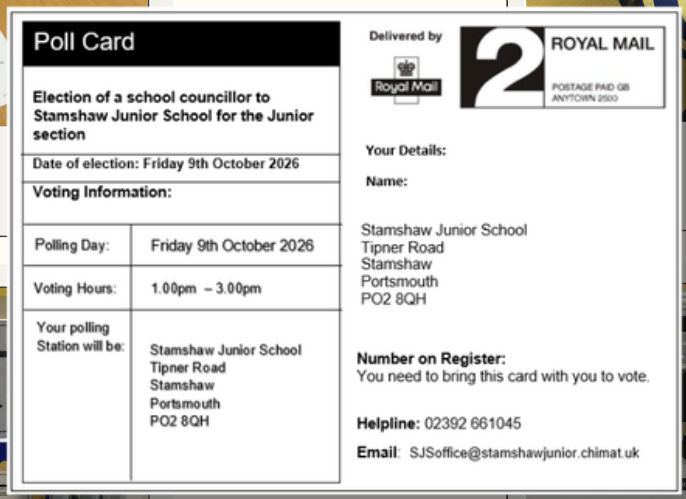
On Friday 9th October, pupils took part in our annual School Council elections. Candidates delivered speeches to their classmates before pupils visited the polling station to cast their vote using a ballot paper. Votes were then counted and the successful School Councillors announced.

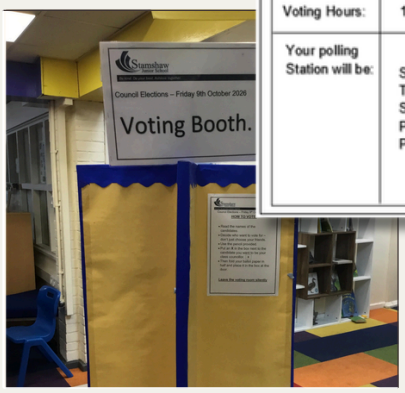
This exciting experience is part of our PSHE curriculum and helps children develop their understanding of the Fundamental British Values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law, mutual respect, and tolerance.

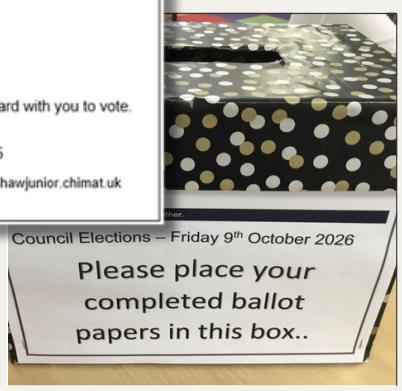
Congratulations to all of our newly elected School Councillors, and well done to every pupil who took part in the democratic process!











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WEAR RED DAY

On 16th October, we proudly took part in Wear Red Day, with children coming to school dressed in red to support Show Racism the Red Card. Throughout the day, pupils actively participated in discussions and activities, demonstrating their understanding of the importance of equality, kindness and respect for all. This important event reflects our inclusive ethos and reinforces our commitment to the Fundamental British Values, particularly respect and tolerance for others. It was wonderful to see the whole school community come together to celebrate diversity and promote a positive message of inclusion.



www.stamshawjunior.chimat.uk/british-values

WEAR RED DAY 26

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

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ROCKSTEADY

Our amazing Rocksteady children have begun their sessions and preparations are under way for the first concert of the year. Have you thought about signing your child up for Rocksteady music lessons? There are so many benefits to learning an instrument! As well as acquiring an exciting new skill, it can improve memory, reduce anxiety, regulate behaviour and boost confidence too! Visit the website to register your child and snap up one of the remaining spaces.

https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/

DANCE LIVE 2027!

This year we are taking part in Dance Live!
The Competition is held at Portsmouth Guildhall on Friday 29th January 2027.
The Stamshaw Junior Dance Live team are made up of year 4, 5 & 6 pupils.
Our theme this year is **Around the World**, celebrating the diverse cultures of our school.
Rehearals are already underway and are going well.

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DIARY DATES

2026

Parents' Evenings - Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th November 3:45pm-6:30pm

5P visit to Goodwood Farm - Thursday 12th November
5G visit to Goodwood Farm - Thursday 19th November } **Details to Follow**

Children in Need & World Kindness Day - Friday 13th November - Non Uniform Day

Anti Bully & Kindness Week - 16th November

INSET Day - 27th November - **School Closed**

Year 6 Titanic Trip - Wednesday 9th December - **Details to follow**

Rocksteady Concert to Parents - Friday 11th December

Last Day of Term - Friday 18th December - Children may leave at 1:15pm

****Christmas arrangements and further dates will be provided after Half Term****

2027

INSET Day - Monday 4th January - **School Closed**

Back to School - Tuesday 5th January

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DIARY DATES

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Wednesday 28th October - Light Up Stamshaw



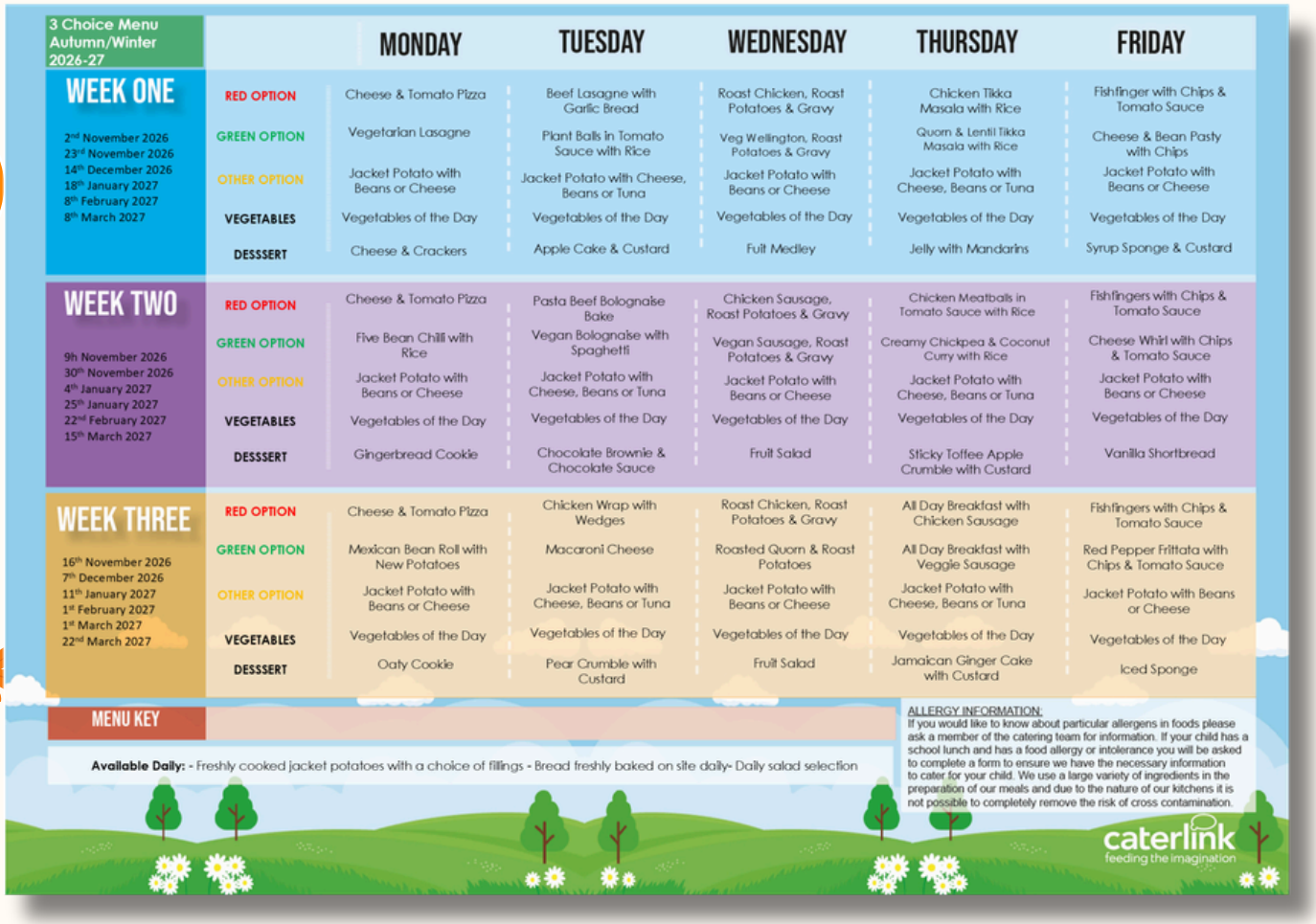
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SCHOOL MEALS

Our school meals are provided by Caterlink Ltd and cost £2.98 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.
The Autumn/Winter menu runs from November 2026 - March 2027

You can download a copy of the menu from our website
www.stamshawjunior.chimat.uk/parents/school-meals



3 Choice Menu Autumn/Winter 2026-27		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 2nd November 2026 23rd November 2026 14th December 2026 18th January 2027 8th February 2027 8th March 2027	RED OPTION	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfinger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	GREEN OPTION	Vegetarian Lasagne	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Quorn & Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips
	OTHER OPTION	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese
	VEGETABLES	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	DESSSERT	Cheese & Crackers	Apple Cake & Custard	Fuit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Syrup Sponge & Custard
WEEK TWO 9h November 2026 30th November 2026 4th January 2027 25th January 2027 22nd February 2027 15th March 2027	RED OPTION	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pasta Beef Bolognaise Bake	Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	GREEN OPTION	Five Bean Chilli with Rice	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti	Vegan Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Chickpea & Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	OTHER OPTION	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese
	VEGETABLES	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	DESSSERT	Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Brownie & Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 16th November 2026 7th December 2026 11th January 2027 1st February 2027 1st March 2027 22nd March 2027	RED OPTION	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Wrap with Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Breakfast with Chicken Sausage	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	GREEN OPTION	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Roasted Quorn & Roast Potatoes	All Day Breakfast with Veggie Sausage	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	OTHER OPTION	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese
	VEGETABLES	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	DESSSERT	Oaty Cookie	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Iced Sponge

MENU KEY

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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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.



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WRAPAROUND CARE

Stamshaw Junior School Breakfast Club



Open every school day from:

8:00am

Breakfast:

Toast, cereal & juice provided

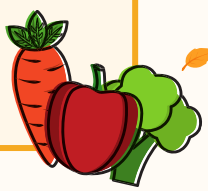
Come and have breakfast, hang out with your friends and play games.

Only £2 Per session

After School Provision

After school club continues to be held at the Infant school for now but will be coming to the Junior school soon! We will keep you updated.

Please continue making bookings and payments at the Infant school.



NUT FREE

P.E.

Our P.E. Days are as follows:

Year 3 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 6 - Monday

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their kit on their P.E. day.

- T-Shirt in House colour
- Plain shorts
- Trainers
- Plain tracksuit for the winter
- No Football Kits



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ATTENDANCE

Ensuring that your child is in school, on time, every day is the most important commitment we ask of all parents and carers.
Thank you to everyone working hard to get to school on time every day.

Absences

If your child will not be attending school due to illness, please contact us by 8:45am using the following details:
Tel: 02392 661045
E-mail: sjsinfo@stamshawjunior.chimat.uk



We are here to help

If you need support with persistent absence or lateness, please contact our Attendance Officer, Liam Sandy via the school office.

CONTACT US

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