



## Messages from the Head Teacher

This week has been a truly historic one for Stretton, as we proudly opened our doors for the very first time to our new Nursery children! It has been wonderful to see our youngest pupils settle into school life so quickly. They have already been busy making new friends, exploring their new surroundings and discovering all that Nursery has to offer. We have been incredibly proud of how confidently they have approached their first week. There has been plenty of excitement from our older pupils too, particularly those with younger siblings joining us. They have loved seeing their brothers and sisters in school and sharing a little part of their school day with them.

Meanwhile, learning has been in full swing during our first full week of term. Our children have thrown themselves enthusiastically into a fantastic range of new topics, including the Stone Age, Baghdad, Meteorology, World War I and What Makes History. It has been wonderful to see such curiosity, enthusiasm and engagement across the school as pupils begin their new learning journeys.

Reminder that on PE days Children should come to school wearing their PE kit. Please can we remind families that our PE kit consists of: a plain white T-shirt, black bottoms, a plain black jumper or school jumper and trainers. Please note that football shirts and tops with logos are not acceptable as PE kit. We appreciate your support in ensuring that children come to school in the correct PE kit on their PE days. If your child wears wellies to school because of weather or if they are attending forest school please can you also send in a change of shoes so they are not wearing wellies all day in school.

Please ensure you have activated your My Child at School (MCAS) account. If you need any support setting up your account, please contact the school office either in person or by emailing: [school.office@stretton.covmat.org](mailto:school.office@stretton.covmat.org) Please note that we are no longer able to accept cash payments in school. All payments for items such as school trips, breakfast club and other school activities will now need to be made through the MCAS system. You can also check and update contact details including telephone numbers and addresses through MCAS.

After school clubs will begin next week— information has been sent out separately for these. Clubs will run from 3.15–4.15pm. Children will need to be collected from school at 4.15pm even if they are a year 6 child that is usually allowed to walk home independently. Clubs need to be signed up for via MCAS.

Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school shortly. Consent forms will be emailed directly to parents and carers by the School Nursing Service. Please look out for the email and complete and return the consent form at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community healthy and well this winter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and we are excited about everything that lies ahead. We look forward to a happy, successful and exciting term, filled with new experiences, wonderful learning and lots of opportunities for our children to thrive!

## Notices



**SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER**

**Willenhall**  
Community Meeting

**SATURDAY  
26TH  
SEPTEMBER  
2PM - 4PM**

**THE HAGARD  
COMMUNITY  
CENTRE**

**OPEN TO ALL!**

what could we build to make Willenhall better for all?

community centre?

join local people and be a part of the process

parks? youth spaces?

**FREE PARKING! FREE FOOD! CHILDREN WELCOME!**

### Stretton Stars

|        |   |          |
|--------|---|----------|
| Year 1 | ★ | Elnathan |
| Year 2 |   | Aniyah   |
| Year 3 |   | Ebony ★  |
| Year 4 |   | Dawson   |
| Year 5 |   | Sreeja   |
| Year 6 | ★ | Louie    |

### Attendance

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Reception | 96.2% |
| Year 1    | 88.3% |
| Year 2    | 91.9% |
| Year 3    | 98.3% |
| Year 4    | 94.9% |
| Year 5    | 95.0% |
| Year 6    | 96.4% |

Breakfast Club will operate as follows:

Paid provision from 7.45am–8.45am at a cost of £1.00 per day. Free provision from 8.15am–8.45am. You do not need to book. Payments will be charged to your MCAS account.

| Date                     | Event                                           |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 16th September | Year 2 Church Visit                             |
| Wednesday 16th September | Reception Parents Phonics Workshop              |
| Thursday 17th September  | Year 3 Trip—Stanwick Lakes                      |
| Tuesday 22nd September   | Flu Vaccines—Information to follow              |
| Wednesday 23rd September | Year 5 Church Visit                             |
| Tuesday 29th September   | Parents Maths Workshop 9–10am                   |
| Wednesday 30th September | Year 1 Church Visit                             |
| Thursday 1st October     | Year 6 Parents SATS workshop 3.15pm             |
| Friday 2nd October       | Early Years Grandparents Afternoon Tea          |
| Wednesday 7th October    | Year 5/6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting 3.30pm |
| Wednesday 14th October   | Individual School Photographs                   |