

The Richard Crosse C of E (A) Primary School

Newsletter September 2025



Our Motto: Believe and Achieve

Our Values: Love - Respect - Friendship

Our Christian Vision: Philippians 4:13: 'I can do everything through Him who gives me strength'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the close of Autumn 1, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Pre school, Reception and all new children who have recently joined our school community. It has been wonderful to see their bright faces and boundless enthusiasm as they pass through the gates each morning!

This term, our commitment to outdoor learning has taken centre stage across all year groups; the children are loving this new addition to our curriculum, which wouldn't have been possible without the support of PTA funding, a huge thanks to everyone who has organised and supported events. On that note, I am pleased to report that our most recent PTA event, the Colour Run, was a great success - bringing together families, fun and exercise, while also raising valuable funds for our school initiatives.

We are thrilled to have begun a whole-school collective art piece, which will be unveiled later this year—an exciting collaborative project that will seal a moment in time for the future generations of our school. Additionally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your generous contributions to our Harvest Festival in support of Lichfield Food Bank. Your kindness plays a significant role in helping those in need in our community.

We have been actively engaging with the NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe programme, reinforcing our commitment to keeping our children safe. Furthermore, I would like to commend our Year 6 children for their efforts during the Macmillan Coffee Morning, which raised an impressive £276 to support this invaluable charity. Your support not only contributes to significant care for those affected by cancer but also strengthens our sense of community.

Our Class 3 children enjoyed a fantastic Outdoor Education Residential at Standon Bowers, further enhancing their learning experience. I also wish to thank you for your excellent attendance at parents' evening, your involvement is crucial in building a supportive team around your child's education.

As we move forward, please remember that parking outside the school remains a concern. Prioritising the safety of our children is paramount. A gentle reminder, our school PE kit must consist of plain and unbranded items (trainers may be branded, provided they are all black).

Well done for a fantastic and positive start to the year children! Enjoy your half term break everyone, it is well deserved!

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Kind regards,
Ms Bowring
(Headteacher)



Parking Safety Competition

Thank you to all of the children who entered our school council Parking Safety Competition. The safety of our children is our top priority, and that extends to the moments they arrive at and depart from school. Safe and responsible parking outside school is not just a matter of convenience, it is essential for the wellbeing and safety of everyone - **everyone should actively take responsibility for this.**

Well done to Ava F and Lottie for their amazing winning designs which will be copied and displayed as safety reminders to all road users outside school.



3R's - Relational Behaviour Update

The children have responded really well to the update in our behaviour system introduced at the start of this term. Ask them about the 3R's, can they give you examples about how they can show these in school?



Poetry Competition - Calling all poets!!



Stafford Grammar (Prep) School **POETRY COMPETITION** Guest Judge: Pep the Poet



Your Poetry Focus

Year 1/2 - I am Happy (Group poem)

Y3: My Favourite Thing

Y4: The Magic of Thank You

Y5: The Ripple of Kindness

Y6: The Power of a Smile

As a school we have entered a poetry competition through Stafford Grammar School, however if over the holidays your child would like to write some more competition entries to hand back to their teacher when they return, here are the details!!

(A template will be emailed out to accompany this newsletter)

The length of each poem ideally should not exceed 30 lines.

- The poem must fit on one A4 page.
- Entries should be handwritten where possible
- All entries must be original work from the pupil.
- Pupils are free to use any poetry form they wish.
- Poems must be in English

Themes:

Year 1/2 - I am happy (Group poem)

Year 3 - My Favourite Thing

Year 4 - The Magic of Thank you

Year 5 - The Ripple of Kindness

Year 6 - The Power of a Smile

Schools will be notified of winners by 17th November 2025

Presentation Ceremony Wednesday 26th November at 6pm. This will be held at Stafford Grammar School in the Library Theatre.

Winners will read their poems out at this event.

Winners will receive a certificate and a goodie bag!

Judging criteria:

- Imaginative ideas
- Structure
- Use of poetic devices

Good Luck!!!

PTA Christmas Market
28th November 2.45pm - 4.45pm

Fancy doing some crafting over half term???

You can enter multiple times, the more entries the more chance of winning a prize! We've had some amazing ones in the past, let's see what this year brings!



Values and 'The Big Question'

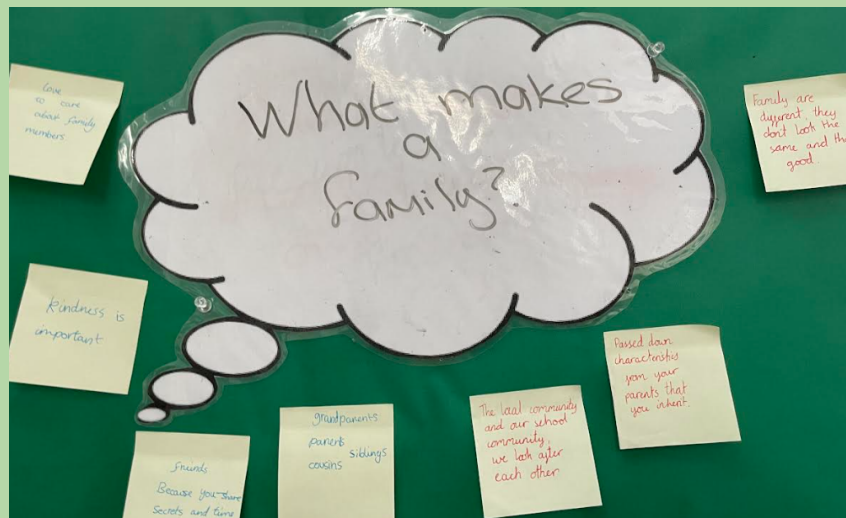
This half term's value has been 'responsibility', the children have looked at how we can show this and what it looks like to others and in the bible. The worship council made a beautiful 'responsibili-tree'



'The Big Question' supports our children to become deeper thinkers by posing and discussing questions that have no right or wrong answer. This half terms question was

'What makes a family?'

As you can see the children came up with some amazing ideas and had some beautiful, respectful discussions along the way!



Next half term.....

Our BIG question is: What's more important - giving or receiving?

Our focus value is: Service

What do they mean to you and your family? It would be lovely for the children to come to school with some ideas that you have discussed together over the holidays!

Have your children had their eyes tested?



The holidays are a great time to get your children tested, it's not always easy to spot if your children are having difficulty with their vision, so it's best to get them checked. Children can struggle on without realising they can't see properly as they've never known any different, this can really affect their ability to learn in school

NHS Eye tests for all children are free at any Opticians.

It is important that even children with apparently normal vision should be tested. As children can often compensate very well for some eye problems which need to be identified and treated early to avoid lifelong visual loss.

The Eye test checks that your child's vision is developing normally. It is performed at this age so that any reduced vision or difference in vision between each eye can be picked up before the visual system is fully developed and any treatment can be started.

You do not need to do anything, if your child:

Is **currently** under the care of an Eye Specialist (Ophthalmologist / Orthoptist / Optometrist) at a Hospital Eye Clinic.

Or

Is **currently** under the care of a local Optometrist (Optician) or had a recent sight test.

If none of the above applies, please arrange with your local Opticians for your child to have a free NHS Eye Test.



CEO LETTER Autumn 1 2025

As the Autumn colours become so vibrant, it's hard to believe we have already reached the end of this wonderful, yet long, first half-term. Goodness, where has the time gone!

It has been a period packed with excellent learning and vibrant opportunities for your children, from exciting trips and visitors to residential, services and a range of events. We are so proud of everything that has happened across our seven schools and to the staff for ensuring this happens so seamlessly for our children.

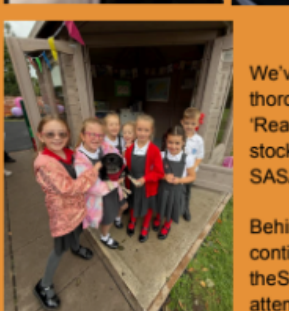
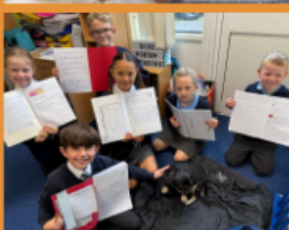
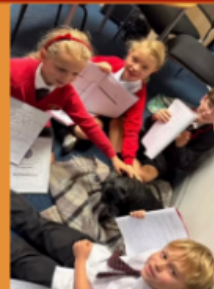
I have thoroughly loved visiting all of our schools several times again. My visits have been for many reasons, including curriculum and standards meetings, but my highlights are always the moments I get to see the children's enthusiasm firsthand. I've had the pleasure of being involved in pupil voice sessions at All Saints, St Mary's, The Howard, and St Andrew's, and it was a privilege to hear their thoughts.

I've also been blessed to attend some of our lovely harvest services at Anson, Richard Crosse, All Saints, and St Mary's. Thank you so much for your generous donations and for helping us celebrate that wonderful sense of community spirit.

Children at St Mary's led our Trust worship on responsibility - it was so well structured with lots of opportunity to answer and join in. They looked at a range of responsibilities as well as online safety!

We've had some fantastic community events, too and was thoroughly delighted to be asked to officially open the new 'Reading Shed' at St Andrew's. It looks gorgeous and is fully stocked for the children. What a wonderful achievement by the SASA (PTA) - the children were so excited!

Behind the scenes, our Headteachers, leaders, and governors continue to work diligently. We have held positive 'Team around the School' meetings to review our curriculum, standards, and attendance, celebrating much success while also identifying our next steps for development. Our school leaders are also working hard to unpick the latest OFSTED framework to ensure we are always moving forward. Please be reassured that this is all positive, background work to make your children's education the best it can be.



Rev. Jules Smith & Sophie Skelton



We are thrilled to formally welcome our new Directors Sophie Skelton and Rev. Jules Smith for link Directors roles for The Mease.

It just leaves me to say a huge thank you to you all for your support during this superb half-term.

I know many children are looking forward to Halloween. If your family is taking part in 'trick or treating,' we hope you have a wonderful time—please stay safe, be visible in the dark, and be respectful of neighbours who may not be celebrating. As a Christian Trust, this time of year also reminds us, as the nights draw in, to be a positive light in our communities, reflecting the message of hope and the light of Jesus that shines brightly for all.

I hope you and your children have a very restful and well-deserved break. We look forward to seeing everyone back for Autumn 2 after our staff INSET day where we are looking further at the effective use of AI in our work.

Thank you, regards, Charlene Gethin and *Ralph*.