



HEADTEACHER | Mr. Simon Elledge

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Dear Parents,

A busy first week back for all, if you haven't seen me for a couple of days I was off redoing my First Aid qualification!

We are all looking forward to World Book day and the return of bedtime stories next Thursday, just a plea from me, please don't let your children talk you into buying costumes, simple ideas do not take time or money...see the bottom of the newsletter.

Also please don't forget Parents' Evenings are fast approaching and appointments will be opening up tomorrow.

Have a good weekend,



Mr Elledge

Attendance this week, well done to Year Reception and Year 1!

YEAR R	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
100%	100%	98.2%	98.2%	96.1%	97%	86.1%



These **weekly awards** recognise those children going '**Over and Above**' in each class.

We are proud to share that these children have been chosen for this award this week

Year R	awarded to Woody for being a brilliant phonics partner and Bryony for fantastic independent writing.
Year 1	awarded to Ethan for his descriptive recount of his half term and Brodie for his positive attitude to learning!
Year 2	awarded to Alfie for making a fantastic effort in his writing and Leia for making a fantastic start in her new phonics group.
Year 3	awarded to Willow for giving 100% in all of her lessons and Aeric for settling into Woodpeckers class so well.
Year 4	awarded to Leo for fantastic effort in maths lessons and Jack for a super effort in English writing.
Year 5	awarded to Isabelle for working exceptionally hard to understand decimals in maths and Tajus for consistently making the right choices and being a kind, caring friend.
Year 6	awarded to Alfie for focussed work in Art recreating famous paintings and Ollie for detailed persuasive sentences written in English.



HEADTEACHER AWARD



This week the award goes to

Rosie in Year 4 for always making the right choices in school.

WORLD BOOK DAY®

5 MARCH 2026

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

RED



YELLOW



GREEN



BLUE



Safeguarding

If you have safeguarding concerns outside of school...
There is a Single point of contact for all safeguarding concerns

Tel: 01305228866

If you believe a child is at risk of immediate harm,
you should contact 999.



Our next Family Service with a baptism is at St. Mary's Church, Stalbridge, on **Sunday 1st March at the new time of 10.30.**

If you would like to be involved in the Family Service, please see Canon Richard, Judy or your class teacher. We would love to hear from you. Kate and Helen will as usual be leading us in some fun action songs and percussion playing.

Refreshments will be available after the service, and there is a small play area to keep younger siblings entertained.

We look forward to welcoming you .





SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Who's your favourite Gladiator?

Gladiators star Zack George ('Steel') is teaming up with Smartphone Free Childhood as an official ambassador – bringing kids a straight-talking message about strength, focus, and real confidence.

No Lectures. No doom and gloom. Just a simple reminder:
don't let your phone rob you of your power.

And it doesn't matter whether your child has a phone yet or not. This is about building confidence, practising self-control, and staying in charge of your attention – essential skills every young person needs to thrive.



👉 Watch with your kids

What Families Can Do

🔗 Sign the Parent Pact to delay smartphones until at least the end of primary school – it takes just 30 seconds.

🔗 Keep conversations going at home about phones and social media – even if your older child already has a smartphone, there is plenty of really useful guidance.

🔗 Connect with other parents to support shared boundaries and reduce pressure on children.

This isn't about banning all technology – it's about giving children time to grow, play and enjoy childhood... while they still can.

👉 And if your child keeps asking for a phone, maybe show them this!

A big thank you to the Senior Leadership Team for being so supportive of parents having this conversation.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A cubs LEADER

Are you passionate about giving back to the community and creating positive change?
We are seeking a dedicated volunteer to join Stalbridge Scout Group as
Cubs Pack Leader.

You will:

- ✓ Support Young People aged 8 to 10 ½ in a pack of up to 20
- ✓ Create fun and educational meetings
- ✓ Receive all training and support needed
- ✓ Know you are making a difference to Young People in Stalbridge



Volunteer Requirements:

- Minimum 18 Years Old
- Be Committed
- Have time to plan and run weekly meetings
- Good communication skills
- Eager to learn and upskill yourself and the Young People in your Cubs Pack



Easy Ideas for World Book Day Costumes

Mr Bump (Bandages)

Room on the Broom (Witch Costume)

Burglar Bill (Stripey Top/mask)

Charlie & Chocolate Factory (Golden Ticket)

Beast Quest (Shield & Sword)

Peter Rabbit (Bunny Ears)

Dear Zoo (Animal mask)

Matilda (Dress & Red Hair Ribbon)

Harry & his Bucket of Dinosaurs (Beach Bucket/Toy Dinos)

Boy in the Dress (Just a Dress!)

Pippi Longstocking (Pigtails and Stripey Socks)

Percy the Park Keeper (Gardening Clothes/Flat Cap)

Bob the Builder (Hi Vis/Hard Helmet)

Peter Pan (Wendy – Long Nightdress)

Peter Pan (Tinkerbell – Fairy Costume)

Harry Potter (Draw Scar on Forehead/Tie/Wand)

You may be able to use some items you already have

– or be creative with some recycling or crafting.

We can't wait to see what you decide.