

Easter is making an appearance!



We have a beautiful Easter tree going up.



And the children have been decorating stones!

Welcome to the latest edition of the Staverton Bell, the space to celebrate everything happening in the life of the school and beyond! This term seems to have flown by as we welcome less cold and wet weather and more sunny evenings (hopefully!).

Your children continue to impress us with their hard work and achievements. Everyone is preparing for the imminent return of KS2 SATS, KS1 SATS, phonics screening checks and the new multiplication tables check in year 4. Whilst we are not putting any undue pressure on children, we do want them to achieve their very best from their starting points. There are so many success stories of children across the school making great strides in their learning and this can't be underestimated considering the years of disruption that have gone before.

The school continues to develop its curriculum to ensure that your children get the best possible learning. After Easter, we see a renewed focus on reading and using high-quality texts in English lessons. A new approach to teaching maths is being trialled and we are excited for the impact that this will have on supporting, and challenging, children.

As well as English and Maths, there is so much to pay attention to. This newsletter celebrates so many of the things that are happening beyond the classroom, whether it be families' fundraising efforts, success in competitions, amazing displays, fantastic costumes or surprise 4-legged visitors, these are the things that make us a community school where children and adults, know that they belong and are valued.

Easter is a time of fresh starts, where we pass from the cold and lifeless winter into the vibrant hope of spring. I wish you a wonderful Easter holidays and hope that you and your family experience some of that Easter renewal.

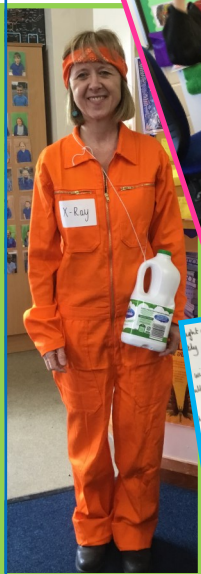
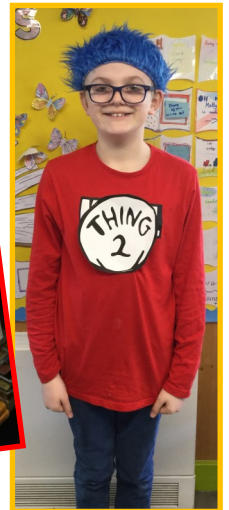
Ed Powe, Headteacher





# Book Week 2022

Thank you to everyone for participating so enthusiastically in our World Book Week events this year. The costumes were amazing and everyone had a lot of fun!





## Basil the therapy dog

We have a new friend who will be visiting us regularly in school! Meet Basil, our therapy dog who will be listening to the children read on a Monday morning. He is super friendly and is adored by everyone who has met him so far!



Follow Basil on Instagram @basil\_the\_therapy\_dog



## Our Lego Vision

You may recall that as part of a staff INSET day back in September, the team created their own vision for the school made entirely from Lego!

It is called 'Lego serious play' and is used by companies like Virgin Atlantic and Ikea to establish their aims and ambitions as a company.



As a school, we created models of 'what we want Staverton school to be'.

We also wrote headlines for newspapers in 2023, based on what we wanted Staverton to be famous for.

These Lego models are now on display in the school foyer and serve as a powerful reminder of the school that we are aspiring to be. I really encourage you to take a look-the children certain-





Eco-Council has been very busy this term!

Following the results of our Environmental Audit we have decided to focus on the following three areas: Waste/ Litter, Water and Improvement of the school grounds.

We will be looking at water usage within the school and how we can save water and use it more efficiently. A big thank you to Mr. Dobbin from Eco-Council who recently took the time to show us how our water is provided for us in school. We looked at our water consumption by checking the water meter on the school grounds and Mr. Dobbin explained how the water is then heated in the boiler room.



On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April Eco -Council will be receiving a donation of acorns and pots for our youngest children at Staverton. These have kindly been donated by Tony Britten of Simple Recruitment Ltd 'From little acorns grow great oaks' in a scheme to help replant some of the trees in the fight against waste, especially around Easter time from Eater eggs packaging. We hope the joy of planting these acorns over the Easter break with the children's families and watching them grow will bring continued joy as well as helping with the reforestation of our country and look forward to seeing some pictures as your acorns grow.



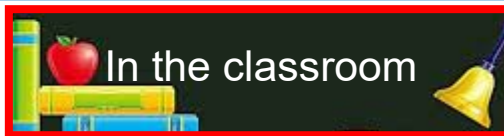
Next term we are very excited to launch a competition with CPW. The competition will be part of the save the bees campaign and we will receive mini boxes of sunflower seeds for each child at Staverton provided by CPW. There will be a sunflower growing competition for each year group and prizes for the winners. More details to follow in the next few weeks.



Finally, don't forget Staverton is taking part in Our Big School clean this year. Please pledge on behalf of the school.

Thanks!  
Staverton Eco-Council





### Robins:

Robins have been learning all about the different seasons this term and have made us a beautiful display to showcase their wonderful work!



### Kingfishers:

Kingfishers have been doing special PSHE lessons, in which they have been playing games learning and talking all about the spectrum of different emotions.



### Sparrows:

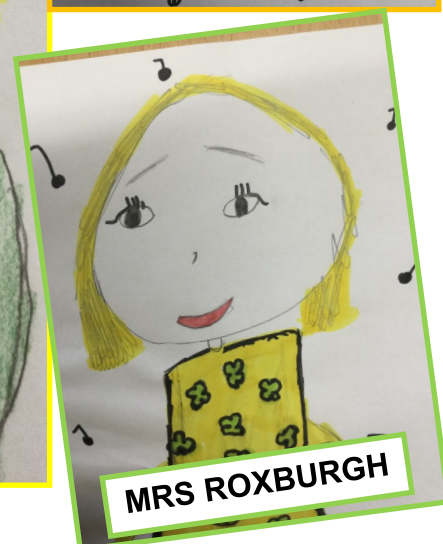
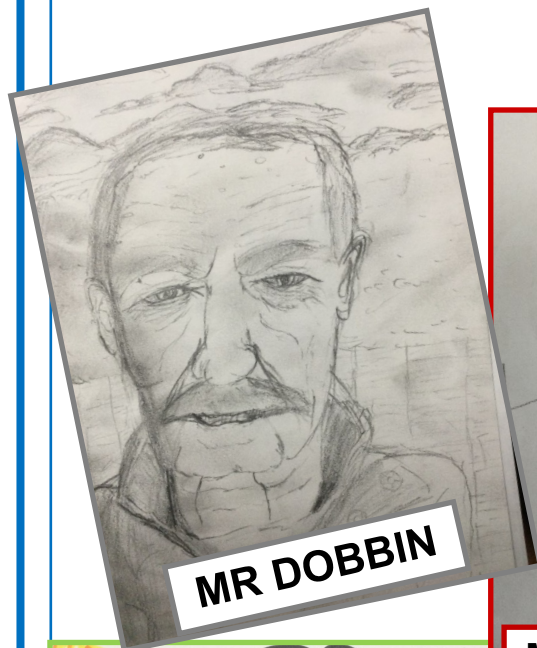
Sparrow had great fun in World Book Week finding comfy and cosy places around the classroom to read their books!





# Website portraits

The children have been tasked with drawing photos of all the staff for out school website.  
Below are just a few of the wonderful pictures!





## Student Spotlight

I'm sure everyone is aware of the devastating events happening in Ukraine at the moment and we would like to take a minute to shine a light on the wonderful work Matthew from Kites class has been doing.

Matthew has been very busy this collecting and buying items for his big sister's school that have linked with a charity to send out directly to help the refugees of Ukraine

Matthew used some of his own money to buy the items, has given some of his own clothes and collected items from our family and friends to donate.

We think it is so lovely that Matthew has taken it upon himself to do something to help people who really need it at the moment - amazing effort Matthew!



We are very proud of Keira from Goldfinches and Olivia from Kingfishers, who represented their dance school last weekend in the 'Locomotion' dance show. They danced 9 dances, 4 times over the whole weekend and did amazingly - well done girls!



We love hearing what our students are getting up to outside of school and anything they are achieving. If they would like to be featured in the Staverton bell, please email [l.adley@staverton.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:l.adley@staverton.wilts.sch.uk)

Our amazing Matilda doing something wonderful this Easter holidays and donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust. It is a charity particularly close to Matilda's heart - please read her story below and help support her if you are able to donate.

**<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gabby-fisher>**



Matilda lost her own hair back in 2017, as a result of her chemotherapy treatment following her diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in 2016. Matilda embraced her beautiful bald head but was aware others didn't always feel the same. Matilda has been determined to grow her own hair to donate ever since, saying that she doesn't need all her hair but she hopes it can make another child happy. She would be really grateful for any donations as an appreciation of her bravery and kindness.

When a child loses their hair to cancer or another condition, we'll be there with a free, real hair wig to help restore their confidence and identity. Please visit us at [www.littleprincesses.org.uk](http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk) to find out how you can help.

Joshua, Oliver and Rafe from Herons class had the wonderful idea of raising money for charity during World Book Week by making bookmarks and selling them at our book fayre. They raised an amazing £70 for the Air Ambulance, Shelter Homeless Charity and RNLI.

Well done for the beautiful bookmarks boys - I'm sure the money raised will help so many people.



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# Fundraising

I've been training to run a FULL marathon. Even as a regular runner I've been amazed at the commitment of time, physical and mental strength it takes to train for an event as huge as this so I may as well add fundraising to my to do list!

I managed 20 miles on Sunday so training is going well!

I'm raising money for a little boy called Raife.

The full story is on my JustGiving page, link below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/runningforraife22?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=runningforraife22&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=052ee2adcc664b46b3fc8bc5f0432648](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/runningforraife22?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=runningforraife22&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=052ee2adcc664b46b3fc8bc5f0432648).

Race day is 24<sup>th</sup> April in Southampton.

I would be so grateful if anyone feels like donating.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Louise Bronson (Parent)

As many of you know I got into the crazy wild swimming in a big way during the first lockdown. I wanted to keep swimming so in winter 2020 joined the Frostbite Challenge as an incentive and as it was such an amazing experience I knew I had to do it again.

So this time I challenged myself to do twice the amount of swims in order to raise money for two charities; Genesis Trust in Bath as well as well as Young Lives Vs Cancer (formerly CLIC Sargent).

Thank you so much to all of you who supported so generously last year, so please don't feel that you have to sponsor me but any amount gratefully received even £1.00.

For Genesis Trust: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teamfrostbite2>

For Young Lives Vs Cancer: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teamfrostbiteii>

Thanks so much, Valerie (music teacher)

## Julia's House Coffee Morning

A parent of the school has organised a coffee morning in aid of Julia's House, for anyone who would like to go along and show their support. Julia's House is a Wiltshire based hospice providing support for children with life-limiting, life-threatening or terminal illnesses and their families.

There will be teas and coffees, cake, a bric-a-brac stall, a book stall and a children's lucky dip!



**Julia's House**  
Wiltshire & Dorset Children's Hospice

**COFFEE MORNING  
SATURDAY 2 APRIL**

**VENUE:** St Mary's Church, Horse Rd, Trowbridge  
**TIME:** 10.00am – 12.00pm, £2.00 entry

Come along to our coffee morning at St Mary's Church. Entry is £2.00. Stalls include a book stall, children's lucky dip, bric a brac stall, cake stall and teas and coffees.

When you raise money for Julia's House your support really does make a life-changing difference to local families with seriously ill children. We are funded by the kindness of the communities we serve, so it's thanks to you we are able to keep our vital service going.

Thank you for your support.

For more information call: **01380 562525** or visit: **juliashouse.org**

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# Dates for the Diary

Friday 8th April	Inset day
Monday 11th - Friday 22nd April	Easter Holidays
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 9th—Friday 13th May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 16th - Friday 20th May	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 19th May	Census Day
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th June	Inset day

**Please see the link on the school website and the online calendar for any additional dates/changes to dates**

## New Reception Places

Thank you to those who have already joined us for tours of the school for reception. Do you have a child due to start school in September 2022 who would like to join our Robins class? Then we would love to hear from you! The deadline for application to the local authority is the 15th January.

**Please get in touch if you would like to visit us and talk to one of the team.**

**EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY!**



## A moment To Reflect...

*An Easter Prayer*

Christ the Lord is risen

And, as all the world rejoices,

Singing of His glory

With such joyful hearts and voices,

May you find that Easter brings you

Peace and faith and hope anew,

And may these blessings fill your heart

With joy the whole year through.

*Happy Easter*