

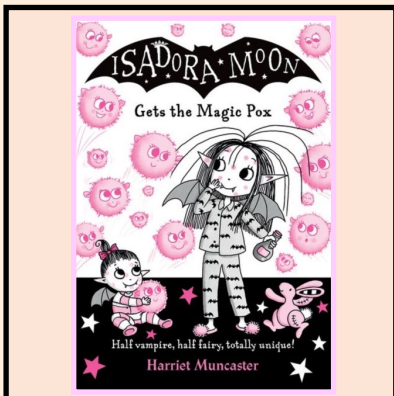


The Staverton Bell

September 2023 - 20th Edition



Meet your new 2023 Student Leaders!



Get some Halloween book inspo for over Half Term.



Vote for us with Tesco's little blue tokens!

Dear Parents Carers,

We have successfully made it to the end of term 1! It seems to have gone really quickly. There is so much to celebrate and smile about.

Something that has really struck me this term has been your children's passion for justice and good causes. We've had fundraising with sunflower seeds, children donating tins and food for harvest and pupils bringing in coins for the Barnardos money box, to name just a few examples.

It's things like this that make us more than just a school, and really help us to be a centre of the community. This is the kind of school Staverton wants to be. Like the mustard tree in our main entrance, reaching out into the village and beyond.

There's so much learning that's taken place this term, and hopefully you've had the chance to get involved. We're so grateful to you as parents for the way you support the school.

I hope you enjoy looking through our newsletter to see your amazing children's achievements. No notices about parking here, just a wonderful collection of great happenings at Staverton.

Have a great half term,

Mr Powe



Introducing...

Your 2023 Staverton School Student Leaders!



Head Boy



Head Girl



Deputy Head Boy



Deputy Head Girl



Youth Parliament



Youth Parliament



HARVEST FESTIVAL



It is the time of year again where we begin to collect food donations as part of our Harvest Festival. This year we are collecting for our local food bank, The Hub in Bradford-on-Avon.

However we are also really excited to announce that we are now a permanent collection point for them, so you will be able to donate food items throughout the whole year to help local people in crisis. We have a trolley for donations in the school reception and would love your help filling it up if you are able.

Biscuits

Sponge puddings

PASTA

Tinned macaroni cheese

FRUIT JUICE

Pasta



THE HUB @ BA15 - BRIDGING THE GAP

T: 01225 920748 W: www.boahub.co.uk
E: boacomunityhub@gmail.com

The Hub@BA15 is a voluntary community project offering advice, counselling, information and support.

The Hub, Church Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LS
Charity number: 1160807



N O O D L E S

Packets of rice

SERVICES OFFERED

- ✓ Warm welcome and a listening ear
- ✓ Internet access
- ✓ Debt & budgeting advice
- ✓ Welfare benefits & tax credit advice
- ✓ Accessing information
- ✓ Meeting room available for hire
- ✓ Signposting to organisations & agencies
- ✓ Form filling assistance
- ✓ Work Club
- ✓ Housing advice
- ✓ Foodbank
- ✓ Counselling

BRADFORD ON AVON COMMUNITY AREA



Working in partnership with: Bradford on Avon Churches Together (BACT), Bradford on Avon Community Area Network and Bradford on Avon Town Council.



Supported by
Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

Tinned Tomatoes

Savoury biscuits

Opening Times: Monday - Friday 10.00- 1.00
See separate opening times for groups including Foodbank, Debt Advice, Work Club

Stronger Starts

We need your help!

We have been selected as a candidate for the Tesco Stronger Starts grant (the little blue tokens you get given at the checkouts!) and our project is being put forward to a customer vote in local Tesco stores.

The title of our application is 'Our waste of space to tranquil place' and we have applied for the grant to try and transform the outdoor space that we have for the children.

Voting is open from now until mid January 2024. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500 the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. You will be able to vote for us in the stores listed below - the more votes we get, the more we will have to create a beautiful outdoor space for our children!

Below are the stores where you can vote - please get us lots of tokens!

2477	Eastbourne Rd Trowbridge	BA14 7HW
3316	Trowbridge Extra	BA14 7AQ
4617	Frome Forest Rd	BA11 2TU
5053	Brook Rd Trowbridge	BA14 9DL
5063	Warminster Express	BA12 8EE
5161	Leigh Park Westbury	BA13 3GL
6160	Westbury Fore Street	BA13 3AY
6246	Melksham	SN12 6TA
6404	Trowbridge Frome Road	BA14 0DT



HAPPY VOTING!



Operation Christmas Hamper

As well as being a long term collection point for The Hub Foodbank, this festive season we are also collecting donations for local charity 'Operation Christmas Hamper'.

Operation Christmas Hamper started in September 2020 in the midst of lockdown. Their aim is to help individuals and families in the community who are struggling for various reasons. Their main aim is to make luxury Christmas hampers for families.

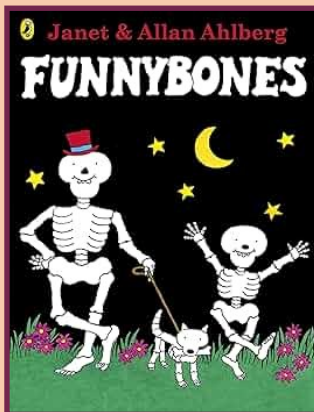
These are not run of the mill 'pasta and sauce hampers', they are luxury ones with all the extra goodies that make Christmas special but are generally expensive: Ribena, hot chocolate, marshmallows, squirty cream, jars of Nutella, jams, pickles, Christmas crackers etc. Please take a peek at the website for donation ideas and more information about what the charity do: <https://www.operationchristmashamper.com/>



Reading for pleasure

Welcome to a new little section of the Staverton Bell. In place of what used to be our Book Buzz newsletter, we are now going to have a little section of the Staverton Bell dedicated to Reading for Pleasure. You will hopefully find some fun and enjoyable recommendations as well as updates on anything reading related that we have going on in school.

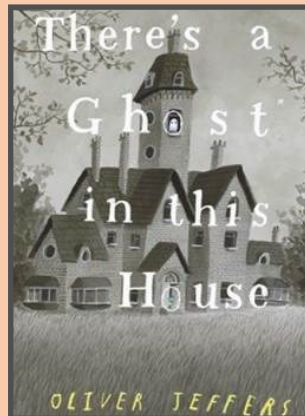
After a Halloween book recommendation?



Age 3-5

Funnybones
by Janet & Allen Ahlberg

Three white-boned skeletons have a great night out when they set forth with the express intention to "frighten somebody". Big skeleton, little skeleton and dog skeleton live in the dark, dark cellar of a dark, dark house on a dark, dark hill and they set out to scare in a dark, dark night.



Age 3-5

There's a Ghost in this house

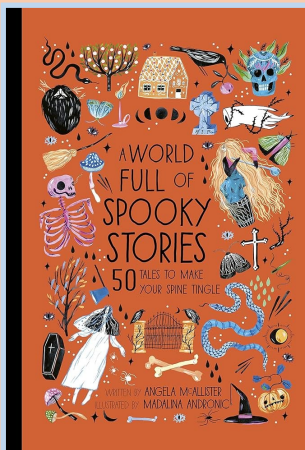
by Oliver Jeffers
A little blue-faced girl welcomes you to her grand old house, which she's heard is haunted. Yet, try as she might, she can't find the ghosts anywhere. Can you find the naughty ghosts?!



Age 5-8

Isadora Moon
by Harriet Muncaster

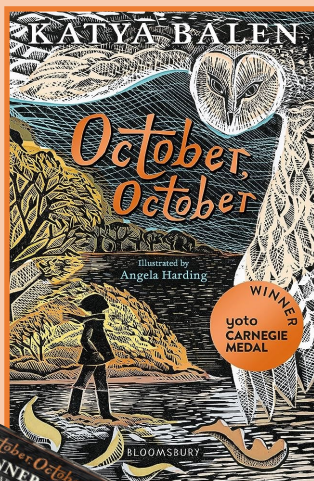
The adorable Isadora Moon returns in a typically riotous story of fake illness and spells gone horribly awry as our heroine desperately tries to avoid a dreaded maths test.



Age 6-11

A World Full of Spooky Stories
by Angela McAllister

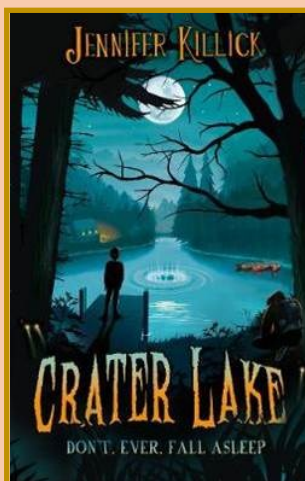
This delightful collection of international stories celebrate the spooky in all manner of different ways from Swedish sea goblins to Russian blacksmiths and German ships to enchanted apple trees.



Age 9-12

October October
by Katya Balen

October and her dad live in the woods. They know the trees and the rocks and the lake and stars like best friends. They live in the woods and they are wild. And that's the way it is. Until the year October turns eleven. That's the year The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back.



Age 9-11

Crater Lake
by Jennifer Killick

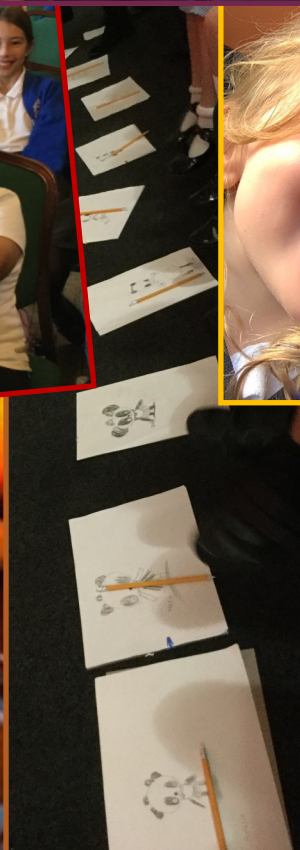
Crater Lake is a fast-paced, high action read full of suspense, scares, twists and turns. Alongside the action, there's witty dialogue and a strong message about staying loyal to your friends and how to stand up for yourself against bullies, whether they're mean kids, monstrous teachers – or even body-snatching aliens.



Reading for pleasure



As a Reading for Pleasure school, books and literature are high up on our list of things we inject into our children's lives. We were fortunate enough to be able to take our children to some of the workshops which took place at this years Bath Children's Literature Festival. We were so impressed with how impeccably all the children behaved and how beautifully they represented the school. Below are some piccies of what they got up to!



Reading for pleasure

As part of National Poetry day and our passion for Reading for Pleasure, year 5/6 have spent the last few weeks reading poetry and writing out their favourite poems.

The children decorated envelopes with the words "A poem for you" on the front. Inside the envelope was a covering letter explaining what we had been doing. We had some lovely feedback from local neighbours who really loved receiving the poems.

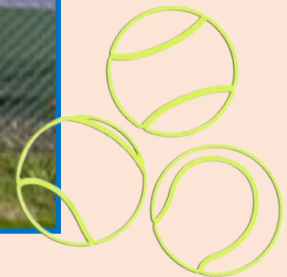
Below are some photos of our Deputy Head Boy and Girl and our Trowbridge Youth Parliament representatives making their deliveries around Staverton!



Student Spotlight

A really huge congratulations to Callum in Kingfishers Class, who was a bit of a super star over the summer and took part in his first Wiltshire County Junior Tennis Championship in Salisbury at the end of August. He played 3 group matches and won his group, he then went on to win the semi final and the final, meaning he won U8 Boys Singles County Cup.

He will start back training now with the U9's Junior Development Team at Team Bath. We are very proud of you Callum - don't forget us when you win Wimbledon!



Congratulations to Olivia in Kites class who got not one, but two medals for her dance exams.

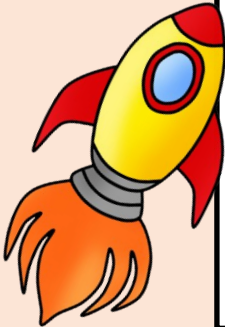
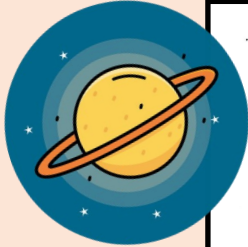
She was awarded a highly commended for both Jazz and Hip-Hop. We are so super proud of you Olivia and can't wait to see what you achieve next!



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

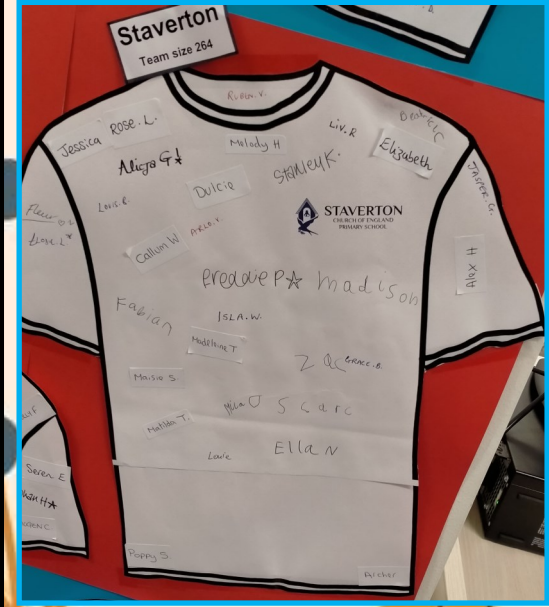
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A special shout out to Jasper in Kingfishers class who went above and beyond doing some extra exploring at home on the topic of Space that they were looking at in class. Here are some fab space facts he shared with us that we thought people might enjoy!



Space Facts

1. Did you know that the sun is 150.53 million Km from Earth?
2. Did you know that the first animals on the moon were 2 tortoises?
3. Did you know that if you were to drive to neptune it would take 9 decades?
4. Did you know that Neil Armstrong was only 38 when he landed on the moon?
5. Did you know in 1961 Yuri Gagarin was the first person in space?
6. Did you know the time when Neil Armstrong landed on the moon was 02:56 GMT?
7. Did you know that Neil Armstrong lived in Ohio?
8. Did you know when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon his two sons Mark and Rick were watching him on TV?
9. Did you know the first rocket to reach space was a V2 missile by Germany in 1942?
10. Did you know *Apollo 11 launched from Cape Kennedy?



Congratulations to all our amazing children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays.

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Dates for the Diary

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November	Anti-bullying week
Friday 3rd November	FOSS School Disco
Tuesday 7th November	School photo day (individual and sibling)
Wednesday 8th November	Parents phonics info session (R & Y1)
Tuesday 14th November	Reception 2024 starters open day
Saturday 25th November	School Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5th December	Robins class nativity performance
Wednesday 6th December	Whole school Pantomime trip
Friday 8th December	KS2 carol service
Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th December	KS1 nativity performance
Wednesday 13th December	School Christmas lunch!
Tuesday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays

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

A moment to reflect...

Is your child start school next September?

Come and have a look around our school and ask any questions you might have (feel free to bring your little one along too!) We have some open days coming up, or alternatively phone the office and book for a date and time that suits you.

Open days:

- 14th November 2pm
- 14th November 6pm

****Remember admissions for 2024 reception intake closes on 15th January 2024!****

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.