

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to a new term at Stepgates. I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and healthy Christmas. I would also like to thank you all for the good wishes, cards and end of year class presents and treats for the staff - these are very much appreciated. The children have settled back into school quickly and we are all looking forward to an exciting term at Stepgates. You should all be receiving Curriculum Information for this half term and further information is available on the website for each class. This explains the children's learning for this term, regular events e.g. PE, homework expectations etc. and how you can support them at home.

STAFFING

I am very sad to announce that Mrs Unyereno (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) who joined us in 2019 will be leaving us this week. Whilst we are very sad to be losing Mrs Unyereno, we are delighted that she has secured a new, very exciting, role. She is a highly valued member of staff and will be greatly missed by staff and children. We wish her well for the future.

PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings for this term will be held on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March. We will follow the same format, i.e. face-to-face, with appointments held in the School Hall. Further details will be sent home in due course.

As these meetings are a valued opportunity for you to celebrate your child's achievements and support their learning, please contact your child's class teacher if you are not able to attend the meeting.

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to our previous Head Boy, Oliver B and Head Girl, Bella L, Deputy Head Boy, John E and Deputy Head Girl, Isla W. All have been excellent role models.

This term I am pleased to announce that our Head Boy is Freddie C and Head Girl is Lily-Louise B, selected by the children. I am sure they will also be excellent role models in our school community. Congratulations also to our new Deputy Head Boy, Dylan M and Deputy Head Girl, Victoria M. Well done!

CLUBS

As a small school we are very lucky to be able to offer such a varied range of after school clubs and activities for the children. I would like to thank the teaching staff, the LSA's and the parents who give freely of their time to help ensure the continued success of our clubs programme. You might not be aware that staff and parents offer these clubs on a **voluntary basis** only and I am very grateful to them for their continued support, commitment and enthusiasm without which our selection of clubs would be much reduced. If there are any parents who would like to assist with a club, please contact the school office.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all parents who have completed the online Parent Questionnaire for Autumn Term; I am delighted to say, once again, these have been very positive with some lovely comments. Thank you! If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, it is not too late. Your feedback is always valued.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the 66 children who achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term.

Congratulations to Owls and Butterflies Classes for the best attendance in the last two weeks.

	16th-20th December	6th-10th January
WHOLE SCHOOL	90.8%	95.6%
Ladybirds	90.6%	96.1%
Butterflies	90.3%	97.4%
Grasshoppers	86.7%	96.1%
Falcons	87.9%	93.5%
Hawks	88.1%	94.4%
Owls	98.1%	96.5%
Kites	94.9%	95.8%

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

PROUD CORNER

Well done to:

- ♦ Molly F, Year 2 - 60 Mile Walking Challenge
- ♦ Lucas G, Year 2 - Football Trophy, Player of the Week

Thank you for sharing your success with the children at our Whole School Assembly.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to the following children who have been presented with Headteacher Awards:

- * James E, Year 6
- * Toby E, Year 3
- * Lottie T, Year 2
- * Harvey B, Year 2

AUTUMN TERM GOVERNORS' ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

I am delighted to announce that the following children have been presented with Governors' Achievement Awards for their achievements in Autumn term:

Infants

- Omer O** (Year 2) - For his fabulous attitude towards learning and commitment across the curriculum.
Mia N (Year 2) - For her consistent effort and commitment to learning across the curriculum.

Juniors

- James F** (Year 6) - For his enthusiasm and consistently positive attitude towards all areas of his learning.
Isla W (Year 6) - For her desire to learn and incredible resilience across the curriculum.

Sporting Achievement Awards were presented to:

- Adewonuola O** (Year 5) - For her diverse range of sports skills and demonstrating excellence in dance.
John E (Year 6) - For being a superb sportsman, his excellent leadership and commitment to sports.
Maisie L (Year 2) - For showing consistent effort in PE lessons and her all-round enthusiasm in sports.
Kallum B (Year 1) - For his enthusiasm in PE lessons and demonstrating excellence in football.

The Arts Awards were presented to:

- Florence H** (Year 4) - For her enthusiasm and commitment to the arts, especially dance.
Stanley F (Year 6) - For his excellence in art and wonderful care and attention to detail.
Samson V (Year 2) - For creativity in art, showing impressive technical skills using natural materials.
Arabella F (Year 2) - For her creative skills, culminating in excellence across the arts.

Congratulations to these children for their hard work and enthusiasm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PANTOMIME

On Wednesday 18th December the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch and were very excited to receive a visit from Father Christmas.

This was followed by a pantomime performed by Troubadour Productions, who presented their version of Rapunzel, much to the delight of the children, who all had a fantastic time.

HO HO HO!



Our Value for this Half Term is:



Compassion

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH



Paul McCartney - Born: 1942

Sir James Paul McCartney CH MBE is an English singer, songwriter, musician, and record and film producer who gained worldwide fame as co-lead vocalist and bassist for the Beatles. His song writing partnership with John Lennon remains the most successful in history.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Adonna Jantina Khare - Born: 1980

Adonna Jantina Khare is an American artist from Burbank, California mainly focused on large-scale pencil drawings. She received her Masters of Fine Art from California State University Long Beach. Her work has been collected by prestigious public and private collections throughout the world. In 2012 she won the world's largest art competition ArtPrize, competing against over 1500 artists from all around the world.

DATES - 2024/2025

UPCOMING EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2025

Friday 24th January	Hawks Class Assembly (9:05am)
Monday 27th January	Falcons Class Trip to Chertsey Museum
Friday 7th February	Ladybirds Class Assembly (9:05am)
Thursday 13th February	Children finish at normal time for half term
Friday 14th February	INSET Day - School closed
Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb	Half Term
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Friday 28th February	Falcons Class Assembly (9:05am)
Monday 3rd March and Tuesday 4th March	Parent-Teacher Consultation Evenings for Years R-6 (Further details to follow)
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 7th March	Grasshoppers Class Assembly (9:05am)
Friday 14th March	Butterflies Class Assembly (9:05am)
Friday 21st March	Owls Class Assembly (9:05am)
Monday 24th March	Book Fair this week
Wed 2nd to Fri 4th April	Year 4 Residential Trip
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term - Children finish at 1pm
Mon 7th to Mon 21st April	Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2025

**DURING MAY ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE
NO AUTHORISED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED DURING THIS TIME**

Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 12th - Thurs 15th May	SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Week
Wednesday 21st May	Class Photographs
Thursday 22nd May	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
Thursday 22nd May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Friday 23rd May	INSET Day - School closed
Mon 26th to Fri 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Mon 2nd to Fri 6th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 9th June	INSET Day - School closed
Thursday 26th June	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter Studios
Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July	Secondary School Induction Days - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm



Thank you from Runnymede Foodbank to all parents who kindly donated Advent Calendars

A Big

THANK YOU



Stepgates School

for supporting Runnymede Foodbank
by collecting advent calendars for our clients 😊

Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

Runnymede Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.



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FOSS NEWS AND EVENTS



EASYFUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Friends of Stepgates School?

There are over 4,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Etsy, Just Eat, Screwfix, eBay, Argos, Asda and Sainsbury's; the list is huge and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

- 1. Join.** Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stepgates/> and sign up for free.
- 2. Shop.** Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
- 3. Raise.** After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Stepgates School will be really grateful for your donations.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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TA SPORTS

GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

Monday 17th February
Tuesday 18th February

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)
Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm
£30.00 Daily / £55.00 Two Day

Designed for girls of *all abilities* aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!



If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend, please kindly contact Tom on 07825 089500 or email tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk

- Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- Professional FA qualified coaching.
- 3G Pitch and use of dubhouse.






BOYS THURSDAY FOOTBALL

1 Day February Camp

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WHAT?
Technical development^{1st} touch/receiving the ball.
Team games / combinations / 3v3, Defensive techniques and understanding.
Finishing & 4 aside transitions – attacking and defending.




WHERE?
3G Pitch
ABBEY RANGERS FC
Addlestone
KT15 2QH



WHEN?
Thursday 20th February
8.30am – 4.00pm



AGE?
Under 5 (Reception)
Under 6 (Year 1)
Under 7 (Year 2)
Under 8 (Year 3)
Under 9 (Year 4)



COST?
£30.00 per day.



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