



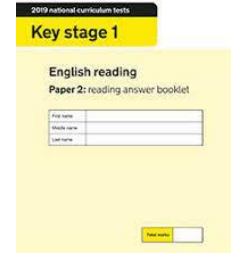
# Stapleford Abbotts Primary Academy Newsletter 19th May 2023



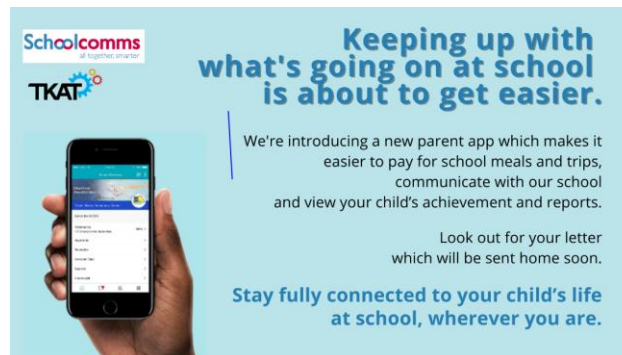
## SAPA news

### KS1 SATS

Wow! Our Year 2 children have shown considerable learning behaviours of resilience, drive and concentration as they sat the National SATs tests this week. Across the country all Year 2's demonstrated their ability in Reading comprehension, Arithmetic and Reasoning (problem solving in maths) in exam conditions. Our children rose to the challenge by trying their very best, making us so proud of them. Results will be shared with Y2 parents at the end of year Summer reports. Well done to Mrs Jay, Mrs Chalmers, Mrs Damian, Mrs Pegrum and Mrs Curran for supporting children in small groups beforehand to consolidate learning and for making the whole experience positive.



### School Gateway - New payment & communication system



We are very excited to be introducing School Gateway to Stapleford Abbotts - a parent engagement app that will allow you to pay for school trips, communicate with the school and view your child's achievements and reports at any time from anywhere.

All school related communication, newsletters, reports, timetables, attendance figures, club bookings, dinners bookings and payments will go through School Gateway on **Monday 12th June**.

To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search School Gateway in your App store and download. Simple.

**Apple iPhone** users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload)

**Android phone** users, download the app here: [schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload](https://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload)

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information Stapleford Abbotts Primary Academy already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to [office@sapa-tkat.org](mailto:office@sapa-tkat.org).

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>.

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.



**Times table club** - Mrs Jay had a great time with over 20 children in the Times table club on Thursday. She is currently helping the Year 4 children to work on the tables they are stuck on ready for their National test in June. Therefore for some children the club will be mandatory but lots of fun was had! Mrs Jay was very pleased she could still beat the children although Martin gave her a good run and she is looking forward to seeing if any children can beat her soon!

### PTA News

Thank you to the PTA who attended this morning's meeting with Ms Speller. It is always a great opportunity to talk about what is on the minds of parents and discuss school fundraising events. We would love for more parents to join the team who work so hard raising money for the school. This week our school choir has decided to enter the **Young Voices concert at the O2 in London.**

Money raised from 'Doughnut Friday' has paid for the admission so thank you to all of you who support us each week.

It really does take a team to be a successful PTA so please do come along to the next meeting and share your ideas. All are welcome. **Next meeting in school on 9th June @9am**

**A whopping £1000 was raised for school projects from the sponsored Bunny Hop. Thank you so much for supporting us.** Please add us to your socials to get up to date messages.



### Fathers day 16th June

PTA are running one of their popular markets for children to buy small gifts for the important men in their lives and are busy preparing beautiful gifts to be bought for £2 each. Our children love going to SAPA markets, choosing presents with friends and then surprising loved ones on special days. It is funny from a parents point of view too!



Happy birthday to children who are celebrating their special day this week. Wishing you a day full of fun and memory making.

**Amelia**

**(Willow), Sophia (Willow), Lucas (Silver Birch), Louis (Acorns), Joe (Oak), Isla K (Sycamore), Swayley (Oak) and Freddi (Oak)**





## Weekly class attendance

Willow - 79.7%

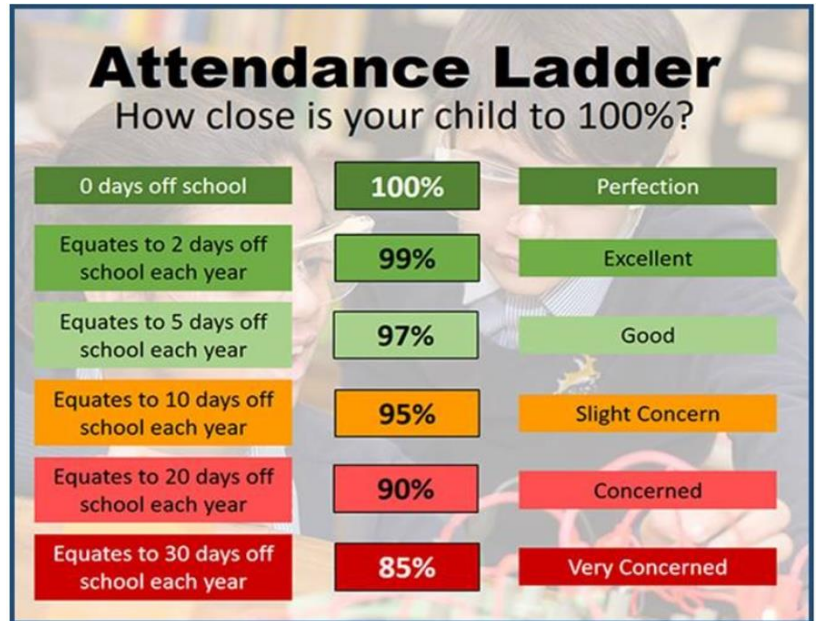
Cherry - 90.8%

Sycamore - 92.1%

**Silver Birch - 94.4%**

Oak - 91.1%

Well done to Silver Birch who had 94.4% attendance this week. Our Academy target is 96%. **This week our whole school attendance was 91.4%**



## Mindful Monday



## Spotlight on Sycamore Class

What a week the children have had.



The children have been working hard throughout the week on our reading skills. Really focusing on our retrieval and skimming and scanning a text to find the answers we need. We looked at how we can find answers that are not there using our inference skills. The children have read about lots of different topics and stories.

In Maths this week was focused on preparing for our tests, looking at arithmetic and reasoning skills. The children blew us away at their ability to change between skills and use different strategies to find the answers. We then looked at patterns and repeating patterns to find different ways to decorate triangles.

During our Stone Age topic we have incorporated our Art learning as the most common cave paintings during this period used hands. The children drew around their hands and then used paint to create the same effect. Here is a comparison of the Stone Age and our work!



block of this hands effect.



Our Science block has been very interesting and we have been looking at bones and fossils with a focus on Mary Anning.

The children have enjoyed this learning and today carried out an experiment to see the different materials that make up the soil around us.

### Dates for the diary

#### May

May half term 29th May to 2nd June

#### June

7th - Willow, Cherry & Sycamore Class Trip

12th - School Comms goes live - make sure you register

13th - Class Photos

15th - Reading Cafe with Willow parents/carers

16th - Father's day market

23rd - Sports day and picnic for Preschool, Willow and Cherry classes 12-2.30 (children can go home early with parents who are attending Sports day)

22nd - Reading Cafe with Cherry parents/carers

29th - Reading Cafe with Sycamore parent/carers

30th - Sports day and picnic for Sycamore, Silver Birch and Oak classes 12-2.30 (children can go home early with parents who are attending Sports day)

**July**

6th - Reading Cafe with Silver Birch parent/carers

6-7th - Oak Class to Lambourne End

13th - Reading Cafe with Oak Class parent/carers

21st - End of summer term finish at 12pm