



STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

Thank you to all those parents who joined us last night at Open Evening and for allowing your children to be a part of this spectacular event. Staff have been busily preparing since our return in September, making the school look incredible and considering how they might showcase their curriculum areas. They have been creating displays to inspire the children and educate them beyond the curriculum. However it would not have been possible without our fabulous students. The number of visitors who made a point to share how impressed they were by our eloquent, intelligent, friendly and engaging tour guides and department helpers made my heart swell with pride.

We are very aware of how exceptional our students are but hearing their praises sung by others further proves it. Special mention for the fabulous student speakers who delighted the audiences with their narrations. Peggy and Aaron, Year 8, were able to share the experiences of the transition to Stopsley High School and the variety of opportunities they have engaged with. The time and effort invested in rehearsing but then also delivering their speeches three times with equal passion is incredible. I also respect that they were not daunted by the crane flies that decided to visit the hall during the speeches. Consummate professionals at all times!!

Thank you to all the staff for your role in ensuring this Open Evening was a success and the very long day spent in school as a result.

Just a reminder that the school will be closed for our Two week October half term from Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October. We will welcome students back on Monday 3rd November at the normal time on a week B timetable.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone despite the dreary weather predicted,

Ms Hand

THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

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PUMPKIN CARVING

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

HALF TERM -
20TH TO 31ST OCTOBER

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER -
WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS

INSET DAY -
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

ATTENDANCE NOTICE:

CAN PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL AS WE ARE MONITORING ATTENDANCE. REPORT THIS THE NORMAL WAY BY CONTACTING THE ATTENDANCE NUMBER: 01582 870912 OR THE EMAIL ADDRESS:

ATTENDANCE@STOPSLEYHIGHSCHOOL.-
CO.UK

WORK WITH US:



CLICK HERE OR VISIT MY NEW TERM TO FIND CURRENT VACANCIES AVAILABLE AT STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"EDUCATION IS OUR PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY."
- MALCOLM X

REMINDER

PLEASE ENSURE THE SCHOOL IS MADE AWARE OF ANY CHANGES TO EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR NEW MEDICAL CONDITIONS FOR YOUR CHILD.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS

The School Photographers will be in school on Friday 17th October to take individual photos of all students and a year 11 Group photo. Please ensure your child has the full, correct uniform.

OPEN EVENING 2025

What an incredible evening! Our Open Evening was a huge success, with future Stoppley students and their families enjoying interactive activities, meeting staff, and getting a real feel for life at our school. We can't wait to welcome our next generation of students!



PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT

Following a previous entry for applications for the position of Parent Governor, we have received more nominations than vacancies so we are required to go to a ballot for parents to choose who they would like to be appointed as a Parent Governor of Stoppley High School. The term of office is for 4 years. **Please click here for the link to the nominees and their statements.** Please choose one nominee. The deadline for the ballot is Friday 10th October.

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC SATISFACTION SURVEY

The National Highways and Transportation Public Satisfaction Survey, (NHT PSS) is now available for you to complete.

Public Representative - <https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/1215>

Business Users - <https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/834>

Accessibility - <https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/835>

Walking & Cycling - <https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/Isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/838>

Public Transport - <https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/Isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/841>

Road Safety - <https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/Isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/844>

Tackling Congestion - <https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/Isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/847>

Highway Maintenance - <https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/Isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/850>

The NHT PSS is a suite of surveys designed to seek opinions on different elements of the highway, including congestion, highway maintenance and public transport. This survey is open to anyone who lives, works or visits the borough and people can fill in all surveys that are relevant to them. The NHT PSS is a national survey that over 95 local authorities subscribe to so the results of the surveys are therefore compared and benchmarked across all participating authorities as well as providing local results.

LATEST NEWS FROM LUTON FOOD BANK - SEPTEMBER 2025

We'd like to share the latest newsletter with you, highlighting some of the key updates from Luton Foodbank. You can read the full newsletter here: <https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/luton-foodbank-newsletter-september-2025/>

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YEAR 7 AUTUMN DISCO

NOVEMBER 4TH

5-7PM
£4 ENTRY
PAY VIA IPAY

FANCY DRESS - FACE PAINT - DISCO - PHOTO BOOTH - PIZZA
PRIZE FOR THE MOST CREATIVE COSTUME

PAYMENT CLOSSES 10TH OCTOBER

PUMPKIN CARVING
THURSDAY
16TH OCTOBER
AFTER SCHOOL

3:15PM - 4:10PM
B036

YEAR 7 PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

OPTION 1:
BRING YOUR PUMPKIN TO SCHOOL AND
CARVE IN B036 ON 16TH OCTOBER 3:15PM-4:10PM

OPTION 2:
BRING YOUR PUMPKIN ALREADY CARVED ON 17TH
READY FOR JUDGING IN ASSEMBLY

JUDGING - FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

YOU CAN DECORATE BUT THEY MUST BE IN SOME WAY TOO!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

BOOK FAIR!

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

FROM THE 1ST OCTOBER IN THE LRC

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the EA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players - and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- AN UNLAME RELEASE SCHEDULE**: EA Sports FC 26 is the first EA Sports FC game since EA left the EA licence. EA Sports FC 26 is the first EA Sports FC game since EA left the EA licence. EA Sports FC 26 is the first EA Sports FC game since EA left the EA licence.
- VOICE CHAT**: Voice chat can be enabled across all EA Sports FC 26 modes. It can be used to chat with other players in-game. It can be used to chat with other players in-game. It can be used to chat with other players in-game.
- IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM**: Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC 26. It allows players to build a team of players to compete in online matches. It allows players to build a team of players to compete in online matches. It allows players to build a team of players to compete in online matches.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR**: EA Sports FC 26 is the first EA Sports FC game since EA left the EA licence. EA Sports FC 26 is the first EA Sports FC game since EA left the EA licence. EA Sports FC 26 is the first EA Sports FC game since EA left the EA licence.
- MONITOR VOICE CHAT**: EA Sports FC 26 has a voice chat feature. EA Sports FC 26 has a voice chat feature. EA Sports FC 26 has a voice chat feature.
- LIMIT SPENDING**: EA Sports FC 26 has a microtransaction system. EA Sports FC 26 has a microtransaction system. EA Sports FC 26 has a microtransaction system.
- BE VIGILANT**: EA Sports FC 26 has a social media presence. EA Sports FC 26 has a social media presence. EA Sports FC 26 has a social media presence.

Meet Our Expert: **David Coombes** is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for several years. A regular contributor to the app, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. EA Sports FC 26 is a game that's both fun and addictive, but it's also a game that can be addictive. EA Sports FC 26 is a game that's both fun and addictive, but it's also a game that can be addictive.

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

CHUMS YOUNG PEOPLE WORKSHOPS

Our online workshops are designed as a starting point for families with children who have low level difficulties. These are one-off 2-hour sessions conducted virtually via Microsoft teams.

Please note these workshops do not support moderate/severe difficulties and will not address risky behaviours (self-harm, suicidal ideations).

SLEEP WORKSHOPS

- TEEN SLEEP** 12/11/25 @ 4PM - 6PM (For young people aged 13+ years, parents also welcome to attend)

One off workshop - explores why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, sleep hygiene tips and strategies for managing worries at night.
- PARENT SLEEP** 17/11/25 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM (For parents of young people aged 4-12 years old)

One-off workshop which focuses on why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, possible causes of sleep difficulties and learning strategies to overcome sleep problems.

BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOPS

- TEENAGE SELF-ESTEEM** 12/11/26 @ 4PM - 6PM (For young people aged 13+, parents also welcome to attend)

One off workshop which equips teenagers with an understanding of self-esteem and tools to build confidence through thought challenging, relaxation and activities to celebrate strengths and success. Workshop also offers parental tips for building self-esteem in adolescence.
- PARENT SELF-ESTEEM** 21/11/26 @ 9.30AM-11.30AM (For parents of children aged 5 - 12 years old)

One off workshop which equips parents with an understanding of self-esteem and ways to promote high self-esteem through parenting style and collaborative activities to try at home with their young person.

EXAM STRESS WORKSHOPS

9/12/25 @ 4PM - 6PM
4/12/25 @ 4PM - 6PM (For young people aged 12+ and parents)

One off workshop which equips teenagers with an understanding of exams stress, strategies for managing exam stress, revision tips and self-care. The workshop also offers parental tips for supporting the adolescent's exam stress.

MENTAL HEALTH AND STIGMA WORKSHOPS

12/2/26 @ 4PM - 6PM (For young people aged 12+, parents also welcome to attend)

One off workshop for young people focusing on mental health awareness and stigma. Follows a range of topics including puberty, male mental health, LGBTQ+, ethnicity and social media.

To register for any of our workshops, please fill in the standard referral form in the 'Any other relevant information' section, state that the referral is for a workshop and include the workshop date.

<https://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service/#workshops>

WHERE CAN I FIND SUPPORT?

- act@ve LUTON**: Healthy lifestyles, physical activity, healthy eating, dental hygiene. <https://www.activeluton.co.uk/>
- shout 85258**: Mental health and wellbeing support. <https://giveusashout.org/get-help/>
- CHUMS**: Mental health and emotional wellbeing. <https://chums.uk.com/>
- CAMHS**: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. <https://www.eifh.nhs.uk/camhs/who-we-help>
- LUTON ALL WOMEN'S CENTRE**: Supporting women and girls in Luton. <https://www.lutonallwomenscentre.org.uk/>
- LUTON SEXUAL HEALTH**: Sexual health service, advice and support for young people. <https://www.lutonsexualhealth.org.uk/>
- Luton**: PREVENT-Prevent radicalisation and extremism. <https://actearly.uk/>
- resolutions**: Substance misuse. <https://www.changegrowlive.org/resolutions-drug-alcohol-service-luton>
- Youth Space**: Supporting young people in Luton to aspire, be happy and healthy. <https://tokko.co.uk>
- WOMEN'S AID IN LUTON**: Support for women and children, domestic abuse. <https://womensaidinluton.org>
- Total Wellbeing Luton**: Health and wellbeing. <https://www.totalwellbeingluton.org>
- NSPCC**: National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>
- childline**: Support for young people online, on the phone, anytime. <https://www.childline.org.uk>