



STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Dear all,

Monday 2nd March was a very important day for Year 6 students and their families as they received the news of which secondary school they have been allocated. Mr Blanchard, Miss Makepeace, Mr Rowles, the Year 7 students have been busily preparing to welcome the students to our Discovery Afternoon where all of our Prospective Year 6 students are invited on Thursday 26th March 4pm - 6pm. Come along to find out more!!

Very Grateful to Goodman Global and in particular Emma Pickering for donating much needed bricks to our Construction department here at Stopsley High School. Our KS4 students will be using these as they begin their bricklaying assessments for their Level 2 Construction Qualification. As Luton undergoes one of the most ambitious periods of regeneration in its history, there has never been a more important time for young people to pursue careers in the construction industry. Our link with Goodman Global was facilitated by our local MP, Sarah Owen, who along with her team reached out to a number of companies to see if they would be happy and willing to donate bricks to us. Goodman Global are currently leading the regeneration of the former Vauxhall factory on Kimpton Road in Luton.



We were equally fortunate to have Sarah Owen, MP for Luton North, attend and inspire our Year 11 female students on Friday, joined also by Nerima Wandera, school governor and Executive Inclusiveness Leader at Ernst & Young, Sabrina Luisi, Chief Engagement Officer at The Brilliant Club and our very own Sophie Bailey, Deputy Headteacher. The session focussed on Female Empowerment, goal setting and the importance of seeing past obstacles. This all timed nicely with it being UK International Women's Day on Sunday 8th March so we hope the messages continue to positively impact and inspire the students.

Last week Stopsley High School ran a plethora of events across the week to celebrate and raise the profile of Reading Week and World Book Day. Thank you to all those staff involved in supporting the initiatives to celebrate and raise the profile of Reading week including dressing up for World Book Day as well as Murder Mystery running all week and some of next week in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC). Special thanks to Ms Wrigley for making that happen and to all the staff who dressed up.



Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Ms Hand

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UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:
TERM ENDS - FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

TERM STARTS - MONDAY 13TH APRIL (INSET DAY)

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL - WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS

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.

REMINDER

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

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CLICK HERE TO GO TO OUR FACEBOOK. FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES AND MORE.



WORLD BOOK DAY

This week has marked Stopsley High School's annual Reading Week, centred around World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

This year has been declared the National Year of Reading, so at Stopsley, we were more determined than ever to make sure we celebrated the importance of reading and literacy in a number of different ways. Form time assemblies and a World Book Day quiz kept reading high on the agenda for everybody across the school, and in every classroom, staff and students alike took part in "Drop Everything and Read" sessions, where they were encouraged to put down their work and pick up a book.

We also had our annual staff dress-up competition, where staff had the chance to come into school dressed as famous characters from books, ranging from Elphaba Thropp to Sherlock Holmes. With the threat of being turned into frogs hanging over them, students were much better-behaved for Mrs Huni!

As well as all this, we marked the occasion with special lessons for Year 7 and 8 in the library, where they answered writing challenges set by famous children's authors, provided top-secret feedback on a brand new book awaiting publication, and took part in the National Literacy Trust's "Footy and Booky Quiz".

If all that wasn't enough, Miss Wrigley also organised an escape room-style murder mystery puzzle in the library for students to solve—more details on that elsewhere in the newsletter!



LUTON FOODBANK – FEBRUARY 2026

Check out the latest Luton Foodbank newsletter for updates on community initiatives, volunteer contributions, donation needs, and ways to get involved.

Read the full newsletter here:

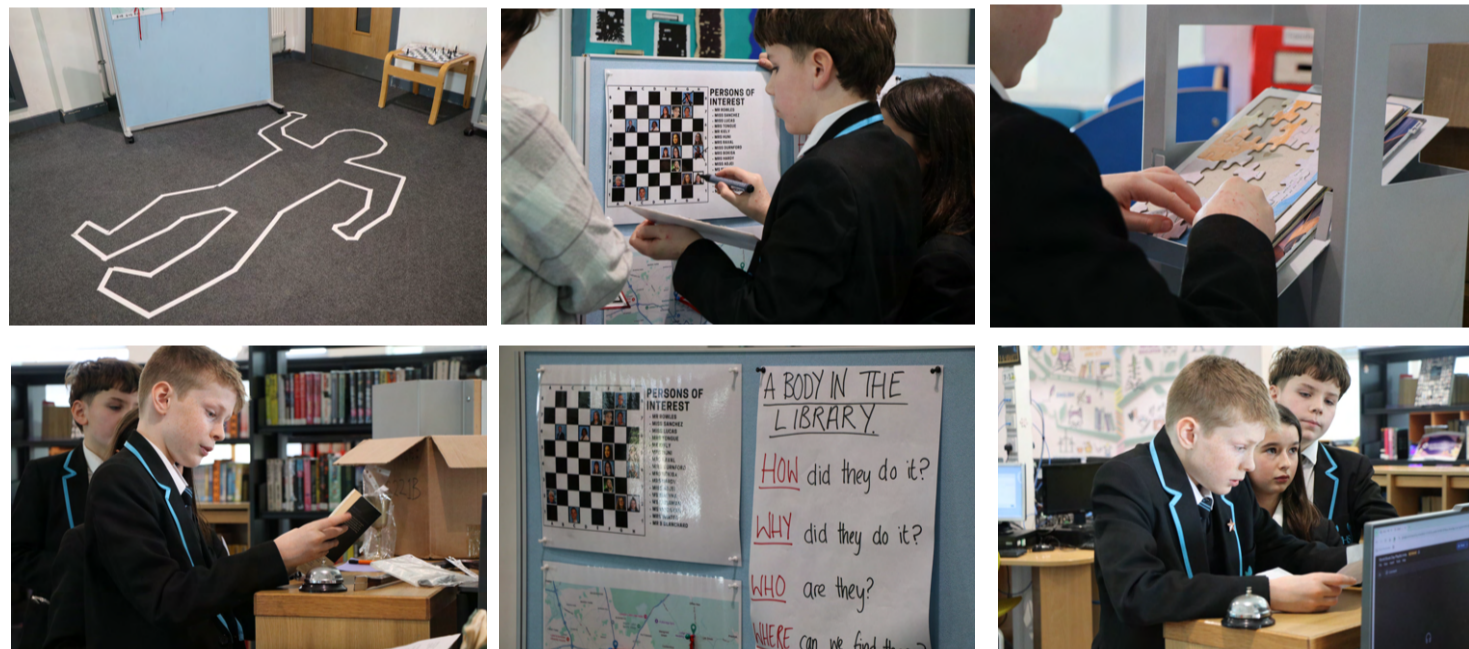
<https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/luton-foodbank-newsletter-february-2026/>

MURDER MYSTERY IN THE LIBRARY!

This World Book Day, Stopsley High School students had the opportunity to take on the role of their favourite fictional detectives as they tried to solve the mystery of the Murder in the Library!

In small groups, students were challenged to solve the mysterious murder of "Dewey Reed" and bring the culprits to justice. Our student detectives had 40 minutes to work their way through a series of escape room-style puzzles and riddles, deciphering coded messages and hunting down cryptic clues in order to find out who was responsible for Dewey's death, how and why they did it, and where they could be found. As it stands at the end of this week, a group of Year 7 boys have solved the mystery in the shortest amount of time (Timofey D., Mohammed H., Toby H., Armaan I., Anirudh K., Bruce M., from 7D).

"Murder in the Library" will continue to run intermittently throughout the next two weeks as more students try their hand at solving the crime. Who'll end up at the top of the leaderboard? We'll have to wait and see!



PARKING REMINDER

Reminder: When picking up or dropping students, please do not park on the yellow lines directly outside of school. Please park in the bays provided.

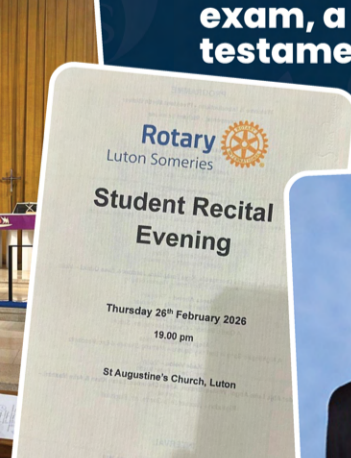


Jack C – 9F

A huge well done to Jack, who was invited to perform at the Rotary Luton Someries Student Recital Evening with Luton Music School on 26th February 2026.

Jack took to the stage on his electric guitar and delivered an impressive performance of "Misery Business" by Paramore.

He is currently working towards his Grade 5 exam, a fantastic achievement and a testament to his dedication and hard work.



Transition Tips

Getting Organised

Make sure you have all the right equipment for school. A sturdy bag, a pencil case with all the essentials.



Moving to Secondary School

– A Note from Mr Rowles & Mr Blanchard

**SECURED YOUR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE?
STILL DECIDING?**

DISCOVERY EVENT

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026 | 4PM-6PM

STEP INTO THE CLASSROOM

EXPLORE OUR FACILITIES

MEET OUR TOP CLASS STAFF & STUDENTS

FEEL THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO
GET A REAL FEEL FOR
WHAT MAKES STOPSLEY
HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL.**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
BOOK YOUR PLACE!**



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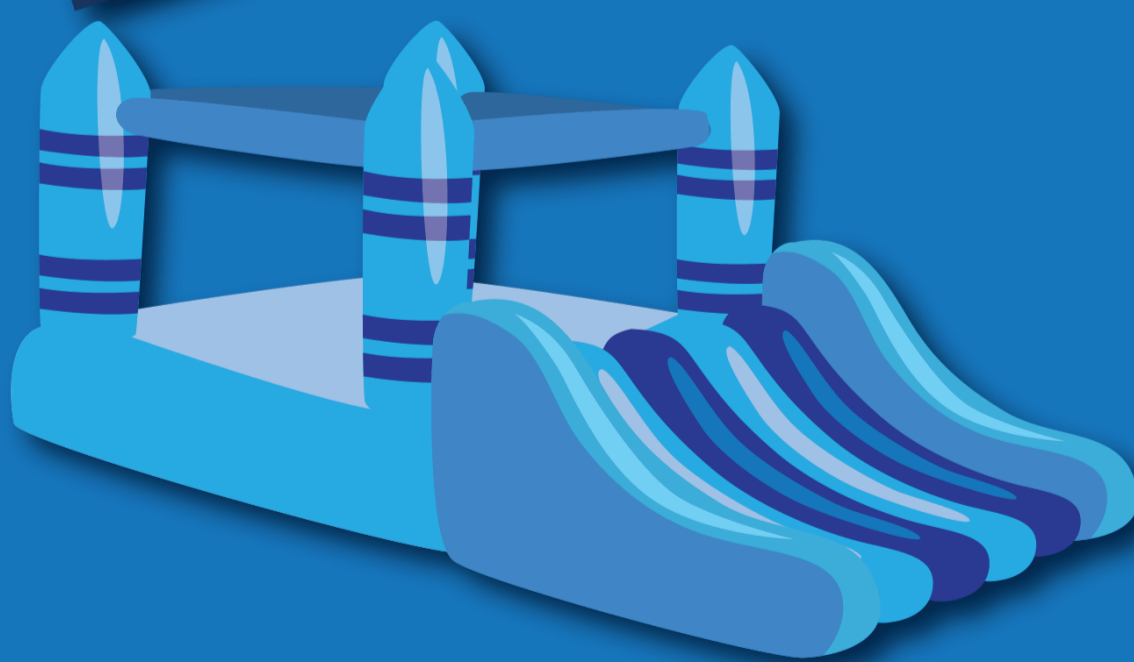
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INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE EVENT!

YEAR 7 ONLY EVENT



**GET READY FOR AN EPIC EVENT JUST FOR YEAR 7
STUDENTS!**

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2026

3:30PM - 5:30PM

STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

PAY VIA IPAY £6.00 BY 26TH MARCH 2026

A GREAT WAY TO HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS AND CREATE LASTING MEMORIES!