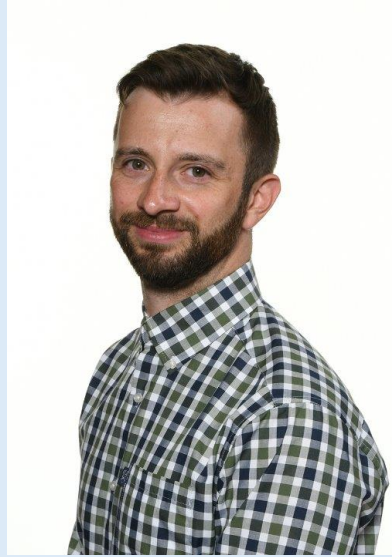


Welcome to EYFS 2025-26

The Senior Leadership Team



Mrs Wall
Headteacher



Mr Tate
Deputy Head



Mrs Farrell
Assistant Head



Mrs Johnson
Assistant Head

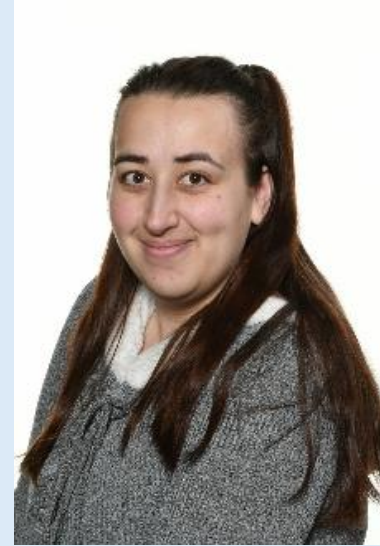
EYFS Teaching Team



Mrs Golding EYG
Singh Class
EYFS Phase Leader



Miss Fraser
EYF Adepitan
Class



Miss Cragg EYC
Bassey Class



Mrs Batten
Teaching
assistant

EYFS vision

We believe every child deserves a high quality, inclusive early education, which provides the foundations for future learning. We want our children to feel happy, safe and secure to enable them to become independent, resilient learners.

EYFS Curriculum

- Our curriculum follows the EYFS Statutory guidance
- We use a combination of child initiated and teacher directed learning.
- We teach phonics through the 'ReadWrite inc' phonics scheme.
- Maths is taught using White Rose
- In EYFS we teach the foundational knowledge necessary for the National Curriculum subjects.

Important dates

- Wednesday 3rd September - drop-in sessions to familiarise children with their new classrooms
- Thursday 4th September - children begin part-time 9.00 - 12.00
- Meet the teacher sessions during the first 2 weeks - please sign up for an appointment.
- Week beginning Monday 8th September - children stay for lunch - either school lunch or packed lunch. Drop-off between 8.35 and 8.50, finish at 1.00
- During this second week, the children will stay for 1 full day, Tuesday or Thursday
- Week beginning Monday 15th September - children are full time, 8.35 - 3.15

Timings once the children are full time



- Drop off between 8.35-8.50. Gates close at 8.50
- Once the children are settled into school, they should be dropped at the wooden gate and walk around to their classroom.
- The school day finishes at 3.15
- Pick up is from the classroom doors.

What will my child need each day?

Book bag - please do not send ruck sacks as we do not have the space to store them during the day

Named water bottle - water only, no juice. Bottles are refilled as needed throughout the day

A named coat - we go outside as often as possible

PE bag - these are left in school and only taken home when needed for example washing

Spare underwear and clothes in case of accidents

Reading log book and reading book - provided by school

EYFS Statutory Baseline assessment



- During the first 6 weeks, teachers will carry out a baseline assessment with each child.
- Checks early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school.
- Uses materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with.
- Practical tasks and an opportunity for teachers to get to know what your child can do.
- Measures progress between EYFS and Year 6.

Home-school communication



- Face to face at school pick up
- Year group email - eyfg@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk
- School office for urgent messages during the school day (01580 891765)
- Absences should be reported to the school office
- Parents evenings twice yearly
- Phonics information and drop-in sessions
- Parents into read sessions
- Twitter and weekly newsletter

Communication

Key information

- ▶ The school office is open from 8:30am to 4:00pm during term time.
- ▶ Key information about the school, including term dates, curriculum details, policies, events, and announcements, is available on our website.
- ▶ Our weekly newsletter is shared via SCOPAY and published on the school website.

Complaints Procedure

- ▶ If you have a concern, we encourage you to speak first with your child's class teacher. If the issue is not resolved, please contact the phase leader or deputy headteacher to arrange a meeting.
- ▶ Should the matter remain unresolved, you may contact the headteacher. If you are still dissatisfied, the school's Complaints Policy, available on our website, outlines the formal procedure to follow.

School uniform and PE Kit expectations

- ▶ In September pupils needs to return in winter uniform.
- ▶ One pair of stud earrings only. Please remove on PE day
- ▶ School shoes not trainers are to be worn
- ▶ Bows should be navy or school yellow and no bigger than the palm of your child's hand. Hair below shoulders needs to be tied back.
- ▶ Blue P.E. t-shirt, blue or black shorts, plimsolls or trainers. No jewellery should be worn.
- ▶ If your child is unable to take part in P.E, please send an email to explain why.
- ▶ Ensure items of clothing, water bottles, coats, hats, bags etc are named

Expectations at Staplehurst

At Staplehurst School, we demonstrate...

- ▶ **Positivity**

- ▶ A positive attitude to school and learning; Being kind and supportive to each other.

- ▶ **Respect**

- ▶ Showing respect to adults and each other; Being polite and well behaved in the classroom and around school.

- ▶ **Independence**

- ▶ Being independent and motivated with learning.

- ▶ **Determination**

- ▶ Being determined and resilient learners; 100% effort at all times.

- ▶ **Excellence**

- ▶ Setting a good example to the rest of the school; Demonstrating excellence in behaviour, attitude and learning.

Behaviour Expectations

As per our behaviour policy, we band behaviour accordingly. Whilst our approach is always restorative and preemptive, when we do encounter behaviour that doesn't meet the high-expectations we have, the following measures/procedures are considered:

- A class behaviour chart is used - sunshine and 'wow', raincloud and 'oh dear'. Each day is a new day.
- Age-appropriate sanctions are used - calm down time

Behaviour reported to parents at the end of the day.

All unwanted behaviour is be taken seriously. Despite children's developmental stages, 'wanted' behaviour needs to be reinforced.

Rewards at Staplehurst

- ▶ Verbal praise
- ▶ PRIDE Points & PRIDE Rewards
 - ▶ Reward equipment at playtime
 - ▶ Non-uniform days - house PRIDE winners
- ▶ Certificates in Celebration Assembly
- ▶ Prizes e.g. Books for 30 reads

Home Learning

- ▶ Children will be given a reading log to record their home reading. Please read with your child daily.
- ▶ Reading logs should be sent into school every day.
- ▶ Phonics cards sent home to practise
- ▶ Reading logs will be checked and books changed twice weekly - Tuesdays and Fridays.
- ▶ The children will bring home a library book for you to share, weekly.
- ▶ Home learning is sent home on Friday and should be returned by the following Friday.

Attendance

It is essential to be in as much as possible to maximise learning and give children the best chances at success and integration.

Staplehurst school is committed to the continuous raising of achievement of all our pupils. Regular attendance is critical if our pupils are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities presented to them.....Good attendance is fundamental to a successful and fulfilling school experience. (Staplehurst School Attendance policy)

- ▶ Excellent attendance 100%
- ▶ Good attendance Above 97%
- ▶ Satisfactory attendance at 97%
- ▶ Unsatisfactory attendance below 97%
- ▶ Please inform school office if your child is going to be absent

Punctuality

As well as regular attendance, punctuality is also crucial.

- ▶ Learning begins as soon as the children enter the classroom.
- ▶ Being 10 minutes late every day equates to 5 days of lost learning over the year.
- ▶ Regular attendance and punctuality are important values to establish for beyond education.

Wrap around care

- ▶ Breakfast club arrive from 7.30am - 8.00am.
- ▶ Cost £3.50
- ▶ Book in advance, places limited
- ▶ After-school club 2 sessions
- ▶ Pre-book through Scopay
- ▶ 3.15pm - 4.30pm - cost £5.50
- ▶ 3.15pm - 5.30pm - cost £10

Practical ways to prepare your child for school

- ▶ Independent toilet training
- ▶ Practice washing hands independently
- ▶ Practice getting changed independently
- ▶ Clearly label every item of clothing
- ▶ Make sure your child can recognise their own name - personal symbol
- ▶ Spare clothes in their PE bag
- ▶ Encourage your child to drink water if this is not their preferred drink - refrigerate
- ▶ Encourage your child to try different fruit and vegetables - snack provided by school
- ▶ Practice eating with a knife and fork - cutting up food
- ▶ Reinforce that special toys/blankets must stay at home

Ways to help your child at home

- ▶ Ensure your child arrives at school on time every day.
- ▶ Talking to your child
- ▶ Encouraging regular reading
- ▶ Phonics/subitising practice (Numbots/White Rose)
- ▶ Completing homework together - usually practical tasks
- ▶ Visiting the library to research topics or supporting children to find information online.
- ▶ Visiting places of interest

Support for starting school

Useful sites

- ▶ [Starting School - PACEY](#)
- ▶ [Home - Starting Reception](#)
- ▶ [Starting primary school - BBC Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)
- ▶ [top-tips-for-starting-primary-school.pdf](#)

Supporting your child's language development

Current challenge



- ▶ Many children struggle with conversation skills, including taking turns in conversation, following instructions and speaking in full sentences.
- ▶ School age language means pupils need to understand and use longer, more structured language.

5 Strategies for parents

1. Talk through the day

Use real-life routines (shopping, getting dressed, bath time) as chances for conversation.

2. Comment, don't quiz

Instead of constant questions ("What colour is that?"), try narrating.

5 Strategies for parents

3. Switch off and tune in

Encourage "device-free playtimes"

4. Use stories every day

Read the same book multiple times, talk about the pictures, act it out with toys.



5 Strategies for parents

5. Play turn-taking games

Simple games like "Simon Says," "I Spy," or board games teach listening and speaking in turn.



Pupil Premium

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Your child may be eligible for the Pupil Premium if you receive, or have received in the last six years, any of the following benefits:

- ▶ Income Support
- ▶ Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ▶ Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- ▶ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ▶ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ▶ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ▶ Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- ▶ Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)
- ▶ Additionally, children of service families, or who are in care or have previously been in care, for any period of time, may also be eligible for Pupil Premium.





**We are
Kelly & Kimberley
(Chair & Secretary)**

Welcome to
**Staplehurst
school PTA**




Who are we?

The core PTA members are made up of working and non-working parents with children in various year groups of the school.

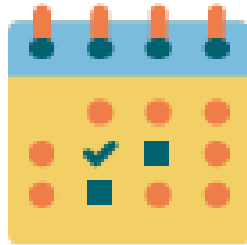
What do we do?

We exist to provide things that the school budget doesn't cover that help to bring the fun into learning and make school life extra special. We do this by running events that the kids love through fundraising, grants, donations and sponsorship.



How do we raise funds?

Events



- Discos
- Non-school uniform days
- Raffles
- Seasonal events
- Santa shop
- Summer Fair
- Colour run

Online shopping and donations



- Easy Fundraising
- Your School Lottery
- Name tag Commission
- Raffle & gift donations
- Clothing bank
- Art projects

Grants and sponsorship



- Local Businesses
- House builders
- Utility companies
- Supermarkets
- Match funding

How do we spend funds?



New flag

Multigym equipment



Educational workshops



Celebration Bookmarks



Outdoor Learning Area



Christmas crackers



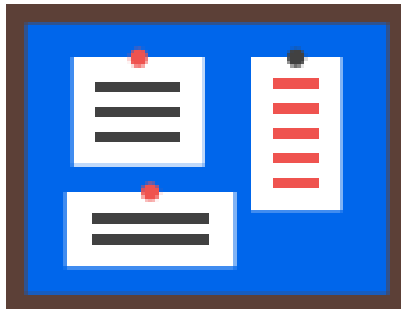
Playground art work and equipment repairs



PA system & Musical Chimes

How do you find out about us?

Noticeboard



Find information on
our events on the
noticeboards inside
the entrance gates

Facebook



SCAN ME

Find this
leaflet in
our
Welcome
booklet
in your
new
starter
pack

How can you support Staplehurst School PTA?

6 Reasons to join

6 Easy ways to help



For the Children

Become a role model for your child to show you value their education. The events we plan will improve your child's school experience.



For You

Volunteering is a rewarding experience. We plan to host many social events to raise money and also enjoy each others company.



For the School

Help the school to raise funds. Have a voice in the purchases that are made to support the children.



Be Connected

There is no better way of knowing what's happening in school. Meet others that share the same common goals to help improve the school.



It is fun!

We aim to enjoy ourselves in all our roles. From planning events to running a stall is exciting.



Keep the PTA going

As parents leave school we need to keep the committee going. Come join our friendly team as many hands make light work.



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Easy Fundraising

Sign up to Easy Fundraising and you can donate as you shop, at no cost to you.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staplehurstscpta>



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SCHOOL
LOTTERY**

Your School Lottery

Tickets £1 each, with a guaranteed school cash prize and a chance to win £25,000 jackpot weekly.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/staplehurst-school-pta>



Direct donation by regular or one off payment

We would gratefully appreciate any donations you are able to make to support our fund raising goals.

Please contact Staplehurstschoolpta@gmail.com for details



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By putting our school ID number on the checkout page we can get commission from MyNameTags.

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STIKINS

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By putting our school fundraising number on the order page we can get commission from Stikins..

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