



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

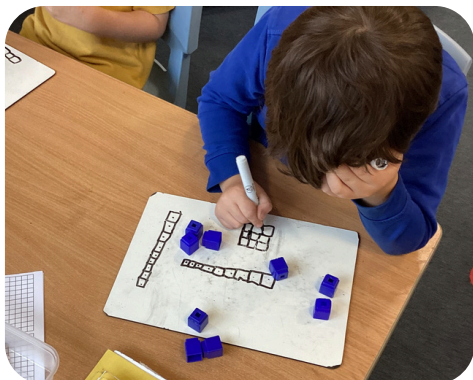
## RECEPTION

Apple have been practising their throwing skills in PE this week.



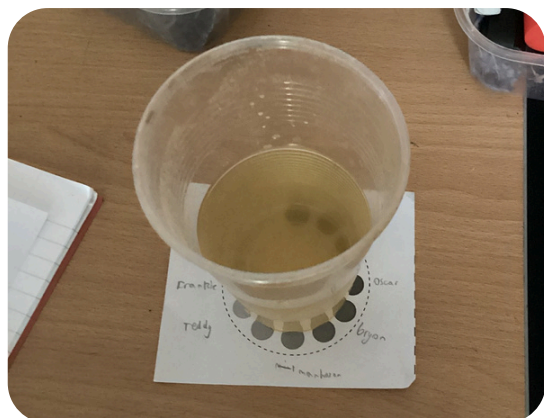
## YEAR 1

Year 1 have started their new maths unit, 'Division and multiplication' this week. The children have been exploring arrays in various arrangements including non-rectangular shapes and rectangular shapes. They have also been using the phrase of equal groups to describe their arrays. Next week, we will move on to division as sharing and grouping.



## YEAR 5

As part of our topic on Properties and Changes of Materials, Year 5 have been investigating filtering. We learnt about the practical uses of filtering in everyday life and then put this knowledge to the test by completing an experiment. We explored different filtering materials to try to clean some very dirty water. We evaluated our methods and discussed what we would do differently next time.



# Water Safety

KS2 children had a visitor from the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue team to talk to them about how to stay safe around water. It was an informative session and the children will now be able to apply these rules when being near water. The children will be bringing home a helpful leaflet to remind them of the water safety code this week. Our Key Stage 1 children will be discussing water safety in their classes during their Friday assembly.



**ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE**

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY UK

Whenever you are around water:

**STOP AND THINK**

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

**STAY TOGETHER**

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

**Call 999**

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

**FLOAT**

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Enjoy Water Safety

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit [www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk)

**SUMMER COMPETITION 2025**

# DESIGN A RECYCLING SUPERHERO!

Stevenage Borough Council is thrilled to launch an exciting, creative challenge for all school-aged children and young people in Stevenage: **Design Your Own Recycling Superhero!**

**Your Mission:**  
Create a bold and colourful superhero character whose unique powers help save the planet by stopping recyclable materials and food waste from ending up in landfill. Your superhero could focus on:

- Saving food waste – making sure it goes into the food caddy, not the general bin.
- Rescuing recyclables – encouraging people to recycle properly and with purpose!

Your superhero will need:

- A catchy name that reflects their special recycling powers.
- A description of their powers and personality.
- An explanation of how they help protect the planet.

**The Prize:**  
Later this year, Stevenage Borough Council will welcome four brand-new waste collection vehicles, ready for the launch of our new food waste collection service in Spring 2026. The winning superhero design from each age category will be professionally digitalised by our graphic design team and printed on one of the new vehicles! Even more exciting – each vehicle will be named after the winning superhero. You'll get to see your superhero come to life as a striking digital graphic, helping inspire the whole town to recycle better!

**Design Tips:**

- Be bright, bold, and eye-catching
- Create a superhero name that links cleverly to their recycling powers.
- Include a short description of your hero's abilities – for example: "Captain Compost uses laser vision to spot food waste and zap it into the food caddy!" Your superhero could be made from waste or recycling products like Barry the Banana.

**Key Dates:**

- Competition runs: 27th June – 18th August
- Winners announced: Week beginning 1st September

**Age Categories:**

- Ages 4–8
- Ages 9–11
- Ages 12–14
- Ages 15–18

**Judging Panel:**  
Your entries will be reviewed by a panel including:

- The Mayor of Stevenage
- A local councillor
- Officers of Stevenage Borough Council

**Meet Your Hero in Action!**  
Winners will be invited to meet the new vehicles once they arrive and will see their superhero design in action as it travels across Stevenage collecting food waste in Spring 2026!

**How to Enter:**  
Send your entry to: [Waste.Household@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:Waste.Household@stevenage.gov.uk)  
Please make sure your email includes:

- Your superhero's name
- The designer's name and age
- A parent/guardian's name and contact details

Let's make recycling super-powered – and bring your creative ideas to life in digital form for the whole town to see!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 8<sup>th</sup> July - Animal experience Y1-Y2
- 9<sup>th</sup> July - Wickstead park (Y6)
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - FOMW/School ambassador sweet sale
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - Big School Camp (Y4)
- 14<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 6 show 2-3pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 6 show 6-7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July - Enterprise Day (Y6)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July - End of Term 2PM

Whole school attendance is currently 95.5%  
Remember to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day and on time.