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HEADTEACHER

OUR NEW LOOK STEBBING SPOTLIGHT!

After Easter we will be amending our Spotlight!

After some discussions in school it has been felt that Class Dojo has replaced much of the class-based information shared within the newsletter and therefore we are going to update our newsletter to have just whole-school information rather than the individual class pages too. For information about what is happening in class please refer to Class Dojo as there is plenty of information and lots of lovely photos too!

We will still have our awards pages so that we can celebrate who has received an award!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO JARVIS-WILLIAMS ELECTRICAL (Oscar Jarvis Williams' Daddy's company) FOR UPDATING SOME OF OUR VERY OLD LIGHTING IN THE MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING. ALL OF THE LIGHTS AND WORK INVOLVED WAS DONATED TO US WHICH IS SUCH A HUGE SAVING. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL.

SPORT

Taking a look back at all the sports events that have taken place during Spring Term, one can only look back on a wonderfully positive experience for all of our children whether that be through providing opportunities in clubs and tournaments, increasing attendance in extra-curricular activities or bringing medals home. With over 230 children representing the school in the 16 different events coming home with 5 1st place medals and 2 2nd place medals.

We finished the term with three fantastic events starting with our KS2 archers representing the Dunmow family in the Uttlesford finals, our fantastic Robins dancers at the KS1 dance festival and finished up with the KS2 netball finals at SWCHS yesterday.

Each and every child who wore the Stebbing colours this term should be incredibly proud of their achievements and we look forward to an equally as busy and as successful summer term of events.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Stebbing Primary School Starlings Wraparound Provision

WHO? OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 4-11 WHO ATTEND STEBBING PRIMARY	HOW MUCH? 3.10-6PM £12 4-6PM £10	WHAT? STARLINGS CLUB OUR NEW WRAPAROUND PROVISION
WHERE? THE POD STEBBING PRIMARY	WHEN? MONDAY-FRIDAY TERM-TIME ONLY 3.10-6PM	

Interested?
Follow the link to complete the
Google Form sign up sheet
[WRAPAROUND SIGN-UP](#)
01371 856260



Don't forget that we are planning to launch our after school club STARLINGS in June 2025. Please follow the link to the sign up form if you wish for your child to be enrolled.

[WRAPAROUND SIGN UP FORM](#)

AFSS

Thank you to the AFSS for organising our lovely Easter bonnet competition!

Have a wonderful Easter holiday everyone!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 28th March	Friday 4th April
Wrens	Matilda & Mia	Ralphie & Reggie R
Robins	Sully & Willow C	Benjy & Joseph
Kingfishers	Henley and Charlie. K	Daniel & Charlie. S
Woodpeckers	Ethan & Nicole	Alasdair & Skyla
Kestrels	Clara & Genevieve	Sophia & Evie
Ospreys	Amelia & Julia	Violet & Summer
Owls	Kody & Ji	Kayden & Ava B



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 28th March	Friday 4th April
Wrens	Oscar R	Brooke
Robins	Maisie	Freddie
Kingfishers	Ephraim	Kalia
Woodpeckers	Jenna	Samuel
Kestrels	Tereza	Bella
Ospreys	Lottie	Albie
Owls	Savannah	Hadley

READING CHAMPIONS & PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 28th March	Friday 4th April
Wrens	Gracie D	
Robins	Gunnar	
Kingfishers	Stanley	
Woodpeckers		Harry
Kestrels		Millie
Ospreys		Alex
Owls		Ava N

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
28.03.25		ROBINS	Eva, Reggie R & Willow C	
04.04.25	Easter Bonnet Participants	KESTRELS	Charlie K	Ospreys

						
Date						
28.03.25	Woodpeckers	Kingfishers		Kestrels	Owls	Ospreys
04.04.25	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers	Owls	Kestrels



WRENS



The Wrens thoroughly enjoyed their visit from The Way Forward project. We heard all about the smashed windows and interesting features they have found in the Church refurbishment project. The Wrens were tasked to create stained glass windows of their own by decorating glass jars and lids. But the highlight was certainly making the stained glass cookies.

Our Explorers have been learning all about Dinosaurs and enjoyed finding the dinosaurs up to mischief every time they came into the classroom. We have seen a strong interest in writing about our dinosaurs and love that the Wrens are starting to blend and write their own words.

Over the past few weeks the Wrens have been deepening their understanding of number bonds of ten. We hope you enjoy dice and dominoes games at home over the easter break as the Wrens have discovered turn taking games that encourage number knowledge.

We are very excited about our next topic: Come Outside and want to kindly request any seeds to plant or donations of artificial flowers for our role play flower shop.



ROBINS

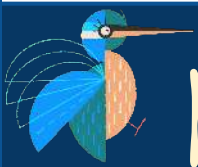


Well done, Robins for completing another fantastic half term in year 1. You have all worked your socks off and we are all very proud of the progress you have all made. We cannot believe we are about to head into Summer Term!

Robins had an exciting week this week as Dino Man came to visit to teach the children about dinosaurs and Mary Anning. Here is what the children learned and enjoyed in their own words...

"I really liked the really big photo of the dino head." "I really loved the T-Rex because it was so big and I didn't realise it would even be that big." "We learnt about the dinosaurs becoming extinct." "I liked it when I got to sit on the Triceratops. It was quite fun."

Over the past couple of weeks the children have completed a DT moving book project. They have all produced wonderful Mary Anning biographies and illustrated their books beautifully.



KINGFISHERS



What a fantastic final 2 weeks we've had in Kingfishers. The sun has been shining, Kingfishers have worked so hard and achieved so much!

In English Kingfishers completed their animal fact files and wrote imaginative and detailed Spring poems.

I've really noticed huge progress within their writing. Their presentation is neat and consistent with many children joining their writing. Furthermore, their confidence to write more independently and incorporate their own ideas has been wonderful to witness and their work is so unique.

In Maths we have completed exploring length and measure and applied this knowledge to other areas of learning.

In Art we looked at Andy Warhol's 'Pop art' technique and Kingfishers used bold, contrasting colours to create repeating prints.

I just want to say I have had the most wonderful time teaching your children this year. They have been amazing and have come such a long way! Miss Willingham is extremely lucky to be teaching Kingfishers class over the Summer term.



WOODPECKERS



Short but very sweet; our 'Light' Science topic has been really hands on and very fun. We have enjoyed learning from first hand experiences and now know lots of facts not only about light but how our eyes work too.

This term Woodpeckers have made great progress with their writing, especially their understanding of formal and informal letters. They have actively been working on their writing targets; trying to join their letters, include varied conjunctions and varied punctuation correctly. We are addressing (in a few cases) the rule that plurals do NOT have an apostrophe (ie: pens, dresses) - a very common misconception. We are using apostrophes only to show possession, ie: Ben's coat, James' coat, or for a contraction (do not = don't), signalling that omitted letter.

Magical Maths has shown during Assessments to really improve the children's maths confidence, fluency and recall.

This will continue next term and we will re-sit the very first Maths Assessment we did in Year 3 - Place Value. I expect now that this will show how much more understanding the class now have of 3 digit numbers.



The last two weeks have flown by and I cannot believe we are already $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way through the year. One of the highlights of the last two weeks was our river trip. Isabelle was a fabulous tour guide and led us to our wonderful spot where the children were able to observe erosion and deposition. Since then, they have also researched the different stages of a river and created some lovely double page spreads about what they found out. We have also finished our explanation text unit, where the children have been able to really showcase what they have learnt in their explanation of the water cycle. In maths, we have continued with fractions and have faced many different challenges with adding and subtracting fractions as well as converting mixed numbers to improper fractions! Our Kiwick Cricket.

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have really worked hard on their unhomeworks and I am pleased to say that the majority of the class were able to enjoy some extra breaktime today in the sunshine to celebrate this.

I hope that you all have a restful and wonderful Easter Holidays, hopefully in lots more sunshine and I look forward to our final term in Kestrels!

And just like that another term in Year 5 has come to a close. One more to go! It has been so wonderful to see how all of the children have grown over the past 2 terms and all of the incredible progress that they have made. They should all be so incredibly proud of themselves and really celebrate all their successes! This week, we have concluded lots of units of work and are excited about what there is to come! We have really enjoyed listening to all of the children's recent homework writes over the past few days, they have worked so incredibly hard on these and have loved creating their own little iMovies!

We have had a little check on unhomework progress today and I have reminded the children about the end of term treat that they can be involved in if they complete what is required of them. There are still some children that haven't made a start or have completed very little, so the Easter holidays would be a prime opportunity for them to play a little catch up. Thank you to all of those that have worked really hard to stay on top of this. Have a lovely Easter holiday everyone, you deserve it!



GUEST SPOT

I can't actually believe how much we have been able to fit into the short term and that is all down to the hard work of each and every child in Owls class. As you will know, the children have sat their final mock papers over the past two weeks and have all demonstrated fantastic progress as each test has gone by and we have a fantastic benchmark of the areas that we need to cover when we return after the Easter break.

Our final piece of writing before we broke up turned out to be one of the most thoughtful and detailed pieces of work that the class have produced as they applied their knowledge and research about animals in captivity to construct a balanced discussion text portraying both sides of the argument whilst maintain a middle position presenting their own personal viewpoint when appropriate.

And just like that, Spring term has come to a close and we look forward to our final term together at Stebbing Primary School which is jam packed with SATs, pizza projects, Crucial Crew, Bikeability, sports day, music concerts, drama performances, sporting fixtures and finally, Leavers'.

The Way Forward
At St Mary's Stebbing

BANK HOLIDAY
SATURDAY
3 MAY
12PM-4PM

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A brilliant day packed with fun, food, and activities
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Heritage Fund

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
03.04.25	Ospreys home safety session 1-2pm
04.04.25	Break up for the Easter holidays
22.04.25	Back to school
25.04.25	Mini marathon day
30.04.25	SEND Family Consultations 3.15-6.30pm
05.05.25	Bank holiday
06.05.25	DEEP Maths Bee (Year 4)
12.05.25	SATs week
15.05.25	Little Monster SEND session 2-3pm
23.05.25	AFSS colour run PM
23.05.25	Break up for half term
04.06.25	Back to school
04.06.25	Science week