

## BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

### HEADTEACHER

It has been wonderful to see our key stage 2 children venture off on their school trips over the last couple of weeks. These enriching opportunities give children the chance to further develop their learning and gain real life experiences. Thank you for supporting the classes to fund these. Our year 6 pupils have their SATs tests next week. These are to help the Local Authority and DFE measure each school's performance. We wish all of them well and the best of luck!

**JUST A REMINDER IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK WITH A TEACHER OF MEMBER OF STAFF PLEASE POP INTO THE OFFICE TO REQUEST THIS. PARENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE THE SIDE GATE AT DROP OFF UNLESS WITH PRIOR AGREEMENT. THANK YOU**

### IMPORTANT NOTICES



**Forest School Open Day (AM or PM)**

When? **Friday 24th May 2024**  
10-12noon OR 1-3pm

Miss Honeybee would love to invite parents or grandparents to a Forest School session. The purpose of the session is to see what happens in forest school, learn more about the activities that take place and see the wonderful space on offer to our children.

20 places available

If you are interested please let us know by completing the google form BELOW: **REGISTER INTEREST**

\*This session is only available to adults.

### SPORT @ STEBBING

Unfortunately, due to the weather conditions last week, the KS1 Three Tees cricket tournament was postponed with a new date yet to be announced. Once a new date has been confirmed, Kingfishers class will be ready to represent the school. Today, our year 4 rapid fire cricket teams took part in the Dunmow family competition against the two Dunmow schools. With little preparation time to learn the new version of the sport, all of the children developed their understanding of the new, complex rules quickly and utilised the tournament to develop and enhance their understanding of the game and the execution of their skills ready for the next round of the competition. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for an update on how our teams got on. Fingers crossed the sunshine sticks around for all of the summer sport events we have lined up.

### AFSS

Firstly, a massive great big fat thank you for helping out, watching and taking part at the Colour Run! It was such a great success, we couldn't really believe it. We saw some amazing fundraising but most importantly, what mattered most was to hear the laughter and see the joy we were bringing to the children (and like minded adults!). We would love to keep this as a new annual traditional event and jazz it up differently every year. So if you got excited by the event, please be in touch with us and let us know any feedback or ideas you may have. We'd love more wise heads and busy hands to make the next Colour Run even better! Now to the big news: together we've raised astounding £3200!! This means we have donated £1600 to the Royal Papworth Trust in Evie's memory. The other half goes straight to the pool fund which is filling up slow and steady with our efforts. So once again, thank you all.



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 3rd May	Friday 10th May
Wrens	Finley & Saffron	Benjamin & Willow C
Robins	Delilah and Isla	Kalia and Evelyn
Kingfishers	Zoe and Esmæ	Jenna & Frankie
Woodpeckers	Albert & Scarlett	Brett & Poppy
Kestrels	Violet & Neve	Maryann & Louis
Ospreys	Zack & Mia	Rory & Phoebe
Owls	Frankie & Betsy	Rocco & Millie



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 3rd May	Friday 10th May
Wrens	Evie	Freddie
Robins	Teddy	Ira
Kingfishers	Freddy S	Harvey
Woodpeckers	Elsie	Genevieve
Kestrels	Archie	Lilly
Ospreys	Florence	Kaelyn
Owls	Florrie	Amelie

## PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 3rd May	Friday 10th May
Wrens	Jasper & Robin	
Robins	Freddie	
Kingfishers	Jake	
Woodpeckers		Sienna
Kestrels		Julia
Ospreys		Ethan
Owls		Florrie, Lily, Grace and Emily

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
03.05.24	Doris and Daniel	Ospreys	Darcy	
10.05.24	Hunter	Wrens	Avalon	

						
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03.05.24	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers	Owls	Ospreys	Owls	Kingfishers
10.05.24	Kingfishers	Robins	Woodpeckers	Ospreys	Kingfishers	Robins



# WRENS



# ROBINS



Wrens have been embracing their Come Outside topic by planting and preparing for a vegetable garden. We have created beautiful art and writing to celebrate the end to April showers, looking forward to the May flowers we have planted. Wrens read the book 'A tiny seed' and enjoyed the story about 'Jasper's beanstalk' Who knows how tall our beanstalks will grow? We included actions and drama in the familiar story of Jack and the Beanstalk to use new vocabulary in our writing. In Maths we have been looking at composing and decomposing with different shapes and sizes. Our water tray has been a popular spot with the addition of flowers and herbs. Wrens have been creating potions, perfumes and 'medicine'. We included the spongy letters and they started leaving messages about their projects. We have our first few strawberries developing and hope to recruit a few volunteers to help us repair and prepare the vegetable beds for our seedlings when they are big enough. Please look out on Dojo for more information.

Robins Class have blown us away this week with their cricket and teamwork skills! They can set the pitches up themselves now. Each group took turns to bat or field and when fielding they communicated well to ensure everyone knew their role and responsibility. This made the games run very smoothly and everybody got a turn to bat and field. We have some promising batters already! Many children scored extra points by getting their ball through a gate! The Victorian topic is in full swing. We have met a character called Grace who lived in a lighthouse on a small, remote island. We have also come across a boat that is somehow linked to our story. Next week we shall discover more! So far, Robins are producing some lovely writing based on the facts they have learned, and are remembering much information! Plants is our focus in Science now, so we have been exploring manure from herbivores and have mixed some with our compost to create a nutritious base for our own plants. We are growing tomatoes, courgettes, spring onions, radishes and salad leaves, so we can harvest and taste these in July when we make salads for our DT project.



# KINGFISHERS



# WOODPECKERS



Kingfishers have had a wonderful couple of weeks, made even more enjoyable by the sunshine! We took advantage of this lovely weather and ventured outside as part of our Science lesson. After exploring different types of seed dispersal, Kingfishers ventured out into Stebbing with their wild native plant guides and identified various plants, discussing what type of dispersal method it may use in order to spread its seeds. In English, Kingfishers have completed their persuasive letters and I was very impressed with the amount of detail and persuasive language used, and the level of care that went into their handwriting. In Maths we have been exploring non-unit fractions. Kingfishers have been identifying various non-unit fractions of shapes and numbers, using a variety of concrete, pictorial and abstract resources and methods. In History we have been studying famous explorers. Kingfishers have been learning about Vikings and their infamous desire to travel and conquer new lands. Next week we will be thinking about a very famous Viking explorer.

What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had in Woodpeckers class. The children have been working exceptionally hard on their rounders skills in our PE lessons. Fortunately, we have been very lucky with such beautiful weather, resulting in us being able to play outside in the sunshine. We have particularly been focusing on the basic skills: batting, throwing, ground fielding, bowling, catching and running. In English, Woodpeckers have recently completed their letter to home as an evacuee. I have been blown away with the range of literary devices used within their own independent writing, as a result, conveying their ideas and emotions effectively. We had the most incredible time on our class trip to St Osyth Priory Education Centre last week. We started the day with a tractor trailer tour, where we got to see (with some very cool, blue binoculars) red deer and other types of rare breed animals, spot birds and wildlife in grassland, pond, marshes and woods. We then visited the tower, where we were able to go to the top of Abbots tower (104 steps) to see the landscape and different habitats in the area. We learned about owls and what they eat by dissecting the owl pellets! We discovered the remains of indigestible fur, bones and teeth!



Well the highlight of the last two weeks for Kestrels has to be our incredible trip to St Osyth's Priory. We packed in so many activities into such a short time including, dissecting an owl pellet, hunting for habitats, climbing towers, a tractor ride, feeding deer and making bird houses! The children were so interested in the day and we were really impressed by how they behaved!

We have had another few brilliant weeks in Ospreys, it continues to amaze me how much progress all of the children are making and how much they seem to be enjoying their learning. A huge highlight for us this week was visiting the Tower of London- I was so proud of all of the knowledge that they were able to share and it was such an enriching experience to take our learning out of the classroom to enhance everything that we have been learning about.

Back at school, we have really enjoyed continuing with our Ancient Egypt topic. In English, we put ourselves in the shoes of Howard Carter and imagined the day that he discovered Tutankhamun's tomb. This then provided us with a stimulus for our hot write, which took the form of a diary entry. There was some fantastic writing, I was so impressed!

In English, the children have been working with just as much passion as they embrace learning all about bees and the important jobs that they do. They have really upped their presentation games and I can not wait to see what they come up with next week when presenting their explanation texts. In maths, we have had some great opportunities for proving statistics knowledge, the children generated their own questions that they wanted to ask and collected data in table and then presented this data in a graph. The children are also very excited about choosing their buddies over the next few weeks ready for their first responsibility as an Owl!

In maths we have been going back over the formal methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to ensure that we are year 5 ready! Miss Watkins has also started to teach us all about decimals!

In Science, we have enjoyed continuing to learn about solids, liquids and gases and really loved looking at the melting times of different chocolates.

In Art, we have enjoyed learning about sculpture and experimenting with clay to improve our techniques.

In PE, we have started to learn the rules of rapid fire cricket (Mrs Hammond had to learn them as well) and had some great tennis sessions.



[History at Stebbing](#)

Most teachers love teaching History: it is full of exciting stories and there are plenty of opportunities to bring the past to life in an engaging way (for example making papyrus, painting caves, attending a Victorian school or solving a Medieval murder!) However, it is not just to make the school day fun that we value History at Stebbing. A good History education is so important in the modern world: developing historical skills (such as searching for, examining and evaluating evidence) helps children to understand their place in the world and in the long story of human development. Also, it challenges them to make sense of the similarities and differences in human experiences across time and place and gives them the skills to make comparisons (for example, identifying fake news or appreciating that two newspapers may report the same event in different ways). We are so proud of our exciting History curriculum at Stebbing and hope that the children remember the facts and develop the skills they need because they have enjoyed the trips, lessons and experiences so much.

Owls class had a wonderful day on Thursday to conclude what has been two weeks of hard work as we prepare for their SATs next week. We have taken part in a wide range of activities to help reinforce previously learnt concepts to ensure that each and every child is as ready as they will ever be to perform to the very best of their abilities and be the best versions of themselves. We are all ready and cannot wait to showcase our knowledge gained throughout KS2. Don't forget all children are invited to stay at

*Miss Watkins*

# EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
13.05.24	Year 6 SATs week
23.05.24	Lion King theatre trip
24.05.24	Break up for May half term
05.06.24	Back to school
10.06.24	Whole class school photos
10.06.24	YEAR 1 Phonics screening week
12.06.24	Year 6 to Crucial Crew
15.06.24	AFSS Summer Party
17.06.24	Police positive action workshop for Owls & Ospreys
18.06.24	Scouting workshop for Robins and Kingfishers
20.06.24	Robins to Audley End
27-28th June	HRS transition days
04.07.24	Year 5 HRS taster day
05.07.24	Sports day
06.07.24	AFSS Summer fete
08.07.24	Multiskills day
10.07.24	SEND family consultations
12.07.24	Owls end of year trip
15.07.24	Music concert 1-3pm
18.07.24	AFSS school disco
23.07.24	Leavers' assembly 10am
23.07.24	Break up for summer holidays