

HEADTEACHER

I wanted to share with you some sad, but also happy news!

Mrs Capon, who many of you will know well, is moving to pastures new! She has been employed in school with us for over 15 years, but her time supporting Stebbing Primary goes beyond that as both of her children attended the school! Now, with 2 grown up children with their own careers, she is looking forward to facing a new challenge and working in the baby room of a local nursery.

We will be really sad to say goodbye at the end of this half-term, but want to thank Mrs Capon for all of her hard work and hope that she comes to visit us on her day off!

WE WILL REALLY MISS YOU!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This year we are continuing to collect for the Food Bank. If you wish to donate any food items or things from the wishlist then please pop them into the school entrance by Monday 20th October. Thank you

Items we need

As of 01/08/2025

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| ✓ Biscuits | ✓ Cereal |
| ✓ Conditioner | ✓ Cup-a-soup |
| ✓ Jam | ✓ Long-life milk |
| ✓ Pasta sauce | ✓ Rice |
| ✓ Rice sachets (microwavable) | ✓ Shampoo |
| ✓ Tinned fish | ✓ Tinned fruit |
| ✓ Tinned rice pudding | ✓ Tinned vegetables |
| ✓ Toothbrushes | |

SPORT

On Friday 3rd October, three year 5 dodgeball teams took part in the Dunmow family dodgeball tournament at Felsted School. With all three teams competing superbly throughout the afternoon of matches, we finished the event with two third place finishes in the separate events alongside a 4th place for our final team - a fantastic achievement for all of our dodgeballers.

On Wednesday 8th October our year 5 girls and boys football squads took part in the USSP football tournaments at Herberts Farm with both teams enjoying a fantastic event with the boys finishing in 4th place and the girls bringing home the bronze medal as a reward for the 3rd place finish.

AFSS

As the school term enters October, the AFSS's plans finally can take off! We hope you have all seen our poster for the Halloween disco and the new ticket purchasing system. We hope to utilise the website further to include parent sign up sheets for events and options to purchase pre-loved uniform. As we are all volunteers and have other commitments, the progress is slow yet steady. But we believe that using this website will make organising and paying for events more convenient.

We also held our annual AGM on Monday 6th October. This meeting saw Harriet to stand down from her position as a chair and accompanying Jas as a co-vice chair member. Amanda was willing to step us as the new chair for the AFSS. Lucy and Iida remain in their usual positions as a treasurer and secretary. This little shuffle up of titles doesn't change the way AFSS works but it supports our core members in their personal circumstances. We support each other and this is why the AFSS is functioning and achieving great things. During the AGM, we made plans for another great and fun year.

But firstly, don't forget to buy tickets for the Halloween disco with the new website! More events will be published in due course.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 3rd October	Friday 10th October
Wrens	Ellis & Margo	Teddy & Frankie
Robins	Gabriel & Penny	Arlo & Carter
Kingfishers	Brodie & Jasper	Evie & Freddie
Woodpeckers	Charlie.B & Ira	Daisy & Teddy
Kestrels	Jenna & Samuel	Frankie & Louie
Ospreys	Crystal & Eva	Fred & Sienna
Owls	Louis & Violet	Lina, Lilly & Rose



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 3rd October	Friday 10th October
Wrens	Samuel	Lottie H
Robins	Teddy	Johnny
Kingfishers	Robyn	Ellie
Woodpeckers	Isla	Dolly
Kestrels	Axel	Fletcher
Ospreys	Dolcie	Albert
Owls	Amelie	Julia

Reading Champions & Presentation Awards		
	Friday 3rd October	Friday 10th October
Wrens	Millie	Stebbing Reading Champion: Sienna
Robins	Ralphie	
Kingfishers	Alex	
Woodpeckers	Stebbing Reading Champion: Luna & Queenie	Henley
Kestrels		Alfie
Ospreys		Eva
Owls		Amelie

Date	Year 6 Award	Attendance Award	Lunchtime Award	Keep it Clean Award
03.10.25	All of Wrens	Wrens	Ivy (Wrens)	Wrens
10.10.25	Dexter & Brett (Y5 Spelling Bee)	Wrens and Ospreys	Frankie	Teddy Sm Nicole N

						
Date						
03.10.25	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kestrels	Owls	Kestrels	Ospreys
10.10.25	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers	Owls	Woodpeckers	Kestrels

EVENTS CALENDAR & GUEST SPOT

DATE	EVENT
14.10.25	Family consultations 3.20-5.20pm
15.10.25	Reception open morning 2026
15.10.25	Family consultations 3.20-7pm
16.10.25	2 Johns workshops all day Parent event 8-9.30pm
17.10.25	KS2 cross country
23.10.25	AFSS disco
24.10.25	Non pupil day
03.11.25	Back to school

SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

The swimming pool fundraising team is working hard behind the scenes to raise the funds required to rebuild our swimming pool. Grant applications have been sent off to a wide range of charities, organisations and companies. Whilst some have been rejected, we are still awaiting the result of our applications to The Lottery Community Fund and Sport England with applications in the process for Local Community Funding, Aviva Funding and the Essex Community Fund.

There are also some potential new avenues of investments that we are exploring this month - keep your fingers crossed!

As always, if anyone has any experience in the fundraising field and can support the school in moving forwards with this project, please let us know!

MY HAPPY MIND- MEET THE BRAIN

It has been wonderful to see all of the children enjoying the myHappymind programme so far this half term. They have gained such a rich understanding of how their brains work in lots of different situations. They have enjoyed meeting team HAP (Hippocampus, Amygdala and Prefrontal cortex.) and exploring all of the different ways to keep team HAP working harmoniously together.

We have also been introduced to 'Happy Breathing' and journaling, more of that next time!

