



Stebbing Primary School



Stebbing Spotlight

Important Messages

Unfortunately our building work has been delayed. We were expecting a handover today but this has been postponed. We have not had the handover confirmed, but we hope this will be by January. I am still very hopeful we will be able to move in in January. However, Essex is looking into the possibility that the delay may cause us to need to take additional non-pupils days at the start of January. I want to give you advanced warning of this and apologise as we certainly want to be back in school on 5th January. However, Essex is putting forward a proposal to the Director of Education that we take 2 additional non-pupil days so we would return to school on 7th January. I will confirm this with you as soon as I have clarification. Thank you

Headteacher

Wow! What a great couple of weeks we have had culminating in a super Christmassy day today. The children looked so festive in their Christmas attire. Nikki's Christmas dinner was delicious and the class had such fun at their Christmas parties.

Also a huge well done to everyone who entered the Bake Off competition. Winners have been announced on the school dojo page.

Finally, thank you for your understanding this week as we had to unexpectedly amend our drop off and pick up procedures. We may well have additional changes next week too as the builders continue to work but we will send a message via parentmail if this is the case. Thank you



Thank you to everyone that entered the Virtual Christmas Bake Off! We loved seeing all of your fabulous creations! The winner may well have been announced by the time you are reading this so huge congratulations! This half terms raffle was for the children - the results will be announced this afternoon - good luck to everyone that bought a ticket! Thank you to everyone who supported us!

We hope all the children enjoyed their special visitor at their Christmas lunch today - we are so lucky that he could spare the time to visit the children of Stebbing School & give them a little treat!

The AFSS needs you! Any the moment we have two joint Secretaries for the AFSS. They were the previous committees Chair & Vice Chair and as nobody volunteered to take on the Secretary role last year when the whole committee was renewed they agreed to share the role temporarily until somebody came forward. If you are interested in taking on this role please do get in touch via the school admin email and they will pass your details on to us. Being part of the AFSS is really rewarding and we welcome new members!

Have a wonderful Christmas break and let's hope 2021 is going to be an amazing year!

Awards

	<u>Friday 4th December</u>	<u>Friday 11th December</u>
<u>Wrens</u>	Frederick Zelle & Sophia Wigmore	Albert Smith & Isabella Dawson
<u>Robins</u>	Violet Francis & Alexander Bota	The whole of Robins' class
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Ethan Thorp & Zachary Cohen	Elliot Hogg & Emilee Atkins
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Oliver Osborn & Frankie Klimkie	Finlee Northcote & Finley Shepherd
<u>Kestrels</u>	Sienna Ball & Poppy-Jean Hogg	Kai Baldock & Eira Fulcher
<u>Ospreys</u>	Edward Carey & Poppy Wright & Poppy Coates	Annabelle Cole & Freddie Munson
<u>Owls</u>	Nell Stone & Evie Moon	Ariana Bota & Harry Brinkley

	<u>Presentation Award Winners</u>	
<u>Wrens</u>	Rafael Roye	
<u>Robins</u>	Violet Francis	
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Lucia Sando	
<u>Woodpeckers</u>		Dan Bota
<u>Kestrels</u>		Jack Donohue
<u>Ospreys</u>		Alfie Price
<u>Owls</u>		Charlotte Wallbank

<u>Date</u>	<u>TT Rockstars</u> <u>% of active players</u>	<u>Spelling Shed</u>	<u>Lunchtime Award</u>	<u>Attendance Award</u>
04.12.20	Owls 100% Ospreys & Kestrels 85% Woodpeckers 59%	Owls 22,858,216 pts	Ethan Thorp for always eating his lunch and always being kind,	Wrens
11.12.20	Owls 40% Ospreys 19% Woodpeckers 14% Kestrels 10%	Robins 😊	William Ririe for good manners and also sitting so beautifully.	Owls



ClassDojo

	<u>Dojo Award Winners</u>			<u>Dojo Points Winners</u>	
 <u>Being Helpful</u>	Poppy May Smith Woodpeckers	Isabelle Perry Kingfishers	<u>Wrens</u>	Clara Bean	James Dawson
 <u>Being Kind</u>	Millie Piggot-Yeoman Kingfishers	Owls Class	<u>Robins</u>	Nathaniel Bota	Albie Edridge
 <u>Good Manners</u>	Aeryn Blaith Ospreys	Freddie Munson Ospreys	<u>Kingfishers</u>	Henry Munson & Millie Piggot-Yeoman	Millie Piggot-Yeoman
 <u>Listening</u>	Albie Edridge Robins	Brody Kiberd	<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Florrie Hale	Finlee Northcote
 <u>Perseverance</u>	Ellie Piggott-Yeoman Owls	Lan Bucknell Kestrels	<u>Kestrels</u>	Brooke Edridge	Isabella Arnett
 <u>Teamwork</u>	Lee Lyons, Jack Donohue, Kai Baldock and Malachy Rook Kestrels	Wrens Class	<u>Ospreys</u>	Poppy Coates	Bea Earle
 <u>Working Hard</u>	Mia Nash Wrens	Elias Haddad & Hunter Clark-Smith	<u>Owls</u>	Ariana Bota	Rosie Coop

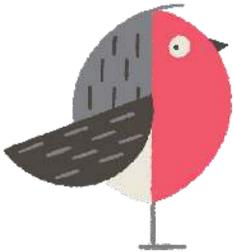
Class Information

Wrens



Wrens class have loved coming in each day to see what Peppermint the Elf has been up to in our classroom. They did some fantastic writing to describe him too. The children are beginning to break their flow of speech into words and with support, are beginning to write simple sentences. We have completed Phase 2 phonics which the children are very proud of. I have been amazed at how their reading has come on over the past few weeks. Reading at home four times a week really helps this. The children enjoyed filming their first Christmas video and can't wait to share it with you. We have also read the story 'The Bear's Christmas' by Bridgette Morett. It tells the story of the Nativity, which the children have created as a video. In Maths we have focused on number 5 and learning one more and one less than numbers to 5 using lots of different concrete representations. We had the best day today! Christmas jumpers, Christmas dinner and a Christmas party! We have so much fun in Wrens class and the children have continued to be so beautifully behaved even throughout the chaos of Christmas. We cannot wait for the virtual pantomime next week and pyjama day! Our Christmas festivities will continue and Wrens class will have lots of wonderful crafts to bring home to you.

Robins



We worked so hard to write our retelling of 'The Storm Whale' story last week. We used our story maps to guide us and remind us of each event, to help us remember our punctuation and how to spell the tricky vocabulary from the story. We used our phonics skills and sound mats to help us with words we could spell ourselves. Some of us knew the story so well that we actually included words and phrases specifically from the book itself, that we had not been rehearsing in our 'retell'. Great job Robins, and a super effort at your first, long 'Hot' write. In maths we have completed our addition and subtraction unit for now, and are enjoying some Christmas maths challenges to consolidate these skills. In Science we have enjoyed carrying out investigations involving forces - ask us what experiments we did. Christmas is almost upon us so of course we've been singing, dancing, making party hats not just for our filming but also for our Christmas Dinner & Party Day which was today! We had an excellent time wearing our hats, eating Nikki's delicious lunch in our classrooms with our friends, seeing the other classes via the screen, and listening to Christmas songs as we ate. Our party was fun too, We are excited

for next week's Panto and Pyjama Day!

We hope our families have the relaxing, happy and sociable Christmas that they'd like, and keep safe. Happy New Year 2021!

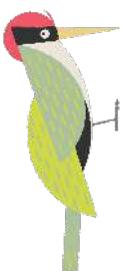
Kingfishers



What a jam packed couple of weeks Kingfishers have had. We have now finished our maths unit on addition and subtraction and the children completed their hot tasks on this this week. We have been so impressed by how they can use their knowledge of tens and ones to help them to solve questions quickly and efficiently. In English we have been working on persuasive letters to Santa. The features of this has been quite tricky, but we are looking forward to writing our final hot write to Father Christmas and persuading him that we have been very good and deserve a present this year! We have also spent a lot of time over the last two weeks perfecting our final parts for our Christmas scenes ready to show you so I hope you are all ready to watch us sparkle and shine next week! In true Christmas form we have also been creating some beautiful Christmas keepsakes for you all at home. As some of you may have seen, we have also finally finished our puppets and they look fabulous! The children have worked so hard on them and are really proud of what they have achieved and are absolutely desperate to bring them home to show you.

All that is left to say to you now is we hope you have a safe and merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Woodpeckers



Christmas is in full swing in Woodpeckers class and everyone has persevered and worked so hard on their christmas scenes and songs. We are all incredibly proud of how much effort all of Woodpeckers have been putting into learning their parts and doing their absolute best!

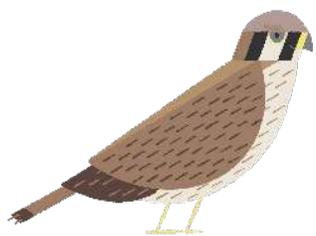
In maths we have been learning multiplication and division using the grouping and sharing method, which Woodpeckers have taken in their stride and have picked up really well. We have also been learning and practising our times tables!

In English Woodpeckers have very nearly completed their story based on a familiar setting and will be completing their hot write on Monday. I have been very impressed with the amazing ideas and use of imagination to make their stories exciting. We have also introduced the use of paragraphs and writing in third person, which was challenging at first but as always Woodpeckers have been brilliant at learning and applying their newly learnt skills.

We have all been very busy wrapping up this year's topics, as well as doing lots of fun Christmas activities which will carry on into next week!

I hope you have a fantastic Christmas Woodpeckers and I can't wait to see you all again in the new year!

Kestrels



The past two weeks have been super busy in Kestrels as we have been wrapping up lots of our topics as well as filming our Christmas videos! We have completed our first multiplication and division hot maths, ready to move on to column methods and bus stop in the new year, whilst in English the children all worked incredibly hard on their hot writes in the midst of all the Christmas excitement. Every child showed that they wanted to achieve their personal best and really pushed themselves at a time that can be very hard to focus so I am incredibly proud of them. This signals the end of our topic based around The Pugs of the Frozen North, but everyone responded to the book so well that we have all decided to focus on a book again in the Spring called The Nothing to See Here Hotel. We look forward to reading it together as a class and predicting what might come in each chapter! We have had a lot of fun filming and have ended this week with a brilliant Christmas party. We are looking forward to spending time together in the last week, watching the pantomime, completing the KS2 Christmas Quiz, working on crafts and generally having lots of fun! Well done to the whole class, the progress they have made in this term has been fantastic. I hope you all enjoy a well earned break and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Ospreys



I can't actually believe that we have nearly reached the end of the Autumn term, this is always the longest and one of the most challenging terms and with all of the added changes the children have had to deal with I honestly think that they have done so, so well. This week has been the week of completion- we have finished our multiplication and division block of work where we learnt all about the different types of numbers (square, cube, prime and factors) we will be starting a new block on multiplication and division when we return after the Christmas break, We have also finished writing our Christmas stories this week and it has been wonderful to read them all- they have really shown off some of the new skills we have learnt throughout the last term. We ended this week by enjoying Nikki's delicious Christmas dinner and had a great time at our class party. We have lots of lovely activities planned for next week to end our first term in Ospreys including the annual KS2 Christmas quiz, Christmas pyjama day, Christmas crafts and a virtual panto. Thank you for all of your support and understanding this term and I really hope that you all manage to spend some precious time with your families over the festive period and I look forward to seeing you all back to school in 2021!

Owls



Where is the time going! It has been a bit of a whirlwind the past two weeks so many lovely end of term activities taking place whilst the hard work has continued. Due to the lack of Christmas production this year, Owls class have been working hard to put together two fantastic videos for you all to enjoy over the Christmas period. Owls class videos will be unveiled on Class Dojo on Friday 18th December and we cannot wait for you to see what the children have put together. Whilst we have been working hard on the filming of the videos, maths and English lessons has continued and the children continue to blow me away with their dedication to their learning. We have come to the end of our fractions unit now with the children all making great progress along the way. We will continue to touch on the key skills in revision sessions throughout the year though as fractions can be a tricky area with lots of tricks and skills to get our heads around. In English, the children have been developing their ideas for the Christmas story that they are writing for their buddy in Wrens. We are now coming to the end of the writing sessions where the children have worked their socks off to create wonderfully festive stories to share with their families and friends. Over the next week, we will be turning the stories into ebooks for all to enjoy. FINALLY, CHRISTMAS! Over the past two weeks, Owls class have enjoyed creating the angel artwork, which is being displayed outside the front of school today, completed Christmas mystery maths packs, designed their gingerbread houses, and took part in a range of advent calendar challenges. Next week the fun continues with: Christmas Coordinates; a virtual pantomime; Gingerbread house baking, building and decorating; Dip Dye Christmas decorations; Christmas film afternoon; Ks2 Christmas Quiz and much, much more!

Important Dates

Date	Event
11.12.20	Christmas dinner day Save the Children Christmas jumper day- wear anything festive! Christmas class parties PM
15.12.20	Virtual Christmas pantomime- Sleeping Beauty
16.12.20	Pyjama day and special Christmas film treat afternoon KS2 virtual Christmas quiz AM
18.12.20	<p style="text-align: center;">As we can't visit the church this year we are bringing the singing to the playground. Please note staggered pick up times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14:00-14:10 Wrens - 14:10-14:20 Robins and Kingfishers - 14:20-14:30 Woodpeckers and Kestrels - 14:30-14:40 Ospreys and Owls <p>Each class will be performing a special Christmas song to round off the festivities in school. We will allow both parents to come along on this day but please limit the amount of other people who come onto the school grounds and maintain a 2 metre distance from other families.</p>
18.12.20	End of term
04.01.21	Non pupil day
05.01.21	Back to school- Start of the Spring term
15.01.21	Reception 2021 primary applications closing date
11.02.21	Break up for half term
12.02.21	Non pupil day
22.02.21	Back to school
26.03.21	End of term
12.04.20	Back to school- Start of the Summer term
28.05.21	Break up for half term
07.06.21	Non pupil day
08.06.21	Non pupil day

09.06.21	Back to school
21.07.21	End of the school year

