

## BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

### HEADTEACHER

Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Bank. We will be organising a collection of these for next week, so if you would still like to contribute please do so by Monday 16th October. **They are also in need of carrier bags, so please feel free to drop these into the office too!**

Our Harvest Festival was a lovely celebration of this time of year and an opportunity to reflect and be thankful.

We are now busy thinking about the next half-term and all of the wonderful opportunities and experiences that children will have over this time. Watch this space for further details and our Christmas calendar soon.

**Just a reminder we will be having an extra SEN Family Forum at 2pm on Wednesday 18th October to say goodbye to Dr Holland.**

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Non-pupil day on Friday 20th October.**

**Teachers have an exciting training day planned with two very inspirational speakers.**

**AFSS Halloween disco for all year groups Thursday 19th October**

**There is a new lost property black dustbin at the front of the school.**

### SPORT @ STEBBING

WOW! What a busy weeks of sport at Stebbing with lots of silverware to add to the collection.

Last week saw Stebbing Primary School take three fantastic teams to the Dunmow family dodgeball tournament at felsted School. After an afternoon of 10 dodgeball matches, our blue and yellow team took home the silver and bronze medal earning themselves a place in the finals in December. On the same day, our year 3 class enjoyed a fantastic multi-skills festival at Dunmow St Mary's lead by leaders from JFAN.

This week has seen three more events with the girls and boys year 5 and 6 football tournaments at Herbetts Farm Playing Fields. After 6 matches each, the boys and girls had fantastic events earning themselves a gold and silver medal respectively. On the same day, all of KS2 enjoyed a cricket World Cup engagement day with Alisha from Essex County Cricket Club which proved to be incredibly popular! Finally, to conclude the week, a small group of children enjoyed a KS2 multi-skills festival at felsted school on Friday afternoon taking part in a range of different activities.

### AFSS

Firstly, great thank you for everyone who has attended our meetings during the last few weeks. We had few new faces with plenty of ideas and hopefully the AFSS can start offering a more variety of events and activities for all. The closest event being the Halloween Disco on Thursday 19th! Tickets go sale on Friday 13th and you can pay with cash or card. You can opt to pay online as well and Class Dojo post has the info how to do this. ALL children are invited to join the fun and of course Halloween wouldn't be completed without dressing up! Tickets cost £4 per child which includes snacks and drinks during the disco. Have a look at our poster on the AFSS board for more info! We also hope you have noticed our Calendar of Events which gives you some of the main events for the upcoming academic year. The AGM minutes are there to read as well in case you're curious to see what we discussed. We would also like to remind you that tickets for the WINTER PARTY are selling fast so please secure your place quickly! It's going to be a great event so please join the fun and help the school's fundraising towards the swimming pool.



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 6th October	Friday 13th October
Wrens	<b>Harvest festival</b>	Freddie & Jasper
Robins		Rainbow & Evelyn
Kingfishers		Axel and Ethan
Woodpeckers		Isabella & Sophia
Kestrels		Amelie & Julia
Ospreys		Hadley & Elliot
Owls		Saskia & Betsy



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER











	Friday 6th October	Friday 13th October
Wrens	<b>Harvest festival</b>	Harry
Robins		Ira
Kingfishers		Skyla
Woodpeckers		Evie
Kestrels		Rose
Ospreys		Ava N
Owls		Rocco

## PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 6th October	Friday 13th October
Wrens	Charlie	
Robins	Freddie	
Kingfishers	Louie. P	
Woodpeckers		Albie
Kestrels		Wren
Ospreys		Phoebe
Owls		Amelia

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
06.10.23	Harvest festival	Ospreys	Woodpeckers	Harvest festival
13.10.23		Owls	Ospreys	Play Leaders

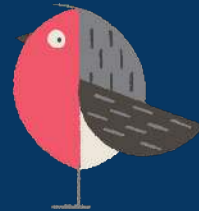
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13.10.23	Owls	Robins	Kingfishers	Kingfishers	Owls	Robins



# WRENS



# ROBINS



Harvest Festival was an eventful for Wrens. We met Rusty the Hen and Peanut the Calf our surprise visitors. We were so impressed with their fantastic walking to the Church and their confident performance of our song. With Phonics in full swing we have been practising our sounds as much as we possibly can. Playing spot the first sound games and using our robot arms to segment and blend words. We have had an evil pea in our classroom! Wrens have been inspired by the story to create WANTED posters. We had a go at drawing a likeness of the evil pea. Some of us attempted writing: stop the pea! We distributed the notices across the school. Our first visit from 'People who help us' was the RNLI. This inspired a lifeboat creation in our outdoor play area with Mrs Earle's life jackets and flags. We also had a visit from Essex Fire & Rescue service. Telling us all about how to stay safe during Halloween and Fireworks night.

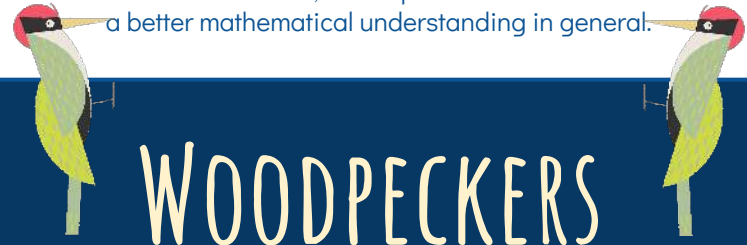
Wrens are looking forward to dressing up as SUPERHEROES on Thursday the 19th of October as our Topic comes to a close. Thank you for all the wonderful creations made for Show & Tell opportunities. It is lovely to see the children's crafts and activities from home.

We have found out the full story behind November 5th now. Last week we visited the church (not once but twice!) to see key features that Guy Fawkes and King James would have seen. The visit really was great fun! With a treasure hunt list of pictures and labels we searched the church looking for the pulpit, lectern, pews, kneelers and much more! We found out some facts about our church and saw some hidden items, including a sink and a lady in brass and parts of the original 13th century screen. Our church is one of only three in the country that has a screen made from stone, and so it is very special. We also found out that the screen was replaced during the Victorian period - a little taster for us of our Summer topic later on in the school year.

We have moved on from Shape in our Maths lessons now and have begun the successful NCETM programme 'Mastering Number' (MN). We are now working on Place Value within 10, counting back and forth, counting objects from a larger group, ordering numerals. In MN we have focused this week on five and its parts using clicky bricks, counters on die patterns and rekenreks. Already I am seeing that the children are a lot quicker at recalling these number facts. By keeping the numbers small during these MN sessions, many complex concepts will be explored to help the children become more confident and fluent in maths, notice patterns and have a better mathematical understanding in general.



# KINGFISHERS



# WOODPECKERS

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of Kingfishers for standing up at the front of the church and singing our Harvest festival song so clearly and confidently, along with the actions they created.

In Maths we have been exploring various concepts including counting on and estimating using a number line, exploring greater than, less than and equal to and ordering. In English our topic is 'instructions' and Kingfishers have been learning how to look after a dinosaur. They have really enjoyed the book, acting out the actions, ordering images representing each instruction and creating/improving instructions by including lots of adjectives and time adverbs.

In History Kingfishers were especially intrigued by the Battle of Hastings and we had some wonderful discussions around why the war happened, comparing the two armies and predicting who will win (before we learned about it of course!)

In Science we have finished our Space topic and have been discussing the seasons. We discussed the usual changes that occur as we enter Autumn, but our conversation steered towards unusual things we are noticing at the moment. On our Science walk the children were very vigilant, noticing healthy flowers still in bloom, lots of butterflies, bees and wasps and very full, green trees. We explored some of the various reasons why we are experiencing such a warm Autumn, and Kingfishers shared lots of possible reasons as to why this may be, along with how we can try to prevent these unusual occurrences in the future.

We have had a very productive couple of weeks in Woodpeckers recently.

Everyone had a fantastic time at the Multi-skills event that took place at another local primary school. The children worked in teams and completed a range of different activities. They worked incredibly hard on their agility, balance, coordination and flexibility.

As we have been learning all about the Stone Age in our history lessons, we dedicated a whole day to the topic. The children started their day by cooking bread, swiftly followed by gathering materials to make shelters - a visit to the park enabled them to gather the necessary resources.

They worked in groups to build shelters within the classroom, produced some 'cave paintings' and completed a hunter-gatherer task in the playground, searching for berries and Woolly Mammoths.

The children were also very fortunate to take part in a Cricket World Cup Engagement day this week. They had the wonderful Alisha (a cricket coach) come along to the school to talk all thing cricket.

The children demonstrated great listening skills and worked fantastically in groups and as a team.



We have had a very sporty couple of weeks in Kestrels. As well as our regular gymnastics lessons, we enjoyed a special cricket session, we have been supporting Mrs Holland with her 100 skips per day to raise money for Cancer Research, plus lots of children have represented our school in a variety of inter-school competitions.

In English, we have been planning the letters to write to Mrs Heys to try to persuade her to agree to one of our ideas. These include lessons in the park, themed lunches, non-uniform days and sports matches against the staff! We look forward to hearing back from Mrs Heys and finding out whose letter was the most persuasive.

In Maths, we have moved on to a new unit of work, addition and subtraction, in which we have been using place value grids and counters (and our excellent prior learning in place value) to help us when making exchanges.



## GUEST

Another week has flown passed and we are ever closer to completing our very first half term as Year 5's! The children have continued to show us how much they are maturing and growing and we are looking forward to discussing their progress with you at our family consultation appointments next week. We are also very much looking forward to our trip to West Stow next week. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate all of the learning about the Anglo Saxons that Ospreys have done this half term. Just a reminder that children are invited to wear their trainers to ensure that they are comfortable. Please also make sure they have lunch and a drink with them and a waterproof coat if it looks like they may need it! This week in English, we have been working really hard to get our current unit of work completed so we can send our persuasive letters to reduce single use plastic to our chosen companies. Hopefully, over half term we will get some replies that we can share with you all! We really hope you all have a wonderful half term together and enjoy some special family time.

Owls class, have continued to blow me away with their energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude to all learning opportunities., Whether it be guided reading, grammar, History or PE, Owls class throw themselves into the lessons with 100% effort - it really is a pleasure.

In English, the children concluded their letters to Manor Adventure staff which have been sent off and we eagerly await a response from the staff at manor Adventure. We have now moved on to writing the teacher bios for the school website. The class have worked in pairs or on their own to create a Google Form to send to their chosen teacher to write a bio. The bio will now be edited and published on the school website next week.

In maths, we are slowly coming to the end of our four operations unit as we have covered addition, subtraction, multiplication and now division - with some of us having a sneak peak at long division too.

We have also had some incredible auditions today for the Christmas performance which, based on the talent we saw today, is going to be an incredible show for you all to see! Mrs Clayden and I are now hard at work to try to cast the

### SEND@Stebbing

I was pleased to be asked to write this fortnight's guest section on Stebbing Spotlight as there have been so many exciting things going on in the world of SEND@Stebbing so far this term. As you will have heard, we have developed the old Studio into a SEND and wellbeing hub called The Nest and it is already getting lots of use by pupils throughout the day. We plan to expand on this over the course of the year. Teachers and TAs have also met with the families of our SEND pupils during our termly SEND Family Consultations and provision for these pupils is well underway. Members of staff have already taken part in a range of training opportunities including supporting pupils with specific literacy difficulties, ADHD and neurodiversity and Young Carer training. Support for our Young Carers is continuing this year with our first special event taking the form of an Autumn crafts afternoon at the end of term. I will be recirculating information about Young Carers in the coming weeks but if you feel your child could be identified as a Young Carer then please get in touch. A new venture for this year is to become part of the Multi Schools Council which aims to break down perceptions towards children with SEND and mental health difficulties in schools and their wider communities. We attended our first meeting on Monday and the children did a fantastic job in representing the school. Meetings will continue throughout the year so look out for further information. Finally, as you will have seen from the previous Stebbing Spotlight, we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Holland, our SEN Assistant, at the end of term. I know that many of you will have benefitted from the insightful and warm support offered by

# EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
17.10.23	Woodpeckers forest school day
17.10.23	Essex ambulance talk with Wrens
17.10.23	Family consultations 3-7pm
18.10.23	Ospreys to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
18.10.23	Family consultations 3-5pm
19.10.23	Wrens superhero day
19.10.23	AFSS school disco KS1 17:00-18:00 KS2 18:15-19:15
20.10.23	Non pupil day
20.10.23	Start of October half term
30.10.23	Back to school
31.10.23	Kingfishers to Mountfitchet castle
31.10.23	Woodpeckers to Celtic Harmony
31.10.23	Kestrels forest school day
03.11.23	Sport4Champion visiting athlete PM
09.11.23	Sikhism workshops for Kestrels and Woodpeckers
09.11.23	Sport4Champion day
12.11.23	Stebbing 10 run
14.11.23	Wrens to Colchester Zoo
15.11.23	SEND family forum 13:45-15:00
20.11.23	Robins to Sconch tea rooms @ Blake End
23.11.23	Planetarium for the whole school
24.11.23	M&M Christmas Panto for whole school
29.11.23	Reception 2024 open evening 17:30-19:00