

HEADTEACHER

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to our lovely volunteers who came together last Sunday to raise further funds for the school. The Stebbing 10 Run (an annual event in the calendar) was a really successful event. We raised lots of money for the AFSS who will fund lots of things for our children. Thank you to all those who donated cakes, bananas or sweets too!

Next week we have our first Christmas event...The visiting Pantomime. This year it is Peter Pan. We are really excited and thank the AFSS for funding this great fun event.



Thank you
Stebbing Primary
School.



For your incredible fundraising efforts in support of Braintree Area Foodbank.

Raising a whopping 19.72kg!

Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Ending
hunger
together

IMPORTANT NOTICES

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 10 November 2025** , for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

SPORT

Despite the adverse weather conditions cancelling a few events over the past few weeks, we still had a few indoor events to take part in.

We started the two weeks with our annual Sports Hall Athletics events for our KS2 children. We were so proud of each and every child who took part in the tournament today, competing in events that they may have had limited experience with due to our limited practice space but I'm true Stebbing style, we challenged the biggest schools superbly competing well above our weight. This morning, our year 3/4 squad finished in an impressive 6th place overall with the year 5/6 squad earning themselves a fantastic 1st place finish pushing Takeley to the very end and just being pipped for a third place overall finish in the large schools competition. More importantly than this, seeing the children support, encourage and congratulate their peers during and after each event was a true golden moment for me today. 🌟

We concluded the week with a wonderful KS1 Multi-Skills festival at Lord Butler Leisure Centre where a small group of children took part in a wide range of activities earning themselves a gold medal for all of their efforts!

AFSS

Is it too early to greet you with a ho-ho-ho?! We don't think so! The AFSS is getting excited about the upcoming season and Christmas festivities. Next week from Monday 17th we are welcoming donations for the Children's Christmas Market. So now is the time to get children to dig out their old toys, find all of your unused toiletries, rummage through men's manboxes and find anything fun that children can purchase on the day for their loved ones. Please no clothing besides fancy dress costumes, scarfs, ties, and such. Every year our demand is high for men's gifts so we would really appreciate some strange, quirky donations for the men in your children's lives.

This year we aren't hosting an after-school Christmas fair as it's becoming harder and harder to organise. But rest assured that children in Stebbing will still have plenty of Christmas magic brought to them by the AFSS. We will soon be opening the volunteer list for the market and wrapping of presents: hopefully you can help us out again this year.

And while talking about helping, thank you so much for everyone who helped us host yet another great Stebbing 10 mile run! We had fabulous cakes and keen sellers on the day. Without your contributions such events would lose their appeal which makes runners return to Stebbing year after year.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 7th November	Friday 14th November
Wrens	Frankie & Rhiella	Elsie, Lottie H, Fred, Dexter
Robins	Isla & Carter	Johnny & Hudson
Kingfishers	Charlie & Sully	Dolcie & Eli
Woodpeckers	Amelie & Rainbow	Daniel & Benjamin
Kestrels	Jake & Lois	Teddy & Dolly
Ospreys	Evie & Indie	Mason & Jacob
Owls	Hunter & Mia	Freddie & Nicolle



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 7th November	Friday 14th November
Wrens	Ava	Teddy
Robins	Ralphie	Gracie D
Kingfishers	Teddy	Willow C
Woodpeckers	Bonnie	Benjamin
Kestrels	Christopher	Jenna
Ospreys	Florence	Albert
Owls	Wren	Albie

READING CHAMPIONS & PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 7th November	Friday 14th November
Wrens	Lucy	Stebbing Reading Champion: Genevieve
Robins	Oscar J	
Kingfishers	Robyn	
Woodpeckers	Stebbing Reading Champion: Evie D, Rainbow & Teddy	Archie
Kestrels		Esmæ
Ospreys		Genevieve
Owls		Violet

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
07.11.25		Kestrels	Mabel	Mr Knight, our Caretaker, for spending ages sweeping all of the leaves!
14.11.25	Nicole	Owls	Ben & Hudson	Ben For helping to keep the PE cupboard tidy.



Date						
07.11.25	Owls	Woodpeckers	Ospreys	Owls	Woodpeckers	Ospreys
14.11.25	Owls	Woodpeckers	Ospreys	Ospreys	Owls	Woodpeckers

EVENTS CALENDAR & GUEST SPOT

DATE	EVENT
19.11.25	M&M Christmas Panto- Peter Pan
19.11.25	Parent workshop on the effects of screen time 6.30-7.30pm
27.11.25	Wrens and Robins to Audley End
04.12.25	AFSS Christmas movie night
05.12.25	AFSS Children's Christmas Market
08.12.25	Christmas performance week (more details to follow)
19.12.25	Last day of term
05.01.25	Non pupil day
06.01.25	Back to school

GUEST SPOT- READING

Last year, when I carried out a survey of children's thoughts about reading, I was really shocked to see that over 50% of Year 1 children said they didn't enjoy reading. I am now a Year 2 teacher and they nearly all absolutely LOVE reading. What's changed since last year? The definition of reading. It's really important for children to see that reading is not just about decoding words (which is HARD when you're first learning to do it), it's about sharing stories, letting language wash over us, discussing plots and characters and locations, and using books as a magic way to travel to far-away lands and be inspired by incredible characters and events. Research shows us that children who enjoy reading are more successful and happier in life. You can help foster your child's love of reading: read TO your child (even if they can read themselves), let them see you reading, join the library, listen to audiobooks, talk about books, act them out and imagine what might happen next... As I look ahead to 2026 (the Year of Reading), I am excited about the opportunities coming up. Bonnie's family have kindly donated a book exchange, we will be having an author visit in the New Year and many other treats. Happy reading!

MY HAPPY MIND- HAPPINESS HEROES

We are super pleased to be able to announce our very own Happiness Heroes at Stebbing Primary. I am very excited to start working with them and have lots of lovely things planned for them to help out with!

Wrens- Elsie & Rhiella

Robins- Oscar J & Harry E

Kingfishers- Saffron & Alex

Woodpeckers- Evelyn & Archie O

Kestrels- Lowri & Hadley

Ospreys- Scarlett & Eva

Owls- Alex & Isla

