

At Stebbing we show **KINDNESS**, demonstrate **RESPECT** and foster **BELONGING**.
We are **ASPIRATIONAL!**

HEADTEACHER

Hello everyone! I am pleased to be writing in our newly updated Stebbing Spotlight. If you are new to the school we produce a fortnightly newsletter which gives updates on what each class has been learning, key messages, dates for your diary and other updates from across the school community. A new slot in our Stebbing Spotlight is the Guest spot. We would like to invite anyone from our school community who may wish to write an article to get in touch and let us know. Please email miss.mawson@stebbingprimary.co.uk. This week we have the Stebbing Minibus committee updating us on their fundraising efforts towards a new minibus which is so valuable to our school.

In other news we have had an enjoyable couple of weeks back in school. It has been wonderful getting to know our new Wrens and other new children who have joined us this year.

We have remembered Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II this week during assembly time and have also been working today to create a large scale art project to focus our thoughts. We hope this will be displayed for all to see as they pass by the school. The children have had the opportunity to write in our Book of Condolence which is placed in our entrance foyer. If you would like to leave a message please just pop into school during opening hours.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Just a reminder, our school will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022.

Our school car park is very busy during drop off and pick up times. A reminder, please only park in the car park if you have prior permission.

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises, this includes in our car park. We are concerned that children are leaving the school site via the car park and this is dangerous during pick up times. Please ensure you use one of our two main entrance/exit routes. Thank you

Applications for parents of a year 6 child to apply for a secondary school place for September 2023 is now open. Please follow the link to complete your application. www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
The national statutory deadline is 31st October 2022

SPORT @ STEBBING

Welcome to a new and exciting year of sport at Stebbing. We look forward to building on last year and continuing to provide a broad and balanced extra-curricular offer for all children to enjoy. Our clubs are now well underway and busier than ever which is always lovely to see. If your child would like to attend a club, we do still have a few spaces available so please get in touch with Mrs Pertwee to see if there is any spaces on the clubs your child wishes to join. Sporting fixtures will start to fill our calendars soon so please keep an eye out for letters inviting your child to attend sporting fixtures. As always, parent support is always welcomed to help with transport and support at the event so if you are able to help out at any events throughout the year, please just let me know when the letter comes home.



Greetings from your AFSS, we are very happy to be back in action and bringing our school community more activities. It has been sad to see Bobbie and Clare leaving us but Sophie and Nikki have stepped in bravely to continue the legacy of AFSS. Together with Lucy and Iida, plus the supporting team of parents, we will no doubt have a fun filled academic year. We have already started the year with a small coffee morning for Wren parents. The big and popular MacMillan Coffee Morning is up ahead and we hope to see you on Friday 30th September at school grounds. We will of course need cake and goodie donations from YOU! So please, if you drop by the shop on your way to school, or spend days baking a cake, we will be ever so grateful for your delicious donations. More goodies we have, the more we can collect for the charity. You will also be able to donate cash or donate online. More info about the day will be published on ClassDojo. Another date for the diary is our annual official AGM which will be held on **Wednesday 28th September at 7pm** in the school hall. Also we are slowly starting to plan more Halloween activities for October. Exciting times!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 9th September	Friday 16th September
Wrens	Charlie S & Hallie	Benjamin & Kalia
Robins	Louie & Ivy	Freddy S. & Zoe
Kingfishers	Mia & Tereza	Dexter & Emily
Woodpeckers	Louis & Wren	Charlie & Isla
Kestrels	Henry & Elliot	Emilee & Kayde
Ospreys	Archie & Reggie	Isaac & Volodymyr
Owls	Owls	Freddie & Isabella



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 9th September	Friday 16th September
Wrens	Mabel	Isla
Robins	Jasmina	Alasdair
Kingfishers	Rafael	Elsie
Woodpeckers	Albie	Remi
Kestrels	Maya	Isabelle
Ospreys	Dan	Florrie
Owls	Manor adventure	Malachy

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 9th September	Friday 16th September
Wrens	Bonnie Blue	
Robins	Nicole Nelson	
Kingfishers	Fred Zelle	
Woodpeckers		Julia Morton
Kestrels		Ava Nash
Ospreys		Amelie Hiskey
Owls		Archie Smith

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
09.09.22	Not awarded this week	Kestrels	Year 5	Woodpeckers and Kestrels
16.09.22	Wrens	Kestrels & Owls	Wrens	Kingfishers



WRENS



ROBINS



Wrens have settled in very well over the last two weeks. They have enjoyed their very first Balance bike PE lesson with Ms Thorp and had a wonderful time meeting Ms Honeybee in Forest School this week. We have all know our topic is: Super Special Me. Wrens have started to learn some Makaton to sign as we speak. Our Class Teddies have ventured out on their first visits home with a Wren. We have had beautiful moments shared with us of Wrens visiting London. Paying their respects to Our Late Sovereign HM Queen Elizabeth II. The outdoor area came alive this week with tickets sold to a Puppet Show and treasure buried in our sandpit. We explored the School grounds on our listening walks and did fantastic percussion with Miss Summers on Wednesday. This form part of our phonetic awareness preparations for Phonics. It was our first full week and we couldn't be more proud of how well our Wrens have adjusted to their new environment. We are grateful for our wonderful school community and the Owls buddies visiting us for fun breaktime games. Well done to all of our Wrens!

Robins have settled in absolutely amazingly into their new class and life as a Year 1. We have been working hard with our Phonics and are starting to blend more words independently now. Our reading is really accelerating and our repetition of our ebooks is helping the Robins to notice particular punctuation and change the intonation of their voice accordingly. In Maths we have been discussing the properties of 2D shapes, understanding that they are flat with only the width dimension and height dimension. We have come across vertices this week and learned some new, more obscure 2D shapes too, such a trapezium and parallelogram. After rolling our dough into an ovoid after Dough Disco we did discover that the 3rd dimension (in 3D shapes) is depth, and will look into this more in time for the next Stebbing Spotlight. In English our focus has been lists and the Robins have been learning to write words in their lists one line beneath the other, with bullet points too. We mostly understand that words do not need capital letters when they are alone or in a list, and that capital letters are only needed for the very first word when writing a full sentence. Superstars!



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



It has been lovely getting to know Kingfishers over the last couple of weeks. They have settled in well and have shown enthusiasm towards their learning. We began our year recapping over previous learning to ensure they felt secure before moving on. In Maths we have looked at making different numbers using a variety of resources, using a 100 square, 1&10 more and less from any given number and partitioning 2 digit numbers into tens and ones. In English our topic is instructions. We have focused on the key features, giving clear and precise instructions, exploring time adverbs and using adjectives to make our instructions more interesting. In Science we have been learning about Space. We learnt about force which is used to thrust a rocket upwards and Kingfishers enjoyed our experiment. We then discussed the word orbit and explored the order of the planets. In History we have been studying transportation and Kingfishers were very interested to learn about the past lives of Vikings and designed some excellent Vikina long boats which they will be making

It's been a wonderful couple of weeks Woodpeckers' class class over the last couple of weeks, the children have settled in brilliantly and have been very keen to learn. We started off our journey into year 3 taking time to get to know each other and recapping on previous work. In Science, the children have been discussing what experiments are and the process of an experiment. They then got to carry out their own experiment which involved adding salt to both warm and cold water and making predictions as to which would dissolve the quickest. In PE, the children have been working on and performing a variety of jumps and shapes - including a teddy bear roll - in a sequence with a partner. In English, we have been focusing on descriptive writing. The children were set the challenge to to work with a partner and to write some clues to find treasure. Each clue had to contain a preposition in order to be able to find the next clue. The children have also been focusing on describing emotions using "show don't tell". The children took it in



KESTRELS



What a wonderful start to the first term we have had! The children have come back and as always have put their hearts and souls into everything we have given them. Their behaviour and maturity is growing and I am so proud to be their teacher, especially when I hear wonderful comments about them from other members of staff.

In our maths lessons, we have started to look at 4 digit numbers, which the children have coped with amazingly. They have been able to read them with accuracy, order them and manipulate them to partition them in different ways.

In English, we have been learning the story of Romulus and Remus. Kestrels have loved role playing the roles and re telling the story. We have also explored different sentence openers and I have been really impressed at how well the children have coped with this.

In history, we have loved learning about the Romans and this week explored the straight roads that the Romans created when they took over our country.



OSPREYS



Ospreys have had a good start to the year, working hard to learn the classroom routines and the expectations that come with being a year 5. We have seen lots of responsible and caring behaviour, and have enjoyed working towards our new dojos.

In our Maths lessons we have jumped in to our place value topic working on numbers up to 1 million. We are thinking about the value of each digit, different ways of partitioning, finding more or less than a given number and recognising positions on a numberline.

Understanding the structure of a number is a really important skill to develop before we can move on to manipulating numbers.

In English we are working on DADWAVERS, an acronym which helps us to learn different sentence starters, ensuring that our writing is varied and interesting. We have also enjoyed getting stuck into our Anglo Saxons topic for History, recapping our previous learning about the Romans before acting out the arrival of different invading groups to Britain in 410 AD.



OWLS



Owls class have returned from Manor Adventure and enjoyed their first full week of Owls. Following what can only be described as a magical week at Manor Adventure, we have harnessed the excitement and achievements experienced and channeled that energy into our English unit of work where we are currently in the process of writing formal thank you letters to the staff at Manor Adventure. In maths, we have been easing into the year 6 curriculum gently with a few lessons ensuring we understand our place value of digits up to 10 million. We then utilised this knowledge to help us multiply and divide by powers of 10. Within our foundation subjects, we have started our human body unit of work in science where we studied the cardiovascular system by identifying the different parts of the heart. We continued to work hard in history this week learning all about some of the Anglo-Saxon kings who attempted fight off the Vikings (some more successful than others). It really has been a busy first week back as we have started our grammar lessons focusing on relative clauses by using



GUEST

Hello Stebbing Parents and Staff,
I write to you on behalf of Stebbing Minibus, many of you would have heard of us but for those that haven't.... We have a village minibus that provides support to the older community of the village, Scouts, Local clubs but most importantly the School. By having access to the minibus means it can be used for sporting events, school trips and sometimes residential trips. This means it keeps the cost down for both parents and the school (no need to hire coaches). We are trying to replace the minibus because of its age. So no doubt you know where I am going with this..... Tesco currently have us in the Blue Chip scheme which finishes on the 30th September, so can I kindly ask you to drop your chip in our box if you are visiting Tesco (either Great Dunmow or Takeley). At the moment we are in second place so any support will be appreciated. And hopefully next time you hear from me I will be showing off our shiny new bus !!

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
23.09.22	Genes for Jeans day
26.09.22	Friendship week for children and staff
28.09.22	AFSS AGM at school 7pm
30.09.22	Macmillian coffee morning
October	Black history month
	Darren Dance workshop
11.10.22/12.10.22	Family consultation evenings
20.10.22	Harvest festival at the church (1pm)
20.10.22	School discos (KS1 5-6pm) (KS2 6.15-7.30pm)
20.10.22	End of half term
21.10.22	INSET DAY
31.10.22	Back to school Application deadline for secondary school places for year 6
11.11.22	Non uniform (Wear red and bring a cake)
10.11.22	Reception 2023 open morning (9.30 and 10.30)
18.11.22	Children in Need
23.11.22	Reception 2023 open morning (9.30 and 10.30)
25.11.22	Non uniform for chocolate tombola
02.12.22	AFSS children's Christmas market Wear your Christmas jumper and bring a bottle for the tombola
02.12.22	AFSS Christmas fayre (3-5pm)
07.12.22	Christmas lunch
12th December	Performance week
20.12.22	Christmas carol concert at the church- LAST DAY OF TERM

To view our annual calendar of events, please click here:
<https://stebbingprimary.co.uk/calendar/>