

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

## HEADTEACHER

Christmas at Stebbing is always such a special time. We celebrate a sense of togetherness and belonging and the children have a wonderful couple of weeks taking part in a range of activities.

I hope you have enjoyed the many activities on offer too.

We are looking forward to an exciting spring term and have lots of plans for the new year.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

## SPORT @ STEBBING

As the Christmas period approaches, sporting fixtures take a back seat as we prepare for the Christmas productions. We did however, manage to squeeze in a couple of dodgeball tournaments for our year 4, 5 and 6 children.

A huge congratulations to our year 4 dodgeball teams who represented their school and the Dunmow area in the Uttlesford finals this afternoon competing against 20 schools from the Uttlesford area. Both teams competed with honesty, sportsmanship and determination in all matches coming in an impressive 3rd and 15th place out of all the schools in the Uttlesford area. Our year 5 & 6 dodgeball teams also smashed it at the dodgeball tournament representing Stebbing Primary School and the Dunmow family at the Uttlesford dodgeball finals at Lord Butler Leisure Centre this afternoon. Competing against tough opposition from Stansted, Saffron Walden and Newport, our two teams competed superbly, supported each other throughout and testing themselves against the best teams in the area finishing in 7th and 15th in all of Uttlesford.



## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please ensure that you report all absences to the school office. The preferred way for this to be recorded is via Parentmail so that they are all reported to the same place. If you are unable to access Parentmail at the time please leave a message on the school answerphone. Thank you.

First day back to school is  
Friday 6th January.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

## AFSS

A great big warm thank you to everyone who has helped out us the last few weeks. The AFSS would not have been able to bring Christmas to Stebbing without the volunteers, donations, stall holders, and visitors. We are pleased to let you know that we have raised over whopping £1400 for the school and money is still coming in! It's needless to say how grateful we are for everyone who has made this happen. Hopefully you have had your chance of buying raffle tickets during this week. The prize draw results should have been announced on ClassDojo with more information regarding how to claim your prizes. After all the fun in the snow, we are sure that everyone from students to teachers are ready for a break. We look forward to being in touch in the New Year and revealing our plans! We will be meeting up on Wednesday 11th January at 6:30pm in White Hart, for a review of our Christmas success and feedback. We hope to see many of you joining us then. Until then, we want to wish everyone a very merry Christmas!

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 9th December	Friday 16th December
Wrens	Benjamin & Henley	Stanley & Grace
Robins	Freddie. E & Alasdair	Monty & Frankie
Kingfishers	Millie & Fred Z	Kingfishers
Woodpeckers	Amelia and Albie	All of Woodpeckers
Kestrels	Ava Rose & Isabelle	Ava N & Ethan
Ospreys	Dan & Florrie	Emily & Lily
Owls	Eira & Hollie	Lan & James S



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 9th December	Friday 16th December
Wrens	Kalia	Bonnie-Blue
Robins	Veronika	Louie. P
Kingfishers	Elijah	Poppy
Woodpeckers	Summer	Lina
Kestrels	Lucia	Savannah
Ospreys	Amelia	Liana
Owls	Shae	James S

## PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 9th December	Friday 16th December
Wrens	Benjamin	
Robins	Esmæ	
Kingfishers	Elsie	
Woodpeckers		Remi
Kestrels		Kayden
Ospreys		
Owls		Isabella

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
09.12.22		Ospreys	Robins	
16.12.22		Kestrels	Kestrels	



# WRENS



# ROBINS



We have been reading our Topic Book: Lost & Found. Finding out all about Penguins and where the South Pole is. We have been asking and answering a lot of questions: Why is it cold there? How does the water freeze? Our Maths lessons had us looking closer at the number 4. Wrens have been finding squares and objects that represent 4 everywhere! Christmas Crafts have been keeping us very busy and our class Elf Twinkl has been up to lots of cheeky tricks. Our Christmas performance rehearsals has enabled us to show off our singing. Wrens wrapped up their dancing PE lessons with group dances, moving like animals to different music.

Miss Summers was surprised with all of our skills in a Balance Biking lesson and enjoyed her welcome back to Wrens. And she joined us in Forest School to get to know us better. We had a fantastic time on our class trip to the Zoo. Wrens knew all the facts we explored in our lessons and were able to save Christmas with the Elf Boots! In our outdoor learning we showcased our understanding of Science and Geography by 'rescuing the frozen arctic animals' in our frozen water tray. A very busy last few weeks. With a highlight being: handwritten wishlist posted to Santa at Colchester Zoo

Having done very well measuring length and height we've now moved on to Capacity & Volume, and Robins on the very first day started noticing scales on their water bottles and reading the measurements. They have enjoyed checking the rain gauge frequently and playing with many containers in the water tray. This week we progressed to exploring and solving challenges. This was a really fun set of lessons, for the adults too; it was so enthralling to see the children investigating and hear their creative suggestions, then try them out.

There have been slightly less photos shared on ClassDojo recently; so apologies for that. This is because we have been so busy, like elves in Santa's Workshop, creating for our Christmas Craft Fair, and don't want any spoiler alerts to ruin your surprises.

We cannot really put into words just how proud we are of the children - they embrace their craft and work together as a team so cooperatively and independently, then to top it off they have produced 2 sensational performances this week. A small number of children had some apprehensions and a bit of anxiety, however all of them overcame this with support, not only from us but from you too - so thank you parents for working with us and helping the children learn their lines and get into character. Their singing, acting & dancing was done with such confidence and enthusiasm.

They truly enjoyed the opportunity and we all (you too, I know) thoroughly enjoyed watching.



# KINGFISHERS



# WOODPECKERS

What a wonderful end to our first term! The Children have been amazing and they have all worked so hard and persevered through our busy Christmas schedule. In Maths we have been exploring exchange, number lines and taking away ten from any given number. We have been using the CPA approach and our deep dive focus has been creating Maths stories from calculations. In English we wrote a letter to Santa with a focus on Key features and structure, asking questions and using commas and conjunctions effectively. Kingfishers really enjoyed this unit during the build up to Christmas and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading their detailed and thoughtful letters. In Science we explored the meaning of 'adaptation', linking this to our previous learning on Albert Einstein. The Children practised their computing skills and researched various animals and how they have adapted to their environment in order to survive. In the build up to Christmas the children have been extremely busy with their crafts and Christmas Play practise, as well as carrying on with their brilliant learning.

I am beyond proud of Kingfishers and their many achievements this half term. It has been lovely watching them flourish within their singing and acting skills, their ability to learn lines and speak clearly and confidently, and to see their imaginative and creative side so much over the past few

The children have been incredibly productive over the past two weeks. In English, they have been working towards completing their own set of instructions, based on how reindeer fly. They came up with some wonderfully creative ideas and thoroughly enjoyed this Christmas unit.

In maths, they children have continued to work on addition and subtraction. They have been working on subtracting two numbers (across a 100), where they have been using base 10 and place value counters to represent calculations alongside the written method. At each step of the subtraction, the children were asking whether they needed to make an exchange.

In RE, the children have been focusing on understanding the importance of miracle. This week, they looked into Jesus' first miracle "The wedding". They read through the story from the children's bible. They focused on key vocabulary and how Jesus turned water into wine, resulting in them each creating their own story map.

In the build up to Christmas, the children have been extremely busy, preparing many fabulous crafts in preparation for the upcoming Christmas craft fair. We were so impressed with every single member of Woodpeckers, their amazing hard work and determination throughout the Christmas performance and rehearsals was absolutely fantastic. They should all be extremely proud of themselves. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year.



# KESTRELS

Wow! What a jam packed final two weeks we have had in Kestrels! I am sure you will all agree that first and foremost, the children absolutely wowed everyone with their incredible performances of 'Lights, Camel, Action'. I know that all of us were incredibly proud of each and every child! We definitely have some future stars in Kestrels. We have also been working extremely hard and have finally learnt all our times tables and started to problem solve within these. The children have worked really hard and are keen to keep practising them in lessons. In English, we have enjoyed continuing to read 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. Within this we have started to look at varying our sentence openers using the DADWAVERS technique. In RE, we have enjoyed learning about 'Om' and have designed our own Om flags as well as explore different artifacts that represent Om. On top of all of this, we have managed to squeeze in some arts and crafts ready for our Christmas market on Monday. I think you will be especially impressed with the children's efforts at cross stitch! It has actually been a stress free experience. All that remains is to say Merry Christmas to all of you. I hope you all have a wonderful break and a happy new year.



# OSPREYS

The past two weeks feel as if they have flown by in a blur! So much has been packed into such a short amount of time. We have been taking our time working through our fractions topic in Maths, making sure we have really mastered our understanding of improper and mixed number fractions. We have also used our knowledge of equivalent fractions to help us compare and order fractions within the same multiple. In English we have enjoyed our book 'One Christmas Wish'. We have been summarising and retelling different scenes, altering them to use our own characters, and also using drama to represent the illustrations in the book. Last week the children worked really hard on their Christmas panto- Panto Pandemonium! We were really proud of the effort that everyone put into learning their lines, the lyrics to the songs and all the actions. I'm sure those of you that saw it will agree, it was a brilliant and memorable performance! In the lead up to the Christmas holidays we have also been making lots of crafts which we enjoyed sharing with everyone at the Craft Market- thank you to all of you who were able to attend and donate. Thank you for all of the kind cards and gifts. We hope you have a fantastic Christmas and a happy new year!



# OWLS

Can you believe it, we are already a third of the way through Owls class' final year at Stebbing Primary School and what a first term it has been jam packed full of fun, laughter and learning. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas productions last week. We are all so proud of each and every child who took to the stage with confidence to put on a phenomenal show for you all. It has also been lovely to welcome you all in to school for the Christmas Craft Market where you had a chance to taste some of the children's culinary delights, vote for your favourite gingerbread house and pick up some crafts (and hopefully some lost property along the way too). From all of Owls class, we hope you all enjoy a very merry Christmas and a happy new year and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Friday 6th January to get started in Spring term. We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to - more fractions, journalistic writing, studying an ancient civilisation (The Indus Valley) in History, Christianity in RE and, my favourite science units of the year, light and electricity.

# GUEST

No guest this week.  
Watch this space for  
further articles in the  
new year!

# EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
20.12.22	Christmas carol concert at the church and Christmas jumper day ( <a href="#">Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day</a> ) - LAST DAY OF TERM
05.01.23	All staff back to school- INSET DAY
06.01.23	Children back to school