

BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

HEADTEACHER

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our wonderful staff runners on Sunday.. It was such an amazing day and a real highlight in the Stebbing annual calendar of events! We are all very proud of the achievement of our Snow White and 8 Dwarves, well done and thank you! We had a lovely assembly on Monday to celebrate their achievements.

We are fast approaching our Christmas activities!

Below is a link to our Christmas calendar. Please note the change in date for our Christmas dinner. This is now on Friday 15th December. Further details to be released soon!

[STEBBING CHRISTMAS CALENDAR 2023](#)



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Harvest Collection, providing 40 meals for the local community.



RECEPTION 2024

If you have a child due to start school next September please ensure that you have applied for your school place by 15th January. Details can be found at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

SPORT @ STEBBING

The last two weeks has seen the children take part in 4 intra-school competitions across a range of sports. On Tuesday 7th November, our year 5 football squad competed superbly at the Essex finals for the small schools football tournament played at the impressive location of Billericay Town Football Club. In a pool of 5 teams, Stebbing scored 3 goals, conceded 2, kept 3 clean sheets and only lost 1 game on the way to a fantastic third place finish only losing out to the eventual finalists in 1st and 2nd place. In the same week, years 3/4 and Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics athletes took part in SHA competition at a Felsted School on Friday 10th November. Following two hours of the children taking part a whole host of activities and races, both our teams won the small schools competition and came a superb 4th overall!

Finally, to conclude a busy few weeks, a whopping 55 athletes from KS2 took part in the Dunmow family cross country event. I am so proud to see so many Stebbing runners take part in the event. Keep an eye on Dojo to see how we got on!

AFSS

What's that I hear you say, is Christmas on its way to Stebbing?? YES IT IS! Our plan for the big Christmas Market and Fayre day are in full swing. We are very excited to bring the event back and having listened to feedback, we are making some changes. There will be more games and fun to be had! But to be able to host all this, we are also in search of volunteers to run class game stalls. More information will be posted on ClassDojo. Next week we will also tell you more about the brand new event - Christmas Movie Night! As a proof how valuable our helpers are, the AFSS has made £1000 at Stebbing 10 event! As ever, we are grateful for everyone for their time and effort. Hot cups of tea & coffee with delicious cakes kept the audience happy while bananas, jelly babies and chocolates got snatched by the runners after the run. A big shout out to our amazing Snow White and 8 dwarves for completing the run and fundraising towards the pool.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 10th November	Friday 17th November
Wrens	Sullivan & Harry	Rhys & Brodie
Robins	Amelie & Stanley	Meadow, Grace and Charlie.B
Kingfishers	Jake & Archie	Samuel and Monty
Woodpeckers	Millie & Albert	Logan & Tereza
Kestrels	Freddie & Lottie	Remi & Louis
Ospreys	Ava-Rose & Phoebe	Ji & Darcy
Owls	Sporting event	Owls Class



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Thursday 10th November	Friday 17th November
Wrens	Saffron	Avalon
Robins	Mabel	Kalia
Kingfishers	Lois	Christopher
Woodpeckers	Raf	Sophia
Kestrels	Mia	Amelie
Ospreys	Henry	Zack
Owls	Sporting event	Lily

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Thursday 10th November	Friday 17th November
Wrens	Maisey	
Robins	Archie. W	
Kingfishers	Harvey	
Woodpeckers		Mia
Kestrels		Rose
Ospreys		Kayden
Owls		Finlee

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
10.11.23	N/A	Ospreys	Ospreys	
17.11.23		Wrens	Owls	Woodpeckers

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17.11.23	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers	Owls	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers



WRENS



ROBINS



A penguin showed up on our doorstep. He was clearly lost. We had to investigate where he was from. Wrens did a fantastic job looking up information in our non-fiction books.

In Maths we explored the shapes triangles, and circles. We took a closer look at the interesting work of Wassily Kandinsky. This inspired us to create our own art tracing around shapes, cutting out shapes and using paint. We had the privilege to celebrate in different ways. We make Henna Hands for our Diwali display and the Wrens tried on some beautiful outfits. We made wreaths for remembrance day and spoke about how we are lucky to live in a country where we are safe, respected, and experience kindness. We went to the zoo this week and Wrens had a fantastic time on their first coach trip together. Their behaviour was exemplary and the whole group just made the most of a very rainy day. This week we started looking at our 'That's not my...' - books. We spotted similarities in the different text and will be exploring different textures to enhance our writing with.

In Maths we have been exploring four and five. Diving deeper into how we can represent one more and one less. We have been blown away with the most creative show & tell contributions to date and want to thank you for supporting your child in their learning.

Robins are really doing well with their Place Value within 10. We have been challenged by some concepts, such as more/less and how to use and understand the inequality symbol (<, >) but the ideas have popped around our minds and sunk in slowly. We've practised in class during structured 'choosing', in maths lessons and in Mastering Number, so that now many of us are secure, or embedding it.

In English we are about to end our English focus on 'captions'. This week, like the older children in school we learned about WAGOLLS and WABOLLS - ask your child to explain. We felt very grown up. We are using word banks, sound mats and blue pens to edit our writing and sometimes we even mark it ourselves using green! This class do thrive on responsibility; impressing us each time! Our production songs have been an instant hit, so we're enjoying practising these each day - I'm sure you're also waking up with them in your head (if not yet, then soon!)

In Science we continue to consider our senses and are linking this to animals who rely heavily on specific senses too. This has linked perfectly with RE, in which we are learning about Hindus and how for them religion and faith involves every sense. We read a story about Diwali traditions and have made Diwas which we will sell at our Christmas Craft Market. We'll also sell the craft we make, on our Trip to Blake House on Monday. We can't wait!



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS

Another 2 weeks have flown by for Kingfishers! In Maths we have been adding and subtracting with exchange and Kingfishers have enjoyed the hands on and child led approaches we have used. In English we are writing our story, based on a person in the forest who discovers an animal trapped in a man-made object or litter that has been left. Kingfishers have come up with so many excellent ideas and I'm looking forward to writing the problem and solution next week and seeing their stories come together! We have particularly focused on incorporating many different adjectives to ensure our stories are engaging and interesting.

In grammar we have been learning about the purpose of conjunctions and why/how we use particular conjunctions effectively.

In Geography we have been exploring atlases and various maps. We have focused on the countries that make the United Kingdom and their capital cities.

In Science we have been exploring materials and whether they are flexible or rigid, or potentially a combinations of both depending on what materials were used to create an object.

It has been a very productive time in Woodpeckers class throughout the past two weeks.

In maths, we have continued working on our addition and subtraction unit. The children have been extending their knowledge of subtracting 10s from any 3-digit number to include crossing a 100. We then moved onto adding two numbers across a 10, where we began adding in the ones column, moving from left to right. If we had ten or more ones, we exchanged them for one whole ten (which was then added to the tens column).

In Geography, we have been learning all about the UK; where it is located and its nearby countries. This was then followed by a lesson where we named and located the counties of the UK.

In English, we have begun a new unit: author study.

We have thoroughly enjoyed researching Julia Donaldson and reading a range of her fantastic books. We have discussed rhyming patterns and each wrote a book review based on one of her stories.

For our R.E lessons, we have been focusing on how people express commitment to a religion or worldview in different ways. We were very fortunate to have a fabulous guest visit us last week. Mr Singh came into our classroom and spent some time with us discussing the 5 k's in Sikhism and provided examples of each. He was incredibly knowledgeable and the children were fully engaged.



We have had a lovely couple of weeks in Kestrels. We enjoyed meeting professional footballer Lily and training with her. It was also great to have a workshop with Mr Singh and learn about Sikhism. The messages of love and tolerance were so powerful. We have also had two big sporting competitions and the few children who didn't participate in these did some great artwork for our upcoming performance and of course to commemorate Remembrance - doesn't our window display look impressive and respectful? The children wrote their English hot write instructions about how to make a magic potion and in Maths we have been focussing on learning our times tables. In Geography, we have been using maps to find out information about continents. The children have also been choreographing and practising a Mayan-inspired dance.



OWLS



We are having the best time in Owls class so far this half term. The past two weeks have flown by as the children continue to work their socks off and be wonderful role models around the school.

This was highlighted in the recent school tours that Owls class have led for parents looking to send their child to school in September 2024. Every single child has completed multiple tours, sharing what makes Stebbing Primary School so fantastic and explaining their own personal experiences and highlights. No one knows the school better than the year 6s and they have done an incredible job.

In amongst the school tours and Christmas production rehearsals, we have continued our work with Skelli as we are now working on using estate agent jargon to help write a housing advertisement for Michael's new house.

Needless to say we are having to use our imagination to find the positives amongst the negatives. I can't wait to share the children's work with you, they have really taken to this new style of writing.

We have also started our fractions journey where we have recapped prior learning with ordering, comparing, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, different denominators, and mixed number fractions to



Another few weeks has flown by in Ospreys and we have managed to pack in so much! We have completed another maths unit all about square, cube, prime and composite numbers. We also explored multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000 and multiplying and dividing by multiples of 10. The entire class blew me away and as a whole we had the highest set of hot maths results yet! We have now moved onto fractions and this will be our focus up until the end of term. In English, we have been continuing to explore a number of different transmissions in preparation for thinking about writing our own. This week, we loved exploring Mars via a VR experience on Youtube. We gathered lots of information and have lots to be inspired by when we come to our shared writes next week.

We have also started rehearsals for our production of Olivia. Please support your child by helping them to learn their lines so they are prepared for rehearsals. We can't wait to share it all with you and after what we have seen so far, you will be in for a real treat!

GUEST SPOT

Is your child due to start school in September 2024?

Stebbing Primary would love to welcome you to our last open day on Wednesday 29th November at 5.30pm (tour with the Headteacher).

Please telephone the school office to let us know if you would like to attend. If you would like an individual appointment with the Headteacher or Special Needs Coordinator please indicate this at the time of booking.

We look forward to meeting you.

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
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
01.12.23	Children's Christmas Market
01.12.23	Christmas fayre 3.10-5pm
11-15th December	Christmas play week- more details to follow shortly!
20.12.23	Carols around the Christmas tree 2pm (More details to follow)
20.12.23	End of term