

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

HEADTEACHER

Welcome back after half-term. I hope you had an enjoyable week. It has been lovely to hear from the children some of the special things they have been up to.

I am delighted to be able to share with you that Mrs Hammond has given birth to a beautiful baby boy, Bernard William

Hammond during
half-term, weighing
8lb 3oz.

Here's a gorgeous
snap of him!



SPORT @ STEBBING

We have only been in Spring term 2 for a few days and we have already had two fantastic sporting events for our hockey and tag rugby squads. On Wednesday, our KS2 hockey squad represented the Dunmow family at the USSP hockey tournament held at Joyce Frankland Academy Newport. Competing against 16 schools from the Uttlesford area, our wonderful hockey squad finished in joint 5th position. We are all so proud of you all for the togetherness, teamwork and competitiveness you all showed throughout, developing as a team in every single match.

Today saw 33 children from year 3/4 take part in the Dunmow Family Tag Rugby tournament at DSM. With 8 teams entering from the local area - three of them Stebbing - the children took part in seven matches throughout the afternoon. We are all so proud of each and every child, some attending their first ever tag rugby tournament, who developed their skills, technique and understanding of the game as each match went by finishing up with a 1st, 5th and 6th place finish! It was lovely to see so many eager and enthusiastic Stebbing children represent their school superbly and we look forward to putting a team together to take part in the next round of the competition next week.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

We are excited for the start of **Community month next week** and look forward to taking part in a number of activities in the local area. Take a look at the calendar on the back for some of the things taking place, including our **art gallery** towards the end of the half-term.

Please ensure children bring trainers in if they wish to play on the field as it is still muddy.

We have been informed of a case of nits in school. Please ensure that children with hair long enough to be tied back is tied back.

I am pleased to announce that we attended a presentation ceremony recognising the work we are doing for our Young Carers in school. We are thrilled to be working with the Children's Society and hope to be able to offer further opportunities for children who are Young Carers. If you would like further information about this please follow the link below:

[Young Carer Letter to parents January 2023](#)

AFSS

Well, the half term just wizzed by and here we are a few days into the new term. Sun is shining and spring is slowly banishing the greyness of winter. To celebrate the joy of spring, we are now introducing a brand new AFSS event: "Get Ready to Shake It" - An evening of Gin Tasting, Cocktail Making & Dancing! Sounds amazing, right?! This is to happen on Friday 17th, to continue the Mother's Day celebration at Stebbing. The day will start with Muffins for Mums which is always a lovely event to attend. Bring a tissue ready for the choir performance, it always causes wet eyes. Keep eyes on ClassDojo for more information and how to secure your place for the cocktail making event. The night is open for ALL (over 18s only) who enjoy a gin (or four!). You will support AFSS to fundraise towards the school hall refurbishment. If you want to secure your place quickly, please message Sophie on 07703357553. Tickets are £28 per person which includes four delicious cocktails. We look forward to hearing from you!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 10th February	Friday 24th February
Wrens	Archie O & Evelyn	Bonnie Blue & Millie
Robins	Fletcher & Skyla	Esmae & Ivy
Kingfishers	Genevieve & Emily	Scarlett & Mia
Woodpeckers	Freddie & Elias	Lilly & Neve
Kestrels	Elliott & Emilee	Isabelle & Elly
Ospreys	Brody & Oliver O	Florrie & Albert
Owls	Alden & Eira	Alex & Holly



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 10th February	Friday 24th February
Wrens	Jack	Teddy
Robins	Freddie. E	Fifi
Kingfishers	Elsie	Albie
Woodpeckers	Alexander	Nathaniel
Kestrels	Henry	Elliot
Ospreys	Olivia	Liana
Owls	Brooke	Lee

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 10th February	Friday 24th February
Wrens	Freddie	
Robins	Louie.P	
Kingfishers		
Woodpeckers		Rose
Kestrels		Ethan
Ospreys		Lily
Owls		Noah

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
10.02.23		Woodpeckers	Robins	Robins
24.02.23	Hayden	Wrens	Ospreys	



WRENS



ROBINS



We hope you all had a wonderful half term. It has been great to see the children return to school with big smiles on their faces and with excitement.

It have been a great week learning about pancake day. We have completed lots of pancake themed activities which we will continue into next week too. Wrens have blown me away with their confidence with retelling our new story The Runaway Pancake. They have created story maps in groups and independently. They have also challenged themselves to write words on their story maps too.

In Maths we have been learning about length and height. We have compared the length of different objects in class. We have also used our footprints to find objects that are longer/ shorter than it. Today we learnt to measure using bricks which was really fun.

We have started our new topic - Explorers. We have enjoyed exploring our new Travel Agents role play area and learning about the 7 continents. We are going to dive deeper into Africa over the next few weeks, including going on a Stebbing Safari. Keep your eyes peeled for some Show and Tell Unhomework over the next week.

This week Robins have chosen what news to share with you themselves...

"We've been painting with hot colours and we've been learning lots of new sounds" - Jasmina.

"We've been learning a lot of new sounds. We've been learning... a list." - Axel

"I've done Dance Club. We do a couple of songs a day and people go on the stage to do it. We did performances in PE, like Gymnastics. Lists have commas and they can be in a straight line. It only needs a new line if you run out of space on your line" - Nicole.

"Instructions have to have numbers at the start. They have to have 'First, After, or Then, Next or Last'. They are called Time Conjunctions" - Harvey.

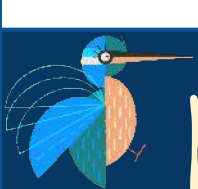
"We've been learning about numbers; odd and even. We did pictures on our art leaflets. We used a black pen." - Jenna

"We've been learning about coins and money paper, counting in tens." - Holly "...and we'll count in twos" - Savannah

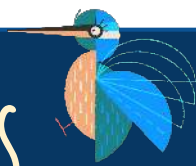
"I've enjoyed playing with my friends at lunchtime" - Alfie

"In PE we did rolling. Pencil rolls and log rolls." - Monty

"The people who were doing the walking and pencil roll done a finish off and the other people who did it after they were the judges. Then we swapped. It was brilliant" - Louie.P



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. Kingfishers have had a lovely week and have settled back into school really well. We have continued our Animal Fact Files in English and our focus this week was researching, drafting and writing about our chosen animal's habitat.

In Maths we have started our multiplication topic, focusing on exploring and building with concrete, drawing equal groups and creating their own sentences for their peers to work out.

Kingfishers have grasped this really well and they are all eager to continue to deepen their understanding of this topic.

We have linked our Science topic to our English to provide further opportunities to deepen their knowledge and this week we have learnt about the various animal groups, focusing on shared similar features as well as exploring the broad diversities amongst the animal groups.

In grammar we have been exploring contractions through a variety of hands-on group and independent activities. Some Kingfishers have been further consolidating their understanding of sentence structure with a focus on the non-negotiables in order to reinforce their fundamental writing skills. This half term's PE topic is Dodgeball, which Kingfishers were very excited about. Today we practised our underarm and overarm throwing with a focus on strength and accuracy.

What a wonderfully bright and sunny half term we had. We hope you all had a well rested break. The children certainly appeared fresh and eager to learn upon their return this week.

We started the week focusing on the second part of our multiplication and division unit of maths. We began by discussing multiples of ten, making connections and noticing patterns, that multiples of ten end in a zero and using these facts to help them to solve other problems.

In English, we have been exploring the main features of a persuasive text. We worked in groups, read through a range of persuasive writing examples and highlighted these to allow us to create discussion. We had a wonderful lesson based on giving opinion. We were to debate and discuss the possibility of a four day school week but having to attend over seven hours and whether we would be 'for' or 'against' this alternative. The debate was fantastic and we were completely engrossed in the topic.

In geography, we started a new topic, where we have been focusing on what a settlement is and looking onto the different types of settlement. We spent some time investigating the differences between each and writing down a number of facts for each.

In Science, we were building on our understanding that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We carried out a number of experiments that included feely bags filled with a range of different objects along with a dark tent. We were to make predictions and reason.



KESTRELS



We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. Kestrels have adapted wonderfully to the change of Mrs Hammond leaving and their weekly timetable looking slightly different. We have been super impressed with how hard they are working. In Maths we have been finishing off our multiplication work with Mrs Clark. We explored related facts and multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We are finishing off this week by exploring different division methods. Next week we will begin fantastic fractions. With Mrs Earle the class are learning about shapes. So far they have recapped their shape knowledge in an exciting treasure hunt. In English we are coming to the end of our work linked to the story 'Journey'. We have explored how to make our sentences more detailed and interesting to read, created story boards and got our head around regular and irregular verbs. We then created our hot writes where we wrote our own story about a journey. Next week we begin working on explanation texts and our work will be based around Wallace and Gromit. We have now started our new topic of water cycles and in Science this half term we are learning about electricity. In PE we have started our netball focus. We enjoyed a brilliant lesson and showed perseverance in learning the new skills.



OWLS



I cannot believe we have already passed the halfway point of the year! The past four days have seen the children come back to school with a fantastic appetite for learning and this has resulted in some fantastic work.

We have started to work on our new English unit focusing on Discussion texts and we have made use of the Blackfish documentary to help us understand the different viewpoints to keeping animals in captivity - specifically focusing on Orcas in this example. We have developed some wonderfully passionate viewpoints and look forward to debating these next week as we build up to writing our own discussion text. In maths, decimals has been our focus as we have multiplied and divided by 10, 100 and 1000 whilst also understanding how to utilise column multiplication to solve calculations involving decimals. We will move on to dividing decimals by integers next week as well as applying our understanding in contextualised problems.

We have also started a new science unit of work focusing on Electricity. Here, we have started by developing our understanding of how the introduction of electricity has changed the way people live their lives. To support our science learning this half term, we will also be visiting the Chelmsford City Museum (a letter has been sent out this evening) on Thursday 30th March 2023.



OSPREYS



What a beautiful sunny half term we had! I really hope that you all managed to recharge and find some time to rest a little over the holiday. It was so lovely to be able to get out and about in the sunshine! We have started back this week with lots of plans looking ahead to the second half of the Spring term. We have started new areas of learning in all areas of the curriculum. In science, we have been focusing on Forces and we are all excited about taking part in some practical experiments for this unit as so many of our science unit are knowledge based! In English, we have dived into the world of Pandora and the children have been using literacy features to describe creatures in detail. Maths has seen us tackling the bus stop method which the children have flown with, we will be moving onto word problems involving multiplication and division next week.

I am really pleased to be able to report that we have some children that have finished all of their unhomeworks for the year which is incredible! All children that do this by the first week July will be involved in some sort of reward...more to come on this at a later date!

GUEST

GREAT DUNMOW CARNIVAL

Crowning Ceremony

6PM SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023 @ ROWENA DAY CENTRE

WE ARE SEARCHING FOR OUR CARNIVAL COURT FOR 2023

Would you like to be our Queen, King, Prince or Princess?

THIS IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

Entry Requirements:

You must be Aged 7+

Live in Great Dunmow, Flich Green, Stebbing or Takeley

For further information contact: Toni.DunmowCarnival@gmail.com

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EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
27.02.23	Road safety for Wrens & Ospreys
March	Community Month
01.03.23	SEN parent meeting
02.03.23	World Book Day 203
07.03.23	Dance workshop with Darren
13.03.23	Science week
15.03.23	Kingfishers trip to Stansted Mountfitchet
17.03.23	Red Nose Day
20.03.23	Art week
22.03.23	Ospreys making pizzas at the pub
24.03.23	Wellbeing workshops for Owls and Ospreys
30.03.23	Year 6 trip to Chelmsford science museum
31.03.23	End of term
17.04.23	Back to school