

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

## HEADTEACHER

It has been wonderful to see and hear about all of the different activities the classes have taken part in this community month.

There have so many exciting things happening, from making pizza in the pizza oven at the pub, to helping out in the village shop to litter picking and inviting local artists in to talk. Thank you to all those involved. Don't forget we are having open afternoons from 3-3.30 Tuesday-Friday to celebrate artwork created by the classes during this month.

A huge thank you to all of the children who performed during last week's Stebbing's Got Talent. It is always such a great event and such a treat to see such a vast array of talents. Well done all!

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

As part of our pledges to be more active when travelling to and from school I would also like to urge parents to consider how and where they park when dropping off. I know lots of children are very keen to take part in the park and stride element and this means that there is less congestion outside of the school gates. We have also had some reports of people driving too fast past the school. Whilst we can't do anything about this, I did say I would send a message out to encourage all parents that 20 is plenty. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We are noticing that children are bringing PRIME bottles into school as their water bottle. Please ensure that children bring a refillable water bottle and not a PRIME bottle as this is causing some issues in school.

## SPORT @ STEBBING

The sporting calendar has been surprisingly quiet over the past two weeks with the weather cancelling a few events limiting our opportunities.

We have, however managed to take part in two events starting with the KS2 netball tournament at Felsted School on Wednesday. With an incredibly young team competing against teams made up of completely year 6 children, there was a clear height disadvantage for the Stebbing teams. However, the children did not let that discourage them as they put in 100% effort in all matches coming in 5th and 7th place out of the 12 teams attending. This served as a fantastic warm up for the upcoming Uttlesford competition taking place on Tuesday.

Today also saw a group of children from year 4 and 6 take part in the Dunmow archery competition at Felsted school which provided selected children with an opportunity to enjoy and experience something different!

## AFSS

The days are officially longer than nights and we are quickly heading towards spring. With Easter being just around the corner, the AFSS is bringing the school community two new fun activities to take part in. First one is the Easter Bonnet decorating contest. We would love children (and teachers!) to create their most eggcellent hats and bring them to their class on Friday 31st March. We kindly ask for £1 per entry to cover the costs of the prizes: every child will come home with a treat and the winner in each class receives something bigger. For Easter half term we are once again joining for with the White Hart pub. We have created a little Muddy Boot Easter Trail for Stebbing! Just like at Halloween, the maps are available in the pub during their opening hours. We are asking for £1 per map and with solving the mystery of the riddle, you will be rewarded with a price back at the pub. So get those wellies on and join the fun during half term, and don't forget to bring along family and friends too!



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 17th March	Friday 24th March
Wrens	Archie W & Stanley	Isla & Charlie B
Robins	Jenna & Ethan	Zoe and Axel
Kingfishers	Harry and Indie	Clara & Florence
Woodpeckers	Maryann & Violet	Hunter & Isla
Kestrels	Florence & Emilee	Elly & Mila
Ospreys	Amelie & Saskia	Grace & Lily
Owls	Noah & George	Malachy & James S



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 17th March
Wrens	Mabel
Robins	Ivy
Kingfishers	Isla
Woodpeckers	Charlie & Lottie
Kestrels	Darcy
Ospreys	Brody
Owls	Eira

## PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 17th March	Friday 24th March
Wrens	Charlie B	
Robins	Harry	
Kingfishers	Sienna	
Woodpeckers		Amelia
Kestrels		Sophia
Ospreys		Betsy
Owls		Emil

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
17.03.23	Everyone that entered Stebbing's Got Talent	Woodpeckers	Owls	Robins
24.03.23			Robins	



# WRENS



# ROBINS



Wrens have been doing very well with their PE sequence of Dance, working in teams to put movement to music.

In Maths we have been exploring the numbers 9 and 10, reading the book Ten Black dots. This week we have been learning about bonds to 10 and representing these in different ways. See Class Dojo for the rhyme we learnt.

Art Week has been a real highlight with creative arts and conservation ideas shared with all of our friends. We can't wait for you to see our creations. Wrens have learnt a lot about pollution. Wrens have been consolidating their knowledge of their newly learnt di-graphs and tri-graphs in phonics. Showcasing their early sentence writing skills.



# KINGFISHERS

As you will already know from yesterday's Dojo post Robins did their very first 3 Tees Cricket lesson yesterday. We went through the rules, how to hold the bat, how to set up the pitch and what points are on offer, in class beforehand, so once we got to the field to play, the class were pretty much independent. Mr Le Masurier (PE Leader) was even spotted watching them from his door (we reckon he was impressed with Robins too!) In English we are still working together to consolidate and secure our knowledge of Instruction Texts, ready to write our own one next week.

Art Week has been fabulous fun. On Monday Robins, with much enthusiasm and again a lot of independence, created their fish using plastic bottles. We looked carefully at the anatomy of a fish to add as much detail and authenticity to them as we could. We hope you can all find the time to come and see these in our exhibition next week (Tuesday - Friday, 3pm - 3:30). We also



completed our Ocean Animal pictures, using the carbon tracing technique and our understanding of cold colours.

# WOODPECKERS

Kingfishers have had another brilliant 2 weeks.

Science week was full of interesting experiments which Kingfishers were excited to try. They were very inquisitive and eager to find out the outcomes.

This week it has been Art week and I have been very impressed with the team-work skills, patience, perseverance and their creative skills that they have displayed. It has been lovely to see their art pieces take shape over the week,

In Maths we have been exploring division. Kingfishers have grasped the concept of sharing equally really well and they have enjoyed diving deeper in a variety of ways.

In English we have completed our Animal Fact Files. Kingfishers created wonderful fact files full of interesting information and illustrations which they drew themselves. We have started our next topic which is 'Spring Poems'.

In Geography we have been exploring the Lake district, focusing on the landscape and its natural features. We will be comparing the Lake District to a contrasting area found on a

Wow! We have had another productive two weeks in Woodpeckers class.

As it was science week last week, we had been participating in a scientific activity-a-day. One experiment involved three slices of bread and making observations over time. We discussed fair testing and also made predictions. We also spent some time group bridge building. Using just paper and tape, the children were to build a bridge between two tables. We then put the structure and strength of the bridges to the test by using weights within the classroom. It was wonderful to see the determination and teamwork throughout the each of these activities.

In English, we have been focusing on performance poetry. We have been discussing the three main parts of reading aloud - volume, intonation and varying pace. We then worked in pairs to perform a poem, taking these three parts into consideration.

In the build up to the upcoming Art exhibition, we have spent each day preparing and creating some fantastic creations. We have been working incredibly hard and researching into plastic pollution and the effects that this is having to our planet. We are looking forward to presenting this next week.



Wow what a busy two weeks it has been in Kestrels! We loved Science week and the children created amazing posters for our Science Fair which will take place on Monday and they class will share their work with the rest of key stage 2. This week has been Art week. The children have enjoyed joining two special assemblies with two guest artists. They have also been reading their art week book and created some art all around this to share with you all next week. We also loved Stebbing's Got Talent and dressing up for Comic Relief. In English, Kestrels have been working hard on all the elements of an Explanation Text and enjoyed designing their own contraptions in preparation for their hot writes. We have now moved onto fantasy stories and will be using video literacy to inspire our writing. In Maths the class have worked super hard on fractions. They have been learning how to convert improper and mixed number fractions and today we started exploring equivalent fractions. In RE we have been concluding our lessons on Creation Stories. Kestrels have been showing incredible understanding about cross culture similarities and differences. Finally in Geography we have continued our work on rivers. Well done Kestrels for working so hard this term. One week to go! Have a wonderful Easter holidays, see you ready for our summer term to begin.

Ospreys have had another jam packed filled with all of the exciting events of community week. Our definite highlight was going to make pizzas at the White Hart on Wednesday. Emily and Davide were brilliant and really made the morning special for them. I reckon we have a few little pizza chefs in the making among us! Thank you to all of the children that took part in Stebbing's Got Talent last Friday. Lily, Emily, Finlee, Olivia, Amelie and Liana did a great job showing off their talents in the classroom and it was wonderful watching what they had to offer. In science, we have continued to experiment with forces and have completed investigations testing air resistance and water resistance. We have had lots of conversations about how to make our investigations a fair test and what our constants and variables would be. The children have been making predictions and finishing their investigations by writing a conclusion. In English, we have started a new unit of writing based around explanations texts, this is always a bit of a trickier text type to get to grips with but Ospreys have done a good job so far! As this will be the last Spotlight before Easter, we would like to take this opportunity to say that we hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in the Summer term!



As we bring to a close our penultimate term at Stebbing Primary School for the class of 2023, we look forward to exciting times ahead in the summer term but reflect on the hard work that has gone before. The hard work is certainly paying off as the children's scores on the latest set of mock results show incredible progress from and each and every child. In the final week before Easter, Owls class will be venturing to Chelmsford Museum on Thursday to conclude our electricity unit of work by taking part in an electrical engineering workshop. This week, Owls planned and ran their very own investigation to answer a question that they came up with. In maths, we are in the process of finishing our work on fractions, decimals and percentages and looking to apply our knowledge and understanding to a range of concepts and scenarios. For art week, Owls class created a mobile of fantastic flying creatures using recycled plastic as its base. These pieces of artwork (along with a selection of work from art in enrichment) will be on display in our art gallery which you are all invited to attend. If you haven't done so already, please send through those embarrassing and cute pictures for the Class of 2023 leavers'

**FREE FUN ACTIVITY EVENT**  
**SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 12:30-4:00 PM**  
 at St Mary's Stebbing

Scan me and sign up for free!

**Come and join us for a family hog\* roast and enjoy lots of activities. All welcome!**

\*vegetarian & vegan options available

- play the organ
- eco crafts
- build a bug hotel
- parachute games
- ring the bells
- Easter egg hunt
- chocolate fountain
- make a star
- re-creation station
- plus loads more!

Some of our art exhibition work will also be displayed in the church.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
20.03.23	Art week At exhibition open to parents Tuesday 28th-Friday 31st (3-3.30pm)
22.03.23	Ospreys making pizzas at the White Hart
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
08.05.23	Additional bank holiday for King Charles' Coronation
9th-12th May	Year 6 SATs week
26.05.23	End of half term
07.06.23	Back to school
08.06.23	KS2 trip to The Natural History Museum
12th-16th June	Year 1 phonics screening check
19.06.23	SEN awareness week
20.06.23	Class photos
28.06.23	Matilda theatre trip
03.07.23`	Multiskills day- KS1 AM & KS2 PM
04.07.23	Darren dance workshop
07.07.23	Sports day- KS1 AM & KS2 PM
10.07.23	Music concert- details to be confirmed
14.07.23	AFSS summer disco
21.07.23	Leavers' assembly