

BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

HEADTEACHER

It's been amazing to have such sunny weather this week. The children have had full use of all of our outdoor spaces which has been great during playtime and lunchtime.

Community month has seen the school take part in a number of different activities including working with the Way Forward Project; working in the shop; planting bulbs; making pizzas and sharing stories between classes. It is a special time of year for our school

IMPORTANT NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE THAT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION WILL BE RELEASED SOON.

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE POSTER AND GOOGLE FORM TO COMPLETE.

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Wraparound Care Practitioner

(part-time 3 hours per day Monday-Friday 3-6pm) (term time only) (Scale 4.7)

Required May/June 2025

An exciting opportunity has arisen at our small village primary. We are looking to appoint enthusiastic, caring and flexible people to be instrumental in supporting us to shape our Wraparound Care provision.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants must be willing to undergo an enhanced DBS check and further safer recruitment checks.

SPORT

Another two weeks of fantastic sporting events have past filled with incredible sporting achievements. Things were kicked off with our year 5 hockey squad who took on 20 schools from the Uttlesford area coming in an impressive 6th place only conceding 1 goal throughout the whole tournament whilst scoring 7 only losing to the eventual winners. This was followed by the year 5 and 6 girls and boys football tournaments were our team of year 5 boys (with a couple of year 6s) impressed throughout the tournament coming in a fantastic 4th place providing all of the children with a fantastic experience ready for them to take over the reigns next year. The girls had an equally impressive event remaining undefeated throughout the whole event, keeping a clean sheet in every match, scoring 9 goals and coming home with a well deserved silver medal. This week, our Panathlon bowling squad brought home the second place trophy and can now call themselves the 2nd best bowling team in Essex after a fantastic day of bowling at Hollywood Bowl in Basildon.

AFSS

Sunny greetings from the AFSS! As the sun shine starts to warm us up and bring colour back into our lives, we are also following suit! We have began planning another colour run for this spring. It was such great fun last year and rest assured that this time we aim to double the fun - and the colour! Before that, we will be organising a special little treat from Stebbing children to their mothers and/or other important females in their family on Friday 28th March. To cover the cost for this, we'd like to kindly ask for £1 donation per child which can be done either by bringing cash or paying it directly to our AFSS account. As Easter draws closer as well, we are hosting yet another Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 4th April! We love to see what creations children will do this time. It's amazing to see children parading around school grounds in their magnificent hats! Best creations will be chosen by the teachers and rewarded in a sweet chocolatey way. To attend the parade, we'd like to ask for £1 contribution per child which will go directly towards covering the cost of the treats for all children at Stebbing.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 14th March	Monday 24th March
Wrens	Matilda & Oscar Reynolds	Isaac & Ralphie
Robins	Teddy & Dylan	Devon & Cassia
Kingfishers	Kalia & Evelyn	Delilah & Millie
Woodpeckers	Harvey & Lois	Fifi & Ivy
Kestrels	Tereza & Millie	Florence & Albie
Ospreys	Isla & Louis	Maryann & Oliver Bond
Owls	Emilee & Henry	Darcy, Hayden & Elliot



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER










	Friday 14th March	Monday 24th March
Wrens	Oliver	Reggie R
Robins	Maisie	Avalon
Kingfishers		Harry
Woodpeckers	Jasmina	Alasdair
Kestrels	Isabelle	Eva
Ospreys	Remi	Elias
Owls	Ava & Lucia	Mila

READING CHAMPIONS & PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 14th March	Monday 24th March
Wrens	Hudson	Stebbing Reading Champion: Bella and Scarlett
Robins	Luna	
Kingfishers	Charlie K	
Woodpeckers	Stebbing Reading Champion: Mia (Kestrels)	
Kestrels		Poppy
Ospreys		Amelie
Owls		

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
14.03.25	Mrs Franklin	Kestrels	Matus	Woodpeckers
24.03.25		Robins & Woodpeckers		

						
Date						
14.03.25	Woodpeckers	Kingfishers	Owls	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kestrels
21.03.25						



WRENS



We celebrated inclusion week and our Wrens have been listening to Julia Donaldson's - The Ugly Five. We admired how they identified calling the animals Ugly is not very kind. Together we explored the non-fiction books about Wildlife. Finding similarities and differences between the animals in our story and other creatures. The Dinosaurs have come out to play and we read - What the Dinosaurs did at school. We are looking forward to exploring Jurassic worlds and do some writing all about this new exciting part of our topic. Wrens have already begun measuring, building and making incredible art. As the weather is slightly improving we are pleased to do a lot more of our learning outside. In Forest School we are observing all the changes that occur with the weather changing. We are asking for empty jam jars, to take on our trip to St Mary's Church. As part of Community month we will be making crafts when we visit our local Church on Thursday 27 March. We continue to perfect our number knowledge and mathematical skills with building, drawing and writing number during play. We have seen some fantastic improvement in the children's reading this term and would like to say thank you to parents who are reading with them at home. They will remember it forever.



KINGFISHERS



The weeks are certainly flying past and we have really enjoyed those moments of warm Spring weather this half term. Kingfishers have been working hard as always. In Maths we have been exploring money, exercising our knowledge and skills around exchanging money for items, ensuring we have enough or the correct amount, and working out change. We have also been exploring a range of problem solving and reasoning questions as the unit has come to an end, and today we completed our hot maths. In English we have been creating animal fact files by conducting our own purposeful research. Kingfishers were able to exercise their computing skills throughout this topic also. We completed our hot writes this week and I have been so impressed, not just by the the purposeful and interesting research which they conducted, but also by their writing stamina and high-quality presentation. I am seeing accurate letter formations and careful, neat joining by so many children, along with being more consistent with our non-negotiables.

In Science we are learning about animals including humans. Over the past 2 weeks we have been exploring adults and offsprings, comparing them and grouping them in different ways. We have also learnt about metamorphosis and what this specifically entails, as we all



ROBINS



Our Brillias Bones topic took a very exciting turn this week when we discovered an egg on the school field? We talked about its appearance and texture to help us try and decide what it was and where it might have come from, but before we had a chance to decide whether to crack it open it hatched and escaped from the cupboard in our classroom! It left behind some sandy footprints and some sort of tooth or claw. We have been using our knowledge of skeletons to help us try and decide what the creature was, and are beginning to learn about fossils to help us decide if it might have been a dinosaur! We have started to research Mary Anning and learn a We continued our learning with a visit from Mrs Daly who came and spoke to us about some of her own fossils. It was really exciting to hear about what they were and to see fossils up close. We have been working on observational drawings and writing about what we can see and what we wonder about the fossils. In Maths we have been focusing on subtraction using numbers to 20. We have been using numberlines to help us count backwards, remembering the numbers will get smaller, as well as looking at the difference for subtraction.



WOODPECKERS



The highlight of last week was our trip to the War Memorial at the end of the High Street. The children got SO excited when they saw that rubbing paper with crayon over the words left writing on my paper; I think many of them had never done rubbings before. If we get chance, as they loved it so much, I think it'd be lovely to go to St Mary's church yard so we can do rubbings on some of the Headstones, perhaps looking for dates occurring during World War Two. The highlight of this week, without doubt, has been the Stebbing's Got Talent class Auditions. Once initial nerves were out of the way I gave Woodpeckers the option of having a second, more confident go. All of the class enjoyed watching these, jiggling along with another, clapping; all performances spread a lot of cheer around the class!

As part of our English work we have now had a go at writing our own formal letters. We did the first formal letter together as a 'shared write' to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, then I had a go by myself to Vladimir Putin (in theory only). Oh dear! It was SUCH a good job the class were there to help me, and they fixed my letter, adding formal features to it. Yesterday the class



Another two weeks have absolutely flown by in Kestrels class. We have really enjoyed our community month tasks. Firstly we have been continuing to volunteer in the shop, which I am sure you will all agree has been so engaging for all the children who have taken part already. Secondly, we have loved sharing our Journey stories with Wrens and Robins. It really was such a heartwarming sight to see the children all so engaged and proud of what they had achieved. In maths, we have started the dreaded topic of fractions and so far Mrs Clark and I have been blown away by how well the children are grasping such tricky concepts. In Science, Mrs Harrison posed the question whether water would evaporate quicker in different temperatures and the children worked really hard to design an experiment to test this, including drawing a line graph of their results at the end. We have also been enjoying our River topic, learning about erosion, deposition and weathering. This came to life last week when the children built their own rivers in the sandpit and we are hoping we can see some of the effects of this as we go and visit the river next week. Let's hope the sun comes back out!

Another brilliant couple of weeks in Ospreys. We have enjoyed continuing our area and perimeter work and even got to create our own zoo working with a variety of different measurements. Next week, we will be having a quick block of work on statistics. In English, we have been creating a story describing the creatures that we have designed based on the world of Pandora. There have been some wonderful creations and the language that has been used to describe them has been phenomenal! This week we have also been working on our design technology project creating our own pizza companies. The children have had an opportunity to research other brands, think about a slogan and design their own branding for their pizza companies. They loved making these designs come to life at the White Hart on Thursday and of course the actual pizza making was a real highlight too. Thank you also to all of the children who auditioned and took part in Stebbings Got Talent. We loved seeing what you performed!



The past two weeks have flown by and I cannot believe we are almost at the end of Spring term in year 6. It was lovely to invite you all for family consultations the other evening to share your child's progress and to provide you with an opportunity to take a look at the fantastic progress your children are making.

GEOGRAPHY AT STEBBING

I am aware I spend a lot of these updates speaking about maths and English so let's spend this week focusing on all of the other aspects of the curriculum we are working on.

In the Geography curriculum, the children develop their skills in areas such as enquiry, directional and positional knowledge and drawing and using maps whilst studying different areas of the curriculum around the world.

In science, Owls class are now experts at drawing circuits, building circuits and fixing broken circuits and are ready to take part in the electrical engineering workshops at Chelmsford Museum next week. In geography, we are developing our knowledge of places around the world and utilising our comparison skills to find similarities and differences between a location in the UK, Europe and the World. We also enjoyed a fantastic workshop with Mr Singh reinforcing our work on 'Peace and Conflict' earlier in the year where we also enjoyed a masterclass by Elly, Kayden and Ava on the piano-like instrument.

Although Geography is of course taught in every term, it is exciting for me to look ahead to after Easter, as this is when the whole school will be carrying out fieldwork as part of their learning. Fieldwork is the jewel in Geography's crown and is a hugely enjoyable part of the study of the subject. Fieldwork combines knowledge with skill and requires children to think about what places are like and why, where places are and why, and how they connect to other places. Not only is it engaging and purposeful, fieldwork connects children to their local environment, creates memories and helps to develop identity. We are looking forward to the children carrying out fieldwork in various locations around the village.

It was also lovely to see so many members of Owls class take part in Stebbing's Got Talent for their final year with over half the class auditioning - which is impressive for a year 6 class.

In the next few weeks, as discussed in family consultations this week, Owls class will be embarking on their final set of mock SATs papers to help prepare for SATs, provide an analysis for future

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
March	Community Month
20.03.25	Ospreys to White Hart for pizza making
20.03.25	Little Monster SEND session 2-3pm
21.03.25	Comic relief & Stebbing's Got Talent
21.03.25	Parents and community invited in to play! 2.30-3pm
25.03.25	Owls to Chelmsford Museum
25.03.25	Year 4 home safety workshop 10.30-11.30am
27.03.25	KS2 SATs information evening
28.03.25	KS1 dance festival 9.30-10.15am
03.04.25	Ospreys home safety session 1-2pm
04.04.25	Break up for the Easter holidays