

HEADTEACHER

The first few weeks have been wonderful in school with so many exciting opportunities for the pupils including: Manor Adventure for our year 6; Stansted Mountfitchet castle for year 2; a visit from a newborn calf; Paramedic visit to our Wrens and a special workshop for year 6 all about sustainability. There is plenty more to come too!

I have scheduled the next date for parent forum. This will be on **Friday 17th October at 8.45am** . There is no need to book, just turn up straight after drop off.

If you are unable to attend then please feel free to send me an email if there is anything you wish to discuss.

A email will be coming out via Arbor on Monday regarding booking your slot for Family Consultations. To do so please log onto the Arbor App and choose your appointment. Bookings will close on Friday 10th October so please book your slot before then.

IMPORTANT NOTICES



We are again supporting the Braintree food bank. If you can help us to collect some items we will be able to arrange a donation for the end of this half-term.

Items we need

As of 01/08/2025

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| ✓ Biscuits | ✓ Cereal |
| ✓ Conditioner | ✓ Cup-a-soup |
| ✓ Jam | ✓ Long-life milk |
| ✓ Pasta sauce | ✓ Rice |
| ✓ Rice sachets (microwavable) | ✓ Shampoo |
| ✓ Tinned fish | ✓ Tinned fruit |
| ✓ Tinned rice pudding | ✓ Tinned vegetables |
| ✓ Toothbrushes | |

SPORT

The year of sport at Stebbing has kicked off in the same way that we brought it to a close last year with more silverware to add to the collection courtesy of our year ³/₄ dodgeball teams who took part in the LKS2 dodgeball tournament at Felsted School on Friday. With two tournaments taking place, and two teams entered, both Stebbing competed superbly throughout the event earning themselves a well-deserved gold and silver medal. A fantastic effort from all children who took part!

We hand the baton over to our year 5 & 6 teams next week as they take part in their dodgeball tournament on Friday afternoon.

AFSS

AFSS would like to invite everyone to join us for our **annual AGM** in couple of weeks time:

Monday 6th October from 3:15pm onwards on school premises.

We hope to see many new and old faces there! We will talk through last year's success and focus on what the AFSS is going to be raising money for. We will have an open conversation with the school and would welcome any relatable thoughts brought to the meeting as well. If you are unable to make the AGM, feel free to email us at AFSSStebbing@outlook.com. We also welcome any feedback from last year's highlights to not to happy ones. We are keen to hear everyone's opinions and views.

Another date for the diary is Halloween disco which will be held on Thursday 23rd October. More information regarding this will follow soon enough!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 19th September	Friday 26th September
Wrens	Marcus & Sonny	
Robins	Matilda & Lottie	Reggie R & Penny
Kingfishers	Teddy & Joseph	Cassia, Luna & Queenie
Woodpeckers	Ephraim & Charlie. S.	Mabel & Stanley
Kestrels	Alfie & Holly	Hadley & Ivy
Ospreys	James & Poppy	Albert & Clara
Owls	Albie & Charlie	Dollie & Isla



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER








	Friday 19th September	Friday 26th September
Wrens	Dylan & Dexter	
Robins	Yana	Gracie D
Kingfishers	Cassia	Matias
Woodpeckers	Rainbow	Henley
Kestrels	Nicole	Lowri
Ospreys	Isabelle	Poppy
Owls	Nathaniel	Elias

READING CHAMPIONS & PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 19th September	Friday 26th September
Wrens	Phoebe	Stebbing Reading Champion: Our new Reading Ambassadors: Dolcie, Eva, Isabelle & Sophia
Robins	Gracie	
Kingfishers	Luna	
Woodpeckers	Stebbing Reading Champion: Izzy (Robins)	Dolly
Kestrels		Thea
Ospreys		Mia
Owls		Julia

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
19.09.25		Woodpeckers	Devon	
26.09.25	Oscar J	Wrens & Woodpeckers	Jake	Teddy S

						
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19.09.25						
26.09.25	Woodpeckers	Kestrels	Kingfishers	Owls	Kestrels	Ospreys

EVENTS CALENDAR & GUEST SPOT

DATE	EVENT
26.09.25	Year ³ / ₄ dodgeball tournament
29.09.25	Woodpeckers trip to Rayne Quarry
01.10.25	Sports ambassador training
02.10.25	Ospreys to West Stow
03.10.25	Dodgeball Year 5 & 6
08.10.25	Football tournament Year 5 & 6 boys
	Football tournament Year 5 & 6 girls

GUEST SPOT

First, on behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to welcome new governors to Stebbing. In addition to a new Parent Governor, Hannah Philp, and a new Staff Governor, Tom Le Masurier, we welcome two additional governors, Will Warns and Lucy Harrison who have been 'co-opted' to the Board for the skills they bring from their professional lives. They will strengthen the effectiveness of the Board and make valuable contributions in the years to come. So, what do we governors do...? Our role as governors is a strategic one. We work closely with the headteacher and staff to ensure the school continues to provide the best possible education and experiences for every child. We do this by monitoring progress against priorities on the School Improvement Plan, supporting and challenging the leadership team during our regular board and committee meetings, keeping a strong focus on children's learning and progress, supporting their safety and wellbeing and overseeing financial/resource management so that all learners are given the chance to thrive, both in and out of the classroom. Each governor also has assigned responsibility for termly monitoring in a specific area (eg Maths, SEND, Safeguarding, Attendance and Wellbeing etc) and meets termly with a designated school lead. Priority focus for each meeting is agreed in advance and governors report back on progress/action points. In addition to Monitoring Visits, we are also planning a 'Learning Walk' this term as part of governor induction / team building. Monitoring Visits and Learning Walks help further evidence that policies and priorities are being implemented and – importantly – give governors the opportunity to get to know the school, the staff and the pupils and listen to their views. Here's to a great year ahead for everyone!

MY HAPPY MIND

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. myHappyMind is based all around helping children to understand how their brain works. And to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves. Further to embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a parent app. These resources will help to support you as a parent, in understanding what your child is Learning and activities you can do at home together. The access joining code is: 11488.

