

HEADTEACHER

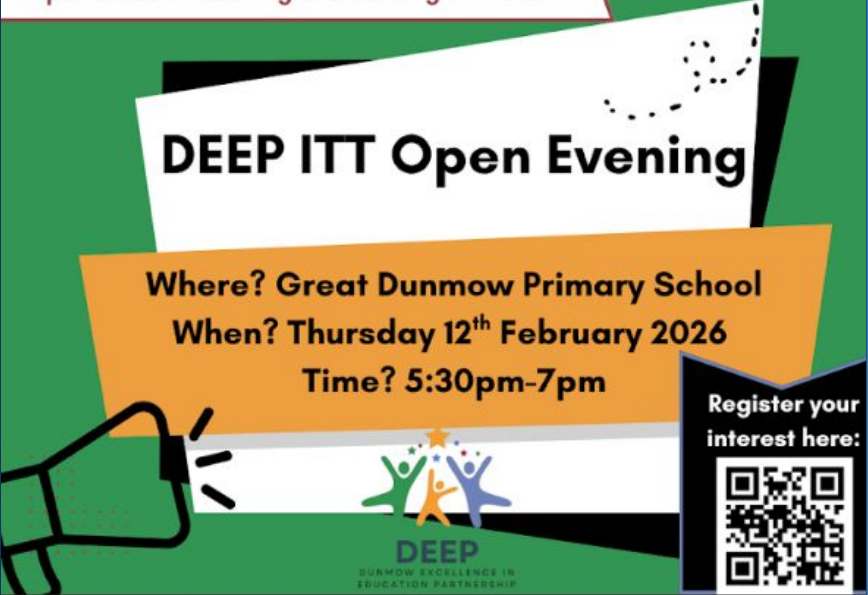
I can't believe we will come back to school on Monday and it will be 1st December. So many exciting events and celebrations to take part in over the next few weeks. A reminder that the Christmas Calendar was shared with the events listed and it is also linked below:

CHRISTMAS DATES AT STEBBING PRIMARY 2025

We are continuing to see a number of children who are regularly coming into school late. We monitor attendance daily as well as at the end of every week to look for patterns. We will be conducting our termly review of attendance over the next few weeks too. Please try to ensure your child attends school everyday and is on time. The gate closes at 8.40am. Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT NOTICES


Curious about our programme?
Want to know more?
Come to our next evening drop in event to speak to headteachers and trainees about their experiences in teaching and working with DEEP.



DEEP ITT Open Evening

Where? Great Dunmow Primary School
When? Thursday 12th February 2026
Time? 5:30pm-7pm

Register your interest here:



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SPORT

As the Christmas break draw closer, the sporting events make way for production rehearsal across the DEEP partnership. However, today a small selected group of KS2 children took part as a team of 8 competing in the USSP Panathlon event at Lord Butler Leisure Centre taking part in a wide range of activities - keep an eye out on Class Dojo for an update later today.

Next week will see our year 3/4 & year 5/6 dodgeball teams represent the Dunmow family in the USSP Dodgeball finals - Good Luck!

AFSS

Hurrah, the Christmas celebrations are nearly here! We in the AFSS are so excited to bring seasonal magic and fun to children in Stebbing! Next week sees the popular movie night returning on Thursday 4th December: hopefully all children have got their spot booked and snack chosen. If not, just get in touch with us. Time to dust off those Christmas jumpers or pyjamas too, it's time to wear these! Adults, while children watch the movie, we would welcome your help in setting up the Christmas market ready for action the next morning. Rumour says there might be refreshments and snacks available too! Friday is the day of true Christmas mayhem and we couldn't host the market without our wonderful volunteers. All hands on deck are needed for holding stalls and helping little ones with their wrapping. It's not too late to bring donations for the market. We are always in need for items suitable for male relatives. So please have a look in those junk drawers for items not used in years and donate them further. Who knows, you may even get it back home!

The following week the AFSS will be providing refreshments during the Christmas plays. Serving mulled wine proved popular last year so we are continuing with it this year. We will take cash and card so no one will miss out. Please be generous with donations that are collected at the end of the show. All profits will go to school and support our children to have a great childhood memories in Stebbing Primary School.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 21st November	Friday 28th November
Wrens	Fletcher & Eira	Sammy & Margot
Robins	Arlo & Gracie L	Joey & Reggie R
Kingfishers	Avalon & Ellie	Rhys & Harry B
Woodpeckers	Grace & Harry	Jack & Charlie. S
Kestrels	Monty & Skyla	Archie & Ethan
Ospreys	Poppy & Sophia	Millie & Brett
Owls	Summer & Tilly	Oliver Ba & Alex



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 21st November	Friday 28th November
Wrens	Dexter	
Robins	Ocean	Oscar J
Kingfishers	Harry	Devon
Woodpeckers	Mabel	Cooper
Kestrels	Alfie	Nicole N
Ospreys	Bella	Sienna
Owls	Neve	Julai, Remi, Isla, Freddie

READING CHAMPIONS & PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 21st November	Friday 28th November
Wrens	Ivy	Stebbing Reading Champion: Lucy & Lottie H
Robins	Ocean	
Kingfishers	Dylan	
Woodpeckers	Stebbing Reading Champion: Benjy	Isla
Kestrels		Denny
Ospreys		Isabelle
Owls		Nicolle

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
21.11.25				Albie E He is always the first person to offer to help tidy up after lessons and clubs. Thank you Albie!
28.11.25	Sienna-Rose		Hadley	Kestrels

						
Date						
21.11.25	Owls	Woodpeckers	Kestrels	Owls	Ospreys	Woodpeckers
28.11.25	Owls	Woodpeckers	Ospreys	Ospreys	Woodpeckers	Owls

EVENTS CALENDAR & GUEST SPOT

DATE	EVENT
04.12.25	AFSS Christmas movie night
05.12.25	AFSS Children's Christmas Market
08.12.25	Christmas performance week (more details to follow)
19.12.25	Last day of term
05.01.25	Non pupil day
06.01.25	Back to school

GUEST SPOT- CONTINUOUS PROVISION

At Stebbing Primary we are really lucky to have continuous provision in both our early years and year 1 classrooms. Continuous provision provides children with a carefully designed environment where they can learn through a balance of play, exploration, and guided teaching. For our year 1 children, this approach helps ease the transition from Reception, supporting children's confidence, independence, and love of learning. Continuous provision creates an environment for children to think deeply about how they learn, not just what they learn which lays the foundations for strong metacognitive skills throughout their school life. We encourage children to make their own choices and reflect on them, promote planning and problem solving, support the children to develop independence, encourage children to talk about their learning through questioning and give them a safe space to build resilience and self-evaluate. As a school we hope to implement elements of continuous provision into year 2 as well.

MY HAPPY MIND- HAPPY BREATHING SCRIPT

Sitting down nicely, I'd like you to close your eyes or just look in your lap. Take some nice deep breaths and feel your body start to relax. In this Happy Breathing session, we are going to be teaching you how to breath nice deep breaths. I'd like you to imagine you have some bubbles in your hand - the type where you dip a wand in the bubble pot and then blow through the wand to make your own bubbles. Now, imagine you have some bubble liquid on your wand and it is time to blow. Remember, you must blow long and slow breaths to make the bubbles appear. If you blow too fast then the bubbles will pop. So, let's take a nice slow deep breath in and now imagining you are creating bubbles blow slowly out through your mouth. Let's try that again - nice slow breath in and a nice calm slow breath out. In and out, in and out, in and out... Now imagine the room is filled with all the bubbles you have created. Imagine them gently floating around the room as you continue to breathe in and out, nice and slowly and calmly. Let your breath feel as soft and gentle as the bubbles that are floating around you. Keep focused on your calm breathing now for a few more breaths. How does that feel?