

BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

HEADTEACHER

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our swimming pool meeting last week. Mr Le Masurier and I plan to send out an update in the next couple of weeks.

We are looking forward to the quiz night tonight and hope to raise lots of money for the AFSS and our swimming pool fund.

We are continuing to focus on recycling and trying to be 'greener' in school. The School Council have created posters to display letting everyone know about the new battery recycling tube we have in our entrance foyer. Please help us to fill it up!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Just a reminder that Friday 14th February is a **INSET** school training day for teachers.



SPORT

A quiet few weeks on the sporting front over the past two weeks but it did bring about a brand new event attended by some of our year 1 children on Friday 24th January. The children accompanied by Mrs Heys and Mrs Finch enjoyed a range of physically active challenges which all featured a mathematical challenge. We were incredibly proud of all of the children for their confidence, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour throughout the event.

Upcoming events:

- Monday 3rd February: KS2 Panathlon Event
- Friday 7th February: Year 3/4 Tag Rugby
- Wednesday 12th February: KS2 Boccia - Essex Finals

AFSS

Drum roll please, it's time for the big reveal!! We are hosting our first ever UV and Silent Disco on Thursday 13th February! This means that each child receives a headset with which they can choose their songs from several different options. We also plan to do UV painting to get the extra glow and energy from children. In addition, we are giving children extra time to enjoy the beats so each key stage session lasts 15 minutes longer. As per parent and teacher feedback from Halloween disco, the KS 1 disco will begin straight after school so there's no need to pick children up until 4:30pm. KS 2 children's disco starts at 4:45 pm and finishes at 6 pm. It will be a night to remember for sure!

We will provide children with food and drinks (to be confirmed later) to boost their energy and fill the dance floor with groovy moves. We will need several parent volunteers for the party and these lots can be filled by filling up the volunteer signup online (link to be shared on ClassDojo soon). The tickets will go on sale soon at £5 per child.

We hope this plan has made you all as excited as we are!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 24th January	Friday 31st January
Wrens	Gracie L & Isaac	Brooke & Ocean
Robins	Rhys & Willow C	Ellie & Charlie
Kingfishers	Charlie. S and Archie	Ephraim & Ivy
Woodpeckers	Jake & Samuel	Axel & Savannah
Kestrels	Dolcie & James	Brett & Bella
Ospreys	Amelie & Rose	Albie & Elias
Owls	Hayden & Maya	Elliot & Isabelle



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER








	Friday 24th January	Friday 31st January
Wrens	Reggie	Johnny
Robins	Devon	Saffron
Kingfishers	Daisy	Bonnie
Woodpeckers	Olivia	Samuel
Kestrels	Mia	Dolcie
Ospreys	Louis	Charlie
Owls	Henry	Ava N

READING CHAMPIONS & PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 24th January	Friday 31st January
Wrens	Oakley	Stebbing Reading Champion: Izzy
Robins	Teddy	
Kingfishers	Mikey	
Woodpeckers	Stebbing Reading Champion: Albie Edridge	Monty
Kestrels		Vinnie
Ospreys		Rose
Owls		Maya

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
24.01.25	Millie	Woodpeckers Owls	Lottie G	Hudson & Millie
31.01.25	Louie	Woodpeckers	Saffron	

						
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24.01.25	Owls	Woodpeckers	Kingfishers	Ospreys	Woodpeckers	Owls
31.01.25	Owls	Kestrels	Ospreys	Owls	Woodpeckers	Kingfishers



WRENS



The last two weeks have been filled with lots of interesting bear facts and favourite Teddy bear unhomework shares. Wrens have really enjoyed our Topic this term and we have been talking a lot about Woodland animals, habitats and especially our book: The Gruffalo

We are retelling the story of the Gruffalo by gathering the props for the 'recipes' in the story...

Do you know the Gruffalo's favourite meals?

Roasted.....Scrambled.....andIce cream?

In PE we have been perfecting our posture and landing skills with Gymnastics. This week we had a Dragon Dance to celebrate Lunar New Year and a ball play session in the hall. Miss Summers spoiled us with tasty treats to try and we built The Great Wall with our Lego. In Maths we are exploring ONE

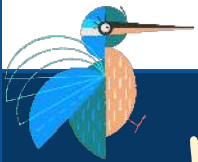
MORE and ONE LESS We have been learning a lot of

di-graphs this term and the Wrens are working hard on applying their knowledge to their reading and writing. Our focus remains letter formation and keeping our letter sizes the same and on the line. With quiet hand writing mornings on

Monday and Fridays. Next week we will be celebrating

Number day and enjoying a Woodland Walk to our local park.

Don't forget your Bear



KINGFISHERS



Another 2 weeks have flown by, I can't believe how fast this half term has gone!

We have been squeezing in lots of learning in Kingfishers. In Maths we are exploring arrays and using them to support our comprehension of multiplications.

In English we have completed our book review of 'Patrick', a fun, amusing and bonkers story (as the children described it) written and illustrated by Quentin Blake, and the children have created interesting and personal pieces of work which I am looking forward to reading.

In History we have been discussing what makes a source reliable and exploring Samuel Pepys' diary, the most reliable source we know of today that tells us eye-witness accounts of the event.

In Science the children have been conducting fair tests in order to discover if a material is water-resistant or not. Some other words we introduced include constant, variable and absorb.

Forest school has been such a highlight of our week! Despite the cold, the children return with huge smiles on their face and are eager to share with me what they have been doing.



ROBINS



Well done Robins for an exceptional couple of weeks of hard work.

Robins have been trying incredibly hard in phonics and have worked hard to apply new graphemes into their writing.

In Maths we have been working with numbers to 20, finding one more and one less as well as looking at number lines. A new challenge has been placing numbers on a blank number line. We have enjoyed consolidating new skills during busy time. A firm favourite has been exploring our new base 10 to make teen numbers and create number lines.

In topic lessons we have been exploring different continents. This week we landed in Asia where we got to learn about Lunar New Year. Mrs Smith provided us with lots of tasty treats and we had fun learning the story of the Chinese Zodiac. Before we read the story we made predictions about what animals we thought would win and lose the race and why. We then moved on to writing about what animal we would like to be.

Next week we will be moving onto nouns and verbs in English.

We are going to be using the 'Ten Little...' story series. If you have any of these books at home, we would love to borrow them.



WOODPECKERS



In English we are focusing on the text type of letters. In particular we are currently looking at letters as being a way to convey emotion, and have been thinking about how to perform the reading of letters with our voice tones and speed, as well as the vocabulary used when they are written. We've enjoyed using the laptops to do these, and seeing how the computer gives us clues to edit our spellings and punctuation.

A real person who experienced evacuation during WW2 called Maureen (8 yrs old at the time but now 82), has been our muse to help us with this so far, but next week we will 'meet' some other evacuees and read other letters.

In Maths we have been successfully getting to grips with different methods to help us multiply and divide, such as numicon, counters, bar models, the multiplication square, to name a few.

History is a lot of fun and our Guided Reading texts are giving us a lot of information about WW2. We've had great fun making Identify cards and soon will be creating Ration Books and learning more about 'The Bardfield Artists', creating some wartime art ourselves.

Our class book by Michael Morpurgo (An Eagle in the Snow) is leaving us often at the edge of our seat, as we are soon to discover why Billy Byron is blaming himself for the start of WW2. Some of us have made some inferences about what the big reveal will be.

Finally, we have begun work for our contribution to the St. Mary's Church time capsule, by drawing pictures of significant people from our lifetime, such as Prime Ministers, Monarchs, Presidents and people like David Attenborough.



I can't believe another 2 weeks has whizzed by in Kestrels. We have been really busy get stuck into our book Journey. The children have blown us away by how engaged they have been in the book, helped by the fact that they are all able to use a copy within the lessons thanks to your generous donations. It really has made such a difference and I think you will be wowed by their language when you next come in for parents evening. In maths, we have focused on formal strategies for multiplication and division. Although this was tricky at first, the children have worked really hard to get to grips with these tricky concepts. In Science, we have really enjoyed setting up an experiment independently, looking at how different liquids can affect our teeth. I was amazed by how well the children were able to talk about fair testing and which variables they needed to control in their setups. In history, we have continued to enjoy learning about Mayan life, especially about their farming techniques and answering the question 'did the Mayans invent chocolate?'

We have continued to champion all of the writing that has been going on in Ospreys the last few weeks. We are giving the children lots of opportunities to be proud of what they are achieving and we are filling our classroom up with pieces of work that we are all very proud of. We have also set up a handwriting station that children can access during quiet reading time, we would love some donations of coloured gel pens if you have any spares knocking around at home please!

Ospreys are getting really excited for their school trip to Harry Potter studios next week. We ended this week by taking part in a pre visit lesson so we are prepared for our 'Script to screen' workshop that we will be taking part in when we are there. We have also used our handwriting session to create some wonderful additions to our English working wall. Ospreys have particularly enjoyed exploring all of their baby photos in our science lesson this week. They were pretty successful in being able to spot who was who. We then drew graphs to show the growth rate of boys and girls in the first 12 months of their lives.



I am running out of superlatives to describe this wonderful class! Each and every day, they show up with plenty of energy, smiles on their faces and, above all, an eagerness to learn! Thanks to their attitude towards their studies, each and every child is making incredible progress and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves.

Thank you to those parents that have confirmed their attendance for our E-Safety workshop that we are hosting on Thursday 6th March at 6pm. We really would urge parents to attend this because in this case, knowledge really is power. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch: mrs.clayden@stebbingprimary.co.uk.

Throughout the past week, Owl class have been working hard as journalists reporting on a serious incident that occurred at Stebbing Primary School on Wednesday 15th January 2025. Luckily, Woody was safely returned. We are in the process of writing our newspaper articles and I cannot wait to share them with you all next week.

Stebbing Primary
E-Safety Workshop

We would like to invite you to a workshop to help to raise awareness around some of the issues that our children are facing online.

When: Thursday 6th March 6pm

Please contact mrs.clayden@stebbingprimary.co.uk to register your interest by Friday 14th February

internet matters.org

In maths, the children have been working their socks off as we continue our journey through fractions, decimals and percentages. The class have all grasped the complexities within the unit of work and have been able to apply their understanding to convert, order and solve problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages.

In other news, we are loving our science unit at present where we are taking part in plenty of investigations to help us understand a range of scientific principles based around the topic of light. Most recently, learning how light is refracted and reflected.

We have also been historians and archeologists as we have uncovered ancient artifacts, made observations about what the artefacts tell us about life within the Indus Valley and have designed our own Indus seal based on our understanding. We are looking forward to making our seals next week.

We have an exciting few weeks to look forward to with a music concert, public speaking competition, Harry Potter studios, periscope making and a few practise SATs papers thrown in their for good measure!

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
22.01.25	SEND family consultations 3.15-6.15pm
30.01.25	Little Monsters SEND session 2.30pm (by invitation)
31.01.25	AFSS Quiz night 6pm
06.02.25	Owls & Ospreys to Harry Potter Studios
07.02.25	NSPCC Number Day
11.02.25	Safer Internet Day
13.02.25	AFSS School Disco
March	Community Month
18.03.25	Family consultations 3-7pm
19.03.25	Family consultations 3-5pm