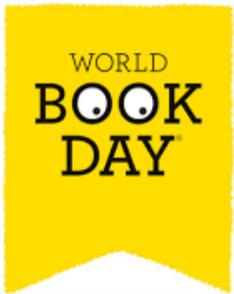




Stondon Lower Newsletter - 6th March 2025



As with every year World Book Day was a big hit with children and teachers. We had some amazing outfits this year and the children enjoyed taking part in the book school.



## Charity this Easter

Each year the Garden House Hospice in Letchworth run their 'Charlie Chick' campaign spreading joy with their cheerful chicks which are stuffed with Crème Eggs in order to raise funds for the hospice. This year we have again been asked to help sell some Charlie Chicks. They are £1.50 each and are currently living in the school office.

Each Friday afternoon Mrs Addy will be in the front playground with the chicks if you would like to purchase one.



## Robins class news



Robins have had a busy couple of weeks enjoying our new topic 'Superheroes'. We have looked at heroes and their characteristics and designed our own superheroes and written a superhero name. We have been exploring a wordless book called 'Quest' and the children have enjoyed creating their own places for a quest.

In maths we have been exploring numbers 6,7 and 8. This has included looking at odd and even numbers and doubles.

We have been learning about Pancake Day and Lent and why this celebration is important to Christians.

We have enjoyed celebrating world book day as a class and even had a chance to read with some of the older children.



## Puffins class news

This week in English we have been looking at the book 'Quest' for World Book Day. We have been looking at the different events in the story and using verbs with the suffixing to describe what is happening. We noticed the boy was 'holding' a map and there was a shark 'swimming' in the water. These verbs allowed us to write an interesting description of a page in the book. We have also created our own maps like the one in the story!

In Maths we have been looking at place value up to 50. We have been identifying how many tens and ones a number is made from, represented by counters, base ten and beads.

In History, we have learnt about the life of fossil hunter Mary Anning. Next week we are going to be making our own salt dough fossils!



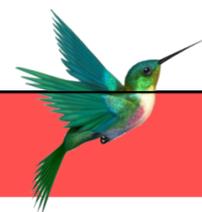
## Kestrels class news

This Week in Kestrels class, we have been exploring measurement in maths, using centimetres and metres to compare lengths of different objects around the classroom. The children have enjoyed practical activities, estimating and measuring with rulers and metre sticks.

In English, we have been on an exciting adventure inspired by the wordless book Quest by Aaron Becker. Using the book's stunning illustrations, the children have been creating their own imaginative journey stories, filled with mystery, and adventure.

In Design and Technology (DT), we have started our exciting new project on puppets! The children have been investigating different types of puppets in preparation for designing and making their own hand puppets in the coming weeks. We can't wait to see their creative ideas come to life!

In History we have continued to learn about British monarchs and have ordered some significant monarchs chronologically on a time line.



## Hummingbirds class news

After a relaxing half term, we are right back into action!

In English we have begun to explore letter writing after finding a Lion in Robins! We have written a letter to Greenpeace asking for advice and over the week have become Lion experts to write a letter in response.

In Maths we are exploring Mass and Capacity which has been tricky to work out the different scales on our measuring scales and converting grams to kilograms.

In science we are exploring forces and so far, have looked at pushes and pulls and explored friction.

For world book day we read the book 'Quest' with the rest of the school but also created our own Mr Men and Little Miss Characters as we have been enjoying the books when reading them altogether.



We have had a very busy few weeks since coming back after half term. In English, we have worked very hard in editing and proof reading our forest descriptions, and have sent a copy of them home for you to enjoy! This week, we have had a lot of fun looking at the book 'Quest' along with all the other classes. This book was different as it contained no words but we had a great time observing the details in the images and using our imaginations to tell stories and describe settings and characters. In maths, we have been using our growth mindsets to tackle new learning in fractions. We now know what a mixed number, an integer and an improper fraction is and have been learning how we can convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. We feel very proud of ourselves!

In Science, we have begun to learn about digestion in humans - we did a fabulous demonstration of how the digestive system works and can now name all the organs and explain the process of digestion. See if your Hummingbird can explain it all to you.

## Join the Stondon Lower School PTA!

Stondon Lower School PTA is dedicated to enhancing our school community by fostering collaboration between parents, teachers, and the school administration. Our PTA organises events, fundraisers, and activities that benefit our students and create a sense of belonging.

### Why Join?

- **Voice Your Ideas:** Contribute to school programs and events
- **Support and Advocate:** Help address student needs and improve resources.
- **Build Community:** Connect with other parents and educators.
- **Make an Impact:** Fundraise to support and enrich your child's education.
- **Set an Example:** Show the importance of community involvement to your children.

**Get Involved!** Contact us at [stondonlowerpta@gmail.com](mailto:stondonlowerpta@gmail.com) or attend our next meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Every contribution counts!

#### Term Dates 2024-2025

##### Spring Term

Monday 7th January- Friday 4th April 2025

*Half term: Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February 2025*

Inset Days: Monday 6th January

##### Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April- Friday 18th July 2025

*Half Term: Monday 27th- Friday 30th May 2025*

Inset Days: Monday 7th April & Monday 21st July 2025



#### Term Dates 2025-2026

##### Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September- Friday 19th December 2025

*Half Term: Monday 27th October- Friday 31st November 2025*

Inset Days: Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025

##### Spring Term

Tuesday 6th January- Friday 27th March 2026

*Half term: Monday 16th- Friday 20th February 2026*

Inset Days: Monday 5th January 2026

##### Summer Term

Tuesday 14th April- Friday 17th July 2026

*Half Term: Monday 26th- Friday 29th May 2026*

Inset Days: Monday 13th April 2026



Date	Event
Monday 10th & Wednesday 12th March	Parent consultations (in person)
Friday 20th March	Celtic Harmony—Year 3 Trip
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief (Details to follow)
Friday 4th April	Number day (Details to follow)

Requests for term time absence will not be approved unless due to exceptional circumstances.

# March

## BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUE FOR THIS MONTH IS CURIOSITY

Welcome to March's newsletter for information and booking for breakfast and after school club.

### ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries regarding breakfast club or after school club, please contact the school office on 01462 850288 during school time .Thank you.

### PAYMENTS

Please remember that all payments should be made at the time of booking. If sessions need to be cancelled or changed then a **minimum of 3 days' notice** must be given either to the office or Mrs Davies.

#### BREAKFAST CLUB (BC)

Breakfast club is open from 7.50am – 8.50am at £5.50 per session offering a selection of cereal, toast or crumpets and milk. Please allow enough time for children to come and enjoy their breakfast with us. Do ensure you book in advance for this service as we have limited numbers.

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (ASC)

There is always a variety of activities for children to enjoy in ASC. We offer a healthy snack during the session which is included in the price.

Opening times and prices are as follows

**3.30pm – 4.30pm = £5.50 Monday - Friday**

**3.30pm – 5.30pm = £10 Monday - Thursday**

#### Messy Play Wednesday

Every Wednesday we'll be having lots of messy fun in after school club. We'll be playing with different foods and messy products such as shaving foam, mash potato, hair gel, etc.

#### TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

11th March - Table tennis  
18th March - Badge making  
25th March - ICT activities

#### THURSDAY ACTIVITIES

13th March - Bracelet making  
20th March - Hockey  
27th March - Mother's Day craft

Please let Mrs Davies know if you have any ideas for activities you would like to do.

#### FUN FRIDAY!!

On Fridays we have fun playing on the Nintendo Wii and playing with our favourite ASC toys.

**Reminder 3.30pm – 4.30pm only on Fridays**

**HAPPY  
FRIDAY!**