

STONDON LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

Christmas Performances

The children and classroom staff have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks to get ready for their Christmas performances. We hope you agree that they have done an incredible job and we would like to thank you for your support in coming to watch and filling the hall for every show!

Live Barn Nativity

On Friday 5th December Year 3 visited St John's and St Leonard's Church in Bedford.

The children took part in an interactive visit where they followed the narrator around the grounds as the nativity story unfolded with the children meeting the different characters along the way. The play ended in the church building, where the characters all came together to form the classic nativity scene.



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Stondon Lower Class News

Robins



It's been lovely to have a full classroom again this week after lots of bugs made their way around. The children have settled back in beautifully and picked up their learning with great enthusiasm. We are really pleased with the progress the class has made in phonics this Autumn 2 term. The children are becoming more confident with their sounds, and it would be wonderful if you could continue practising flashcards and sharing reading books at home whenever possible—those little moments make such a big difference. In Maths, we've been exploring numbers 1–5, building a strong understanding of what each number really means through counting, comparing, and using practical resources. The children have enjoyed hands-on activities and are growing more secure in their number knowledge each day. Our Christmas play rehearsals have filled the classroom with excitement, and the children couldn't wait to perform for their grown-ups. They've worked so hard learning the songs and actions, and we are very proud of their confidence and teamwork. We've also been busy with lots of festive crafts, filling our room with sparkle, colour, and Christmas cheer. It's been a joyful way to end the term's learning. Thank you for your continued support—what a brilliant week it's been!

Puffins



In English, we have been writing our own stories, taking inspiration from the traditional tales we've been reading together. We have explored familiar characters and settings, then used these ideas to write imaginative tales of our own. We have been working hard to include a capital letter for names and adjectives to describe. In Maths, we have been learning all about 3D shapes. We have been identifying and describing shapes such as cubes, spheres, cones, cylinders, and pyramids. The children have enjoyed investigating real life objects and even building some models with 3D shapes. The most exciting part of the week has been the children proudly performed their Christmas play. They worked so hard to learn their lines, songs, and actions, and were absolutely amazing!

Kestrels



Kestrels Class have had another fantastic week of learning. In Maths, we explored patterns using both 2D and 3D shapes, looking closely at how shapes can repeat and change. The children enjoyed creating their own patterns and explaining their choices. In English, we wrote letters asking for advice on how to look after a dragon, using questions and clear sentences to find out everything we'd need to know! In Design Technology, the children made wonderful fruit kebabs, learning how to prepare ingredients safely and use equipment with care. We also want to say a huge well done to Kestrels for their brilliant Christmas show performances. Their hard work really shone through, and we hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing. At home, please keep up regular reading and try practising shape spotting around the house or outdoors.

Toucans



This week, the Toucans have engaged in a wide range of exciting and enriching learning experiences. In English, the children have been inspired by Toucans to write their own versions of a fable, demonstrating creativity and skill in adapting classic stories. In Maths, they have continued to explore the 2, 4, and 8 times tables, developing both fluency and confidence through focused practice. Our study of early humans has progressed, with the Toucans learning how archaeologists uncover evidence from this period and how these discoveries provide insight into the lives of our distant ancestors. Rehearsals for our Christmas play have been extensive, and the children's dedication and enthusiasm were evident in an outstanding performance that delighted all. In World View lessons, the Toucans have been exploring Jewish celebrations, examining their meaning, traditions, and cultural significance, fostering a deeper appreciation for diversity. We are very proud of the Toucans' hard work, creativity, and commitment across all areas of learning this week.

Hummingbirds



In Science, Hummingbirds continue to learn about electricity. This week, they put their knowledge of circuits and motors to make a 'wiggle bot'. It was lots of fun - ask your hummingbird all about it! They learnt that sometimes, when creating new things, things might go wrong but that if they thought about why, they could make improvements. Perseverance is the key! In maths, we continue to explore multiplication and division. This week has begun with factor pairs (eg 2 and 4 is a factor pair of 8) and how we can use this knowledge to help solve larger multiplications. We move on to multiplying and dividing larger numbers by 10 and 100.

We have been very busy with our Christmas concert preparations too. Searching for Hummingbirds Church Nativity Playlist on Spotify will allow your hummingbird to practise the songs at home!

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Vacancies across our Federation – Stondon and Shillington

Cleaner Supervisor at Stondon Lower School

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/109469/EDV-2025-SLS-55087>

Class Teacher- Maternity Cover at Shillington Lower School

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/109480/EDV-2025-SLS-29348>

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September- Friday 19th
December 2025

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

Inset Days: Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd
September

Spring Term

Tuesday 6th January- Friday 27th March
2026

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

Inset Days: Monday 5th January

Summer Term

Tuesday 14th April- Friday 17th July 2026

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

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

**Christmas Wreath Making -
another amazing event put on
by our PTA who made a
massive **£1050.87** for the
school. Thank you so much!**



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Saturday 13 th December	PTA Christmas Disco and Santa's Grotto
Tuesday 16 th December	Widdershins Theatre
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 4 Church performance 6pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas lunch and jumper day

**More information for our events and trips will
be sent via Parentmail. However, if you have
any questions please contact Mrs Addy in the
office.**