

# VE Day 80th celebration

All our lovely children had a special lunch on our playing field (see below pictures) on Friday to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.





# Year 4 Bikeability - Wednesday 14th May



On Wednesday, 27 of our Hummingbirds class took part in Level 1 Bikeability. During the session the children learnt about maintaining their bikes and how to make simple repairs, controlling their bike when setting off and riding and being aware of their surroundings by looking around and turning around obstacles.

They did a great job and had a fab time.





## Robins class news



Robins have been continuing our pirate topic. We have been doing lots of fact finding about all the famous pirates and have decided to write our own pirate fact book.

We have been continuing addition and subtraction in maths and are moving on to manipulating shape.

We have been enjoying our dance lessons with Jenny and have been doing some super superhero dancing.

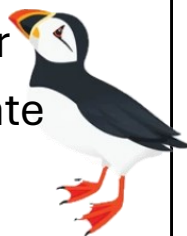
We have been looking at mental health awareness week this week and remembering how to look after our mental health and others.

## Puffins class news

This week in Puffins we have been reading the book ‘Pig the Pug’. We then started writing our own non-fiction books on how to be an animal. In our books we have been working hard to include adjectives, verbs ending in -ing and prepositions.

In Maths we have started our new topic, fractions! We have been finding half of an object, shape and quantity. We’ve done this by sharing counters and making our own paper pizzas to cut in half.

In DT we have made our own moving pictures. We learnt that components working together are called a mechanism. To make our pictures move we created sliders out of pieces of card. We had to use a ruler to measure the slider accurately and then decorate the background to create the final product.



## Kestrels class news



Kestrels have been superstars with their learning over the last two weeks.

In Maths, we have started our new topic of time. The children have been able to recognise o’clock and half past and are becoming familiar with quarter to and quarter past. This can be tricky learning, and we have been impressed at how well Kestrels have been doing.

In English we have created our very own class river. We wrote poems about the movement and sounds of water. Later in the week, we created wonderful watercolour paintings inspired by their writing.

After planting seeds in Science, Kestrels have been fascinated - watching their bean plants grow day by day.

Also, last week was the children’s final opportunity to perfect their amazing hand puppets in DT. These have now gone home with the children, they were very excited to share their creations with you at home. We hope you are as proud of their skills as we are!

## Toucans class news

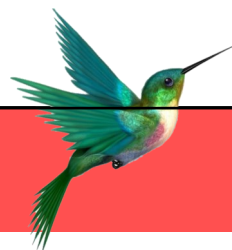


This week in Toucan class we have been exploring the story 'Julian is a mermaid' and working towards writing our own personal narratives about our future dreams and aspirations.

In Maths, we have been looking at time and trying to understand how to read past and to. This has been really tricky but thanks to Growth Gilbert we have been using our growth mindset to help us understand.

We have been focusing on Art in the afternoons this week building our knowledge of colour and texture, using pencils and paints to replicate the texture of leaves. This will support our work moving onto to create collages inspired by the rainforest.

## Hummingbirds class news



In Maths we have finally finished our work on decimals and have begun a short unit on money. All our hard work on decimals is paying off and making our understanding of pounds and pence a lot easier. Hopefully, we are taking one more step towards being financially confident young people.

In English, we are putting all our expertise in setting and character descriptions to good use and are busy planning a short story. It's going to be amazing!

We continue to learn about the Ancient Greeks in History, which is proving useful as our end of year production is based on the Ancient Greek myth of the Minotaur. We have all been assigned our parts and rehearsals have begun... we are super excited!

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 or attend our next meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Every contribution counts!

Term Dates 2024-2025

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

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
22nd May	Higgins Toy Museum—Yr 1
12th June	Mead Open Farm - Reception
16th June	Sports Day
25th-27th June	Grafham Water—Yr 4
2nd July—TBC	British Schools Museum—Y2
9th July	Year 4 leavers ceremony
11th July	End of year reports—all years
15th July	Celebrations evening

More information on each of the above events and trips will be sent via Parentmail. However, if you have any questions please contact Mrs Addy in the office.