

# STONDON LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025



With Christmas just round the corner and so much happening at Stondon Lower we thought it would help to have include a full run down of the next few weeks.

29<sup>th</sup> November – Wreath making with PTA – THIS EVENT HAS SOLD OUT

5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 trip - Barn Nativity

9<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Year 1 Christmas Performance – 9:15am

10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 and 3 Christmas Performance – 5:30pm

11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 and 3 Christmas Performance – 9:30am

12<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Year 1 Christmas Performance – 9:15am

13<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Disco and Santa's Grotto

16<sup>th</sup> December – Widdershins Theatre

17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and jumper day

17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Church performance 4pm



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### Stondon Lower Class News

#### Robins



What a wonderfully *busy* and exciting week we've had in Robins! In **Phonics**, we have been working hard on practising our sounds. The children are becoming much more confident at recognising and using them, and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm growing each day. In **Maths**, we have been exploring *size* and *mass*, comparing objects to see which are bigger, smaller, heavier or lighter. We have also been looking closely at the **composition of the number 3**, discovering all the different ways we can make it. This week has also been full of rich learning experiences linked to important events. We have been learning about **Remembrance Day**, thinking about why we wear poppies and talking gently about remembering those who help keep us safe. We also enjoyed exploring the excitement of **Bonfire Night** and learning about the story behind the **Gunpowder Plot**.



#### Puffins

In English we are starting to look at traditional tales. The first story we've explored has been the Billy Goats Gruff! We have been writing simple sentences to describe the characters in the story and have even been using puppets to retell what happened. Next week will write our own story inspired by the Billy Goats Gruff. In Maths we have been finding a part in a part whole model. We have been using counters to help us with this, as well as our number bonds within 10.

In PE we have been doing yoga and learning lots of different poses based on various themes. We have done jungle, wild west and even circus themed yoga! Next week we will be learning to hold yoga poses using a hoop!

#### Kestrels



Kestrels Class have had a very busy week, working hard and showing great enthusiasm for their learning. In Maths, we've been practising addition and subtraction using two-digit numbers. Although this was tricky at times, the children persevered brilliantly and are now confidently using written methods with accuracy. In English, we stepped outside the classroom for a special learning journey around the school, noticing sights and sounds we often miss. These observations inspired the children to write their own imaginative journey stories. In our afternoon lessons, we created thoughtful poppy-themed art. We also explored how we can use our Power for Good, linking to this year's Anti-Bullying Week message. To support your child's learning at home, please continue to enjoying regular reading together and practice quick recall of number facts, such as number bonds to 20.



#### Toucans

The Toucans have settled brilliantly back into class routines after the half term break and have made a fantastic start to all of our new learning! In English, we've begun an exciting new writing unit all about *fables*. We've been exploring the features and purpose of fables and are now busy writing our own versions of *The Koala Who Could*. In Maths, we've started our multiplication and division unit — please keep practising *Times Table Rock Stars* at home to help build fluency and confidence.

In History, we've been delving into the fascinating topic of the earliest forms of humans, and in Science, we've started learning all about animals, including humans. Finally, Christmas is in the air as we begin rehearsals for our festive play! Please encourage your child to practise their lines at home — every bit of rehearsal makes a big difference.

#### Hummingbirds



In Maths we have had lots of fun learning about area. We are beginning to discover that having a confident knowledge of times tables is very useful in many fields of Mathematics. We now begin quite a long unit where we will be delving into multiplication and division in greater detail. Any times table practice you can do at home will be very helpful to us in the coming weeks. In English, we have been working on what language choices are made when trying to persuade - our favourite is the 'power of three' - ask your Hummingbird about it and see where you can spot it... the power of three is everywhere! In Art, we are learning about drawing hands. We are inspired by Albrecht Durer's work 'Praying Hands' and will be creating art relating to this. In Geography, we have been learning about special lines of latitude and how they are linked to different weather patterns. If you search for 'latitude and longitude song' on Youtube, you'll be able to hear the very catchy song we have been listening to - it's an earworm!



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**Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and children who baked cakes specially for our cake sale. We raised a whopping £212 at this event. Well done everyone!**



**Another thank you to everyone who donated change for our class Pudsey Bear faces. This event raised £85.16.**



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A special thank you to our wonderful PTA who so far this year have raised a staggering **£1035.50**

Crazy hair day: **£87.50**

Halloween disco: **£391.00**

Fireworks night stall: **£557.00**

### 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.**

### Diary Dates

Date	Event
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Wreath making - PTA
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Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Performance – 9:15am
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Disco and Santa's Grotto
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Widdershins Theatre
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and jumper day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Church performance 4pm

**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.**