



# Grafham Water 2025

Last week our Year 4 children were away on their residential trip to Grafham water. They pushed themselves into situations out of their comfort zone and tackled some really difficult activities together as a team. Well Done Year 4!







Kestrels trip to The British School's Museum was a wonderful day out, with so many fascinating things to see and amazing experiences to share. We loved seeing the children dressed in Victorian clothing and they really got into character. During our Victorian style lesson, in a real 1880's school classroom, the children were certainly a bit surprised to find out first-hand how different school would have been for children in Victorian times. I think most would agree that they are glad they go to school now!

# British Schools Museum

## Year 2 trip

We learnt so much during our tour of the Headmasters House where we were able to see many Victorian artifacts up close. Finally, after lunch we finished our day with a very different type of PE lesson – Victorian Drill! The children really got into the spirit of the day and we are so proud of them. They acted with respect and showed fantastic curiosity. We had a fantastic day and we could not have done it without the support from our amazing volunteers and governors.

We thank them so much for giving up their time to join us!





# PBuzz

Ever heard of a Pbuzz instrument? Well wonder no more as our Year 3 and 4 children have and have learnt to play one. Miss Cormack, our Music lead, introduced the children to the PBuzz at the beginning of last term. Since then the children have learnt to play Shotgun by George Ezra, Who Let the Dogs Out by Bahamien, Let Me Entertain You by Robbie Williams and Another One Bites the Dust by Queen. Last week our year 4's performed to the school to George Ezra, Shotgun.





## Robins class news



The Robins have worked incredibly hard the last couple of weeks.

We have been looking at creating transition booklets for our new teacher so we can show our amazing writing skills and reflect on the year we've had.

We have started consolidating our learning in all areas especially in Maths and Phonics where we have been revisiting our taught sounds to help strengthen our knowledge of them.

In Maths we have revisited number bonds to 10 and 5, shapes and basic counting skills.

We are continuing our topic of animals and their babies and will begin starting writing fact files about different animals and their babies.

We were lucky enough to have a PE lesson with Mr Holliday last week to support our transition to Year 1 where we will receive a premier sports lesson weekly!

## Puffins class news



This week in Puffins we have been writing our own animal poems. In our poems we needed to include adjectives, verbs, the personal pronoun 'I' and the conjunction 'and'. When we had written our poems, we then made our own our own animal masks to wear.

In Maths we have started to learn about money. We are learning to recognise coins and notes and have started to count coins, using our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us.

In Computing we have been using Google Canvas to create our own digital art. We have been learning how to log on and off the Chromebooks which now means we are ready to use other programmes on them.

## Kestrels class news



Over the last two weeks in Kestrels class we have been exploring and writing poetry. We have had fun reading and performing simile poems. The children even wrote their very own simile poems for someone special in their lives, we hope they were able to share these with you and their special person!

In Maths, we have been learning about position and direction. We have gotten to grips with left and right, which some children found challenging but we have learnt some tricks to help us to remember. We also took our maths learning outside, using grids drawn with chalk to practise giving directions to a partner. This was really fun!

In History this week we have been looking at what school life would have been like for Victorian children, in preparation for our exciting trip!

During our PE session earlier in the week we took some time to cool down and calm down with a gentle yoga session.

Well done to Kestrels for continuing to show our values on a very hot and sweaty week!

## Toucans class news



In our last weeks together, we have been finishing our last pieces of maths where we have been exploring statistics such as pictograms and bar charts. We collected our own data and then recorded it in both formats. We then will now be recapping our previous learning ready for year 4!

In English, we have been inventing our own jobs and finalising our non-chronological reports to create our class book.

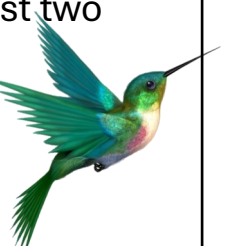
In Computing, we have been practicing our touch-typing skills, using a programme called Edclub- the children can practice their skills at home too! It's turned into a bit of a competition in the class, with George being the one to beat!

## Hummingbirds class news

What a busy few weeks we have had! Obviously, our amazing trip to Grafham Water was the highlight and we had such a good time. When we arrived, we were so excited to see our bedrooms and discover who we would be sharing them with. We had to make our beds and that was quite tricky, especially if we were sleeping on a top bunk.

After lunch, we went straight to our first activities where we began to encounter our first challenges. We pushed ourselves and conquered our fears but the Grafham Challenge was especially enjoyable. Another challenge some of us faced was trying new foods at lunch and dinner. None of us starved though, and we all filled our bellies with something. It was nice to sit together at the table for dinner and chat over our meals.

Bedtime was tricky for some of us. We were so brave and it was the first time a lot of us had ever slept away from home. The Hummingbirds team are very proud of how we all coped. Just two more weeks left of year - we can't believe it!





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 October 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
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.