



# Mead Open Farm

Robins trip to the farm was a really fun and relaxed day out. The children loved seeing the baby animals and their grown-up versions, pointing out the differences and similarities with lots of curiosity. They had a great time feeding the goats, gently stroking the fluffy bunnies, and helping to groom the ponies. A ride on the tractor gave everyone a chance to sit back and enjoy the countryside, and they finished the day bouncing around and laughing on the big inflatable pillows. The children were all so well behaved, and the teachers were really proud of how they got stuck in, had fun, and showed so much care around the animals. We couldn't have done it without the support of our wonderful volunteers and governors who gave up their time to come with us!





## Robins class news



In Robins we have continued our topic of life cycles and growing up. We started last week by looking into the life cycle of a hen and butterfly . We can remember that a cycle means something happens again and again. We then used this knowledge on our farm trip to investigate the different life cycles of animals on the farm.

In Maths we have looked at sharing and grouping with different numbers, we will be moving on to repeating patterns next and consolidating our learning for the year.

We have also been in the secret garden with our magnifying glasses looking for any frogspawn, froglets or frogs! So far we have found 2 frogs!

We had an excellent first sports day and all of the children showed all of their values and tried their hardest! The Robins adults were all very proud!

## Puffins class news



This week in Puffins we have been writing our own non-fiction books in English, all about famous buildings. We have been working hard to remember to use a capital letters when writing the names of buildings and also the place that we would find them. We have also been using adjectives in our writing to describe what the buildings are like.

In Maths we are now working with numbers up to 100. This week we have been counting forwards and backwards to 100 and partitioning numbers into tens and ones. Next week we will be comparing numbers to 100.

In Science we have been learning about the different parts of plants and their functions. We have also been keeping a close eye on the tomato plants that are growing in our classroom. We have given one plant no sunlight, one no water, one no soil and one everything it needs. Next week we will be writing up our findings.

## Kestrels class news



Kestrels have been very busy recently.

In Maths we have started a new topic, looking at the language used to describe position and direction. Earlier this week we took our Maths lesson outside to use this language in context, explaining what we could see using above, below, left, right, in front and behind.

In English we have written leaflets about the Great Fire of London. The children have shown fantastic knowledge of the events that took place and have used many of their Year 2 writing skills to explain these facts clearly and thoughtfully.

We also had a great afternoon for Sports Day. We were so proud of Kestrels and the sportsmanship and skills that were on display during the afternoon. A big well done to all the children for joining in with enthusiasm on a very hot afternoon

## Toucans class news



This week in Toucans class we have been finishing our Pied Piper stories, we have written our own versions which include a town being swarmed with wasps, the water turning to sludge but some mysterious figures that have come to save the town...but for a price.

In Maths, we have been exploring shape and have learnt about parallel and perpendicular lines and identifying them in 2D shapes, this is our penultimate Maths topic before we reflect on all our learning so far ready for year 4.

In Geography, we have been exploring the UK, looking at the mountains, rivers and counties.

In DT we are creating our own interactive posters, looking at levers and pulls to creating moving pieces. We are excited for a good end to a brilliant year altogether!

## Hummingbirds class news

What a hot and sweaty few weeks we've been having!

That hasn't stopped us from continuing to learn though and in Maths we are now looking at shape. We have been investigating the different types of triangles and quadrilaterals recently.

There's been lots to remember but we've working very hard.

In History, we continue to learn about the ancient Greeks and how they were the founders of democracy - can your Hummingbird remember what 'democracy' means in the Greek?

Our play rehearsals have now moved to the hall and we are well underway with learning stage directions, timings and cues. Particularly, we have been learning how to project our voices for a performance, which is different to our talking voices! We are becoming experts in how to never place our backs towards the audience too.



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
25th-27th June	Grafham Water—Yr 4
2nd July	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.

We need your help!

If you have any spare, white bed sheets which you do not use anymore please could we ask you donate them to school. Our wonderful Year 4 class are working on a play which focuses on Greek history and so you can imagine what we need to sheets for.

