



Half term is finally here! From all staff at Stondon Lower School, have a great week and we'll see you on Monday 24th February.

Stondon Lower Newsletter - 14th February 2025

Young Voices 2025

On Monday 3rd February Year 4 performed alongside 9000 other school children to parents and carers at the O2 Arena in London. Mrs Read and all at Stondon Lower are so proud of the them. Each and every child was super well behaved and sang and danced their socks off! A great opportunity and special memories made.



Thank you to our wonderful PTA who purchased red beanie hats for both children and teachers. Not only do these keep the children warm but they're great for helping to make our children stand out from the rest.





Robins have been working hard during our assessment week for phonics. We have been revisiting our previously taught sounds and harder to read and spell words.

We have been continuing to look at 6,7 and 8 in maths and are moving on to looking at double numbers to 8. We are writing our own version of the Gingerbread Man in Literacy using our knowledge of traditional tales.

We have been continuing to investigate people who help us and how we can keep ourselves and others safe inside of school, outside of school and on the internet.

We have celebrated children's mental health week and had many discussions about ways to look after our mental health.



Puffins class news

This week in Puffins class we have been writing our own non-fiction books, all about eggs. This links in with our current text 'The Odd Egg'. We spent some time looking at a range of non-fiction books and identifying their features, so that we could include these in our own books. We noticed that our books will need to have a contents page, headings and contain true facts.

In Maths we have been subtracting numbers within 20. To help us with this we have used our understanding of number bonds and counting back on a number line. We are now starting to look at missing number problems.

In Geography we learnt the difference between human and physical geographical features. We learnt the human features are built by humans and physical features are on Earth naturally. We then went on an investigation outside to see if we could find both human and physical features of our school.

Toucans class news

As the half term comes to an end, we have been finalising some of our topic work.

In art, we have completed our ceramic pieces using a range of techniques we have studied over the past few weeks.

In science, we have been exploring rocks and how different forms are created such as how igneous rock transforms to metamorphic.

In maths, we have been busy exploring length and perimeter and have moved onto fractions. The children and I are looking forward to next half term with our exciting trip to Celtic Harmony to experience all our history learning about the Stone Age in real life!

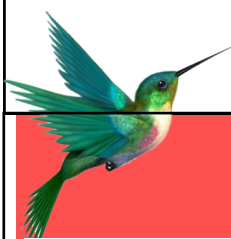


Kestrels class news

We have had a great couple of weeks in Kestrels. In English, we have been reading the story of Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty. We have really enjoyed exploring the inventions Rosie creates in the book. We have then spent time drawing and writing about our very own inventions.

In Maths, we have been learning all about multiplying and dividing by 2 and 10. We explored doubling and halving, and we also found some tricks to help us to check whether a number is odd or even. The children have impressed us with their confidence and knowledge!

This week we have also really enjoyed being creative. In art, we have been inspired by Picasso and to finish off the term the children sculpted their abstract face designs out of clay. Keep up the great work Kestrels!



Hummingbirds class news

This week saw the celebration of Safer Internet Day. We spent a session talking and looking at examples of scamming and phishing. The children ended with an excellent knowledge of how scams can sometimes happen and what they should do if they suspect they have received a suspicious message.

In Maths, we have completed our work on length and perimeter and have begun a lengthy unit on fractions. So far, we have revised what we learnt last year, explored what the whole is, how we can count on from 1 by adding fractions, what mixed numbers are and how they can be partitioned. Coming up after half term, we will be looking at the difference between proper and improper fractions, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions, learning about equivalent fractions as well as adding and subtracting!

In English, we have been learning about the techniques story writers use to create amazing setting descriptions and atmosphere. We have been really enjoying this work and what we have accomplished will be used in the future towards a short story.

Art has also been a busy subject of late with our sculptures now completed. Today, we explored the techniques artists use to create the illusion of space in their work.

The Hummingbirds team wish you all a happy half term and we look forward to seeing you all again in a week's time!



We raised a wonderful **£116.84** on Friday in our Shine Bright, Wear Bright day.

Thank you for your donations - if you forgot to bring in your donation today there is still time.

Extreme Reading Challenge

As part of our preparations to celebrate World Book Day Week, children are invited to share a photo of themselves reading a book in the most imaginative/strangest place that they can think of. Photos can be emailed to the school office or printed off and given to class

teachers. All photos need to be received by **5th March**. We can't wait to see your creative photos!



Term Dates 2024-2025

Spring Term

Monday 7th January- Friday 4th April 2025

Half term: Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February 2025

Inset Days: Monday 6th January

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
Monday 3rd March	Bring in your book swaps (see separate Parentmail)
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day (dress up is optional)
Friday 7th March	Book Fair (Details to follow)
Monday 10th & Wednesday 12th March	Parent consultations (in person)
Friday 20th March	Celtic Harmony—Year 3 Trip
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief (Details to follow)
Friday 4th April	Number day (Details to follow)

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