



Stondon Lower Newsletter— Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had time to read the letters from both Miss Sarah Woodham, Head Teacher and Mrs Kirsty Whitehead, Chair of Governors.

I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing Miss Woodham good luck for her future and new adventure.



All Saints Church
Stondon



HARVEST CELEBRATION

Sunday 5th October 11:00am

Everyone welcome

Please bring food tins to Church which will be open throughout September. We aim to build a big tower of tin donations ready for our celebration on 5th October!



Foodbank in Stotfold

Stondon Lower School - Class news

Robins - Reception

In Robins, we have been exploring more of our letter sounds and now we know 12 sounds! We are beginning to use our decoding and blending skills to read new words and understand new stories.

In our writing lessons, we have been writing our own stories all about us! We have designed our front cover and written about our families so far and are ready for our next two pages.

In Maths, we have been looking at counting to 5 and understand all numbers are made of 1s. We are also understanding how to match objects and looking at what 'same' and 'different' means.

This week we have been exploring and naming different emotions we may feel, we have read a number of stories that support our learning such as 'The Colour Monster' which are great to read at home too. In our understanding the world sessions, we are exploring the seasons, observing the changing of the trees, temperature and weather. Everyone has settled in beautifully and we even attended our first assembly with the other children.



Puffins - Year 1

This week in Puffins class we have been writing our own instruction books in English.

Last week we did some gardening and planted some radish seeds in our outside area, so we have written instructions on how to plant a seed.

We are making sure to include a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces when writing our instructions.

In Maths we have started to compare numbers up to 10 using the <, > and = symbols. Next week we will use our understanding of comparing numbers to start ordering numbers.

We have also started to learn some new sounds in Phonics, so please keep an eye on Seesaw so that you can practise our new sounds at home.



Kestrels - Year 2

This week we have been busy exploring number lines to 100 and comparing objects in Maths, helping us build confidence with place value.

In English, we used the charming book *How to Make Friends with a Ghost* by Rebecca Green to write our own command sentences.

Our Geography lessons took us on an atlas adventure, hunting for UK cities and landmarks, while in Art we experimented with pencil techniques to create shading and texture. The children have shown fantastic focus and creativity across all subjects!

To support your child's learning at home, try spotting numbers in the environment (like house numbers or prices) to practise comparing, or use a map or globe together to find places your family knows. Reading instruction texts like recipes or LEGO manuals together is also a fun way to reinforce our English skills!



Toucans - Year 3

We've had another busy and exciting week in Toucans. This week we proudly finished and published our **Mini Rabbit Not Lost** stories. The children have worked so hard on these and should feel very proud of their imaginative ideas and brilliant writing. We have also begun planning our own adventure stories, using story plans to guide us as authors – we can't wait to see where the children's creativity takes them!

In Maths, we've continued exploring place value, focusing on finding 1, 10 and 100 more than a given number. The children are developing great confidence in spotting number patterns and applying their knowledge. At home, you could play quick-fire number games – for example, "What's 10 more than 72?" – to help build fluency in a fun way.

Our Geography lessons have seen us continuing our maps of the UK, building on our understanding of the different countries and regions.

In world views, we've been learning about the Trinity, and the children have shown thoughtful engagement with this important idea. Wednesdays remain an active highlight with our sports coaching sessions, where teamwork and skills are growing every week.

We've also been enjoying our French learning, practising greetings and beginning to use them in class – "Bonjour!" and "Au revoir!" are perfect to try out together at home.



Hummingbirds - Year 4

This week, we have begun to explore how to use our senses when describing narrative scenes.

We are also looking at dialogue and how to punctuate it properly.

In Maths, we have been looking at numbers up to 10,000 and how they might fit on a number line. We are beginning to use our knowledge to estimate numbers on a numberline too.

In Art, we have been practicing our shading techniques to show value and texture.

However, we are most excited about beginning to practice the songs for Young Voices! A spotify playlist is available - just search Young Voices 2026!



Key dates- School Transition

Current Year 4

If your child is currently in Year 4 you will need to apply for a middle school place by **15th January 2026**

RBA open evening- Thursday 13th November 5-8pm.

If your child is due to start school in September 2026

Children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 will start school in September 2026.

Applications need to be made via CBC admissions before 15th January 2026.

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



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.

Date	Event
Friday 18th October	Individual and sibling photos
Monday 20th & Wednesday 22nd October	Parents evening
To be confirmed	MacMillan event