

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have had a great summer and are ready for the next school year ahead. If you have any questions relating to Stondon Lower School please do not hesitate to call or email the office. I have listed below the office contact details for you.

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We have had a few enquiries about the 3 large trees that have been removed. These were picked up on our tree survey as problematic. They were impacting on the school roof, which could go on to cause damage to the roof. They were also beginning to be dangerous when large branches came loose in the wind! They will be replaced with new trees which are smaller, and more suitable for both school and being close to buildings!

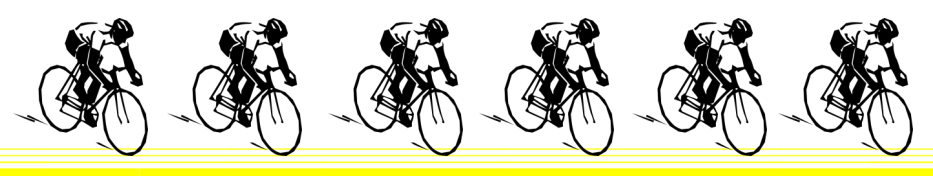
Summer Library reading challenge

Congratulations to all our children who completed the summer reading challenge. One of our children read more than 60 books over the summer.



LLOYDS TOUR OF BRITAIN

A very exciting event for the children and adults who braved the rain to watch the cycling event.



Parking

Please ensure you're parking and driving sensibly at drop off and pick up and not hanging over driveways of our neighbours. We have been back less than 1 week and have already received complaints from residents regarding parking.

There have also been a few near misses where children have nearly been run over.



You can park at the golf club or the recreation ground which are both safe parking areas with plenty of space for everyone. Thank you in advance for your support with keeping our children safe and our neighbours happy :-)

Stondon Lower School - Class news

Robins - Reception



What a first week! We have had an amazing first week in Robins as a full class! We have been exploring our surroundings and getting to know each other. We've even started our learning in Maths and Phonics!

This term our topic is 'All about me' so we will be looking at families, body parts, feelings, homes and celebrations.

We are having such fun together and everyone's personalities are starting to come out. Myself, Mrs Davies and Mrs Spight are looking forward to a brilliant year!

Puffins - Year 1



The Puffins have had a great first two weeks settling back into school. We have been having lots of choosing time so that it doesn't seem too big of a jump from Reception just yet.

We have started Phonics and have been reviewing all of the sounds we learnt last year, so that we can be ready to start our new Year 1 sounds.

In Maths we have been looking at numbers up to 10. This week we have started to identify one more than a given number and next week we will be looking at finding one less.

In Science we have been learning about the four seasons and what might happen during each of them.

Kestrels - Year 2



We have had a fantastic start to the year in Kestrels! We have jumped straight into our Maths learning and the children have all impressed us with their knowledge of place value and how to count in 10s. This is a great skill to have secure at this stage in the year. In English, we have been reading a lovely story called Frog and the Stranger by Max Velthuis. We used adjectives to describe some of the characters in the book and again the children wowed us, this time with their sentence writing skills. We can already see how many talented writers we have in Year 2! During the afternoons we have enjoyed exploring Atlases in Geography and learning to sing a new, upbeat song in our Music session. Last week the class all enjoyed some quiet reading time in the school library, exploring all the books on offer ready for this Friday where they will be able to choose a library book to take home. A wonderful start to the new year for Kestrels – we can't wait to see the children continue to grow and learn this year.

Toucans - Year 3



This week, the Toucans have amazed us with how confidently they have settled into their new class and embraced our routines. In English, they have been hooked by an exciting new story, which has sparked their imaginations and inspired them to start planning their own narratives to entertain – you might like to ask your child to tell you about the story they are creating. In Maths, the children have shown fantastic enthusiasm for exploring place value and revisiting their previous knowledge from Year 2. In Geography, they have loved learning about maps and revisiting the features of an atlas. This term our science topic is light and dark, the children spent their first lesson learning about the best material to build a den with to keep the light out.

Hummingbirds - Year 4



Welcome back everyone! We have had an excellent start to year 4. In Science, we have begun to learn about what states of matter are and will be learning about the different states of matter in more detail very soon. In English, we have begun to look at graphic novels - we will be making our own eventually. In Maths, we are looking at place value and numbers up to 10,000.

We enjoyed starting Art this week, and began to look at what the 7 elements of art are - see if your Hummingbird can remember them - and started with a particular focus on value and texture and how we can apply different pressures and techniques to our shading. We shall build on this in the coming weeks.

We are about to start work in Geography and will be looking at map skills - get your atlases out everyone!



Guitar Lessons in school

If your child is interested in learning the guitar our music teachers currently have space available.

All lessons are booked directly through Inspiring Music. For information about music lessons in school please contact them directly on 0300 300 6604 or check out their website [here](#)

Collection arrangements

You should now have received your child's school diary. On the front page there is a section for you to complete with the names of anyone who is allowed to collect your child from school (other than yourselves) e.g. Grandparents, childminders, friends. If your child is being collected by another parent (for a playdate for example) then please ensure that this is written in your child's diary on the day.

This helps us to ensure that children are handed over to the correct adult. **We do not like to keep anyone waiting but if this information is not shared in the diary or via the school office then we will always check with you first.**

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



Date	Event
Friday 18th October	Individual and sibling photos
To be confirmed	Parents evening
To be confirmed	MacMillan event