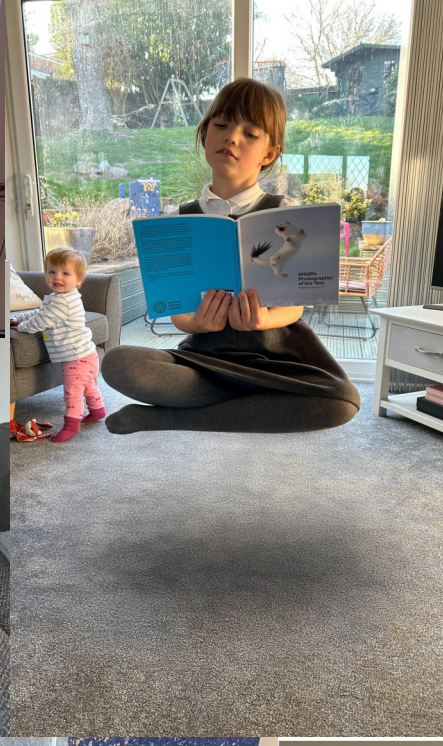




Thank you to all our children who sent in pictures of themselves reading in some truly extreme places. Please see below all our entries for Mrs Dumpleton's Extreme Reading Challenge .



Charity this Easter

Each year the Garden House Hospice in Letchworth run their 'Charlie Chick' campaign spreading joy with their cheerful chicks which are stuffed with Crème Eggs in order to raise funds for the hospice. This year we have again been asked to help sell some Charlie Chicks. They are £1.50 each and are currently living in the school office.

Each Friday afternoon Mrs Addy will be in the front playground with the chicks if you would like to purchase one.

Robins class news



Robins have continued to work hard while continuing our topic of 'superheroes'. We have been looking at describing superheroes in detail and making sure that we use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters in our writing. We have really worked hard on our letter formation, our letters are becoming much neater and our work is looking beautiful!

We have been looking at number 9 and 10 in maths. We have been on a number hunt in the classroom, hall and outside area to find these numbers in our environment. We have been using our prior knowledge to help us look at one more and one less in more detail and we will be investigating the composition of numbers 1-10.

In PE we are continuing to work on our fundamental skills and listening skills. We have been looking at how to start and stop moving safely to ensure we can negotiate a space safely with consideration of others.

We have been learning all about St Patricks day and Red Nose Day too!

Puffins class news

In English this week we have started our new book 'Yeti and the Bird'. We have been working on using the -est suffix to describe the Yeti in the story, by using words like 'biggest', 'scariest' and 'hairiest'.

In Maths, we have started our new topic 'length and height'. We started off by measuring things with objects (cubes), before learning how to use a ruler. As it was such a lovely day today, we decided to take the rulers outside and measure things that we found on the field!

In Computing, we have been practising the skill of logging on and logging off the chrome books. We have been learning how to type capital letters and use spaces. We then played a game that helped us to practise suing the track pad.



Toucans class news

This week in Toucans we travelled back to the Stone Age and visited Celtic Harmony. We began our day by learning our new tribe name 'Stags'.

We then went back into the chief's roundhouse and watched a fire demonstration, then we explored the woods and built our own dens!

After some well-deserved lunch, we went foraging in the woods and learnt about all the foods that would probably poison us . We took some of our foods into the roundhouse and added them to the chiefs soup after crushing them up to release the flavour.

Lastly, we went hunting in the woods and caught our dinner. It was a very successful trip and all the children thoroughly enjoyed it!



Kestrels class news



This week in Maths we have been continuing our learning looking at measurement but with a focus on capacity and volume. We have learnt how to read scales in millilitres and litres and how to compare measurements.

In DT we continue to work towards making our own hand puppets. Last week we designed what we wanted our hand puppets to look like based on a story character. This week in readiness for making our puppets, we have looked at how we can join material. We experimented with joining material with PVA glue, a stapler and have learnt how to do a running stitch. We decided that this would be the best way of joining our material to make our hand puppets.

In RE we have been thinking about the question: why Christians call 'Good Friday' for the day Jesus died. We learnt that although it's a sad day for Christians, they call it "Good Friday" because they believe that Jesus died to save everyone from their sins and Jesus was their saviour.

In PSHE, we recapped some learning we did earlier in the year in Computing about how to stay safe online. We were reminded of the importance about not talking to people we do not known whilst online and not to give out personal information.



Hummingbirds class news

We have been having lots of fun learning how to create high quality descriptions of story characters in English recently and have worked very hard to demonstrate some excellent creative techniques. We are very proud of our work so far and are becoming more confident in sharing our work with others.

In maths we continue to work through our fractions unit. We are nearly finished so soon we will begin our unit on decimals. We are finding the better at times tables we are, the more confident we are feeling about fractions work so keep up all the practise!

In Science, we have begun to explore food chains and the different elements that make a food chain up. We will also be discussing what happens when an organism from a food chain disappears and how human actions and climate change are often the reason for a food chain being disrupted. We will explore the far-reaching consequences of something in a food chain being disrupted.

In art we have begun some research and preparations for some printing work - we are inspired by some ancient Greek art and have looked to the 'geometric period' in particular. We can't wait to begin our finished piece.

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.

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 26th- 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 25th- Friday 29th May 2026
Inset Days: Monday 13th April 2026

New Attendance Policy

As you may be aware the guidance for holidays in term time changed in August last year. We have now updated our attendance policy to reflect these changes which can be found on our website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the office phone number or email.



Date	Event
Friday 21st April	Comic Relief—joke competition
Friday 4th April	Number day (Details to follow)

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