

# The Stretham Scoop



Friday 20th June 2025

A bi-weekly round up of what's happening in our school!

## Mr Sweeney's shout out:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's certainly getting warmer in school, as the temperatures are soaring. Thank you to all of you who have sent your children in with sunhats and plenty of water; I think that we are all very pleased to have a swimming pool on site currently; I'm pretty sure that the staff are also tempted to dip their feet in after school!

As I always say, it's been a jam packed fortnight, full of exciting learning and opportunities for all of our children. Last Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, Year 6 took part in a careers morning with many visitors coming in to speak with them about their jobs, the training needed and activities for the children to have a go at. The whole morning was a roaring success and there were a lot of positive comments about our children's attitudes and enthusiasm; well done Year 6! In addition to this, Kite class also took part in a junior first aid course this week. We have a lot of aware and ready to assist children now! In Robin class, the children have enjoyed learning about news paper reports - exploring the use of language and understanding the basic features. They have particularly loved reading old newspapers in the classroom! The children were engaged during our forest school session exploring the 'crime scene' set up for our writing. Year 4 have also enjoyed our computing lessons where they have learnt how to crop, rotate and edit images! The children have also completed their multiplication checks this week; they were all calm, collected and ready to give it a go! We are proud of all of them. However, even though the test is complete, keep practising and using TTRS! In Hedgehog Class the children enjoyed playing Totality (trying to reach a total of 20), using rekenreks to support their addition. They have also been labelling and identifying different parts of plants, and their knowledge is outstanding! In preparation for their concert at Ely Arts Fest next Friday, Wren class took part in a singing workshop with Mr Parsons from Kings Ely. They have also thoroughly enjoyed making savoury, seasonal tarts in DT. Rabbit class have been very busy developing their knowledge around the Stone Age and have created their own Stone Age paintings; they are very, very impressive! Ladybird class have been enjoying the cool of forest school and making a range of edible treats, whilst also really honing their swimming skills in the pool. It has been so lovely seeing the children's confidence grow. Kestrel class have been furthering their knowledge of South America, and in particular, Brazil, in their Geography lessons. The links that they are making between this and past learning has been incredibly impressive.

You may have heard about the strange occurrences that have taken place in our Forest Schooling area this week. On Tuesday morning, an extra assembly was called to brief the children that the forest school site had turned into a 'crime scene' and they had been tasked with finding out what had happened and reporting to the local authorities about this. Upon wandering down to the area, there was a giant boot, a beanstalk, a red cloak, a broken harp and some golden eggs, amongst other items! This was pre-empted with our assemblies over the last two weeks focusing on 'not judging a book by its cover' and sharing alternative fair tales with the children. The buzz around school has been palpable and the children are incredibly motivated to write and share their findings; I was grilled by Years 4-6 yesterday and their questions were full of maturity and curiosity. We look forward to sharing some of these reports with you in due course.

As we reach the end of term, at times, we find that children may fall out or disagree with each other. We have spent a lot of time in assemblies discussing how it is okay to fall out, it is how we do so. We also just wanted to take a moment to remind the children of our definition of the word bullying, as this is sometimes used very hastily. The definition we have shared is: 'When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's not nice. When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's mean. When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that they are upset, that's bullying.'

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June at Sports Day and at the many school events that will be taking place over the next 4 weeks. Unfortunately, I didn't get into the London Marathon ballot, but will be running Brighton Marathon next year instead (as promised to the children!) I'm not sure this weekend's heat will be suitable for training, I may need a weekend off! Stay safe in the heat and take care.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.  
Mr Sweeney and the Stretham Team



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**Safeguarding @ Stretham:  
Water Safety**

*With the weather warming up and the temptation to go for walks and play outdoors, often looking for spots to keep cool, the risks near water for children can increase.*

*We know how excited children get by the water but standing too close to the edge can be dangerous. Please look at the attached link with the SAFE message, to Stay Away From the Edge.*

*It's never too early to start talking to your children about staying safe near water.*

*Talk to your children when you're out and about near water, whether you're walking or cycling, out on a trip to feed the ducks or look at the boats.*

*There is a fantastic video and song to help your child learn about water safety and even a downloadable free story book with lovely pictures.*

*We will be talking to our children in assemblies over the coming weeks about this, but as temperatures soar this weekend, we felt it right to share with you now.*

**More information can be found here:**

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-tips-for-parents>

*They have created a very catchy song that can be shared with children too (sorry for the earworm!)*

**Hold hands, take two steps back  
Hold hands, take two steps back  
Hold hands, take two steps back  
Let's stay safe together, Quack Quack!**

**Letters Sent Home:**

*Year 3 Trip to Wandlebury*

*Wren class - Swimming timetable revised for week of 23 June 2025*

*Hedgehog class - Swimming timetable revised for week 23 June 2025*

*Choir Performance at Coffee morning - 25 June 2025*

*Kestrel Class - Swimming timetable amended*

*Rabbit Class Forest School sessions*

*Stretham Sponsored walk - 15 July 2025*

*Feel Good Friday - 4 July 2025*

*Robin Class - Residential trip kit list*

**Key Diary Dates:**

*Wren Class - Trip to Wandlebury - 24 June 2025*

*Choir Performance at Coffee Morning - 25 June 2025*

*Sports Day - 26 June*

*Wren Class - Ely Arts Festival - 27 June 2025*

*Rabbit Class trip - 02 July 2025*

*Feel Good Friday - 4 July 2025*

*Robin Class Residential trip - 9 - 11 July 2025*

*Stretham Sponsored walk - 15 July 2025*



*A very happy birthday to...*

*Omar, Mosey, Amelia, Harry Y, Harry A, Heidi, Tahila*



*We hope you have a wonderful day!*

**Attendance update:**

*Well done to the following classes with the highest attendance figures this week:*

**Robin - 95.7%**

**Kite and Rabbit - 95.4%**

**Hedgehog - 95.1%**

*Please ensure that you make the office aware of any absences by **9am**, at the latest, each morning. You can do this via email, the telephone or via our Studybugs app. We now have a dedicated absence line, which is sent directly to the office email too. Please use the method of communication that is most convenient for you.*

**Nuts in school**

*We have written to you recently, requesting that children are not sent into school or the local area with snack that contain nuts. We have a number of pupils and staff that if they come into contact with any nut based product, could lead to severe consequences. Unfortunately, this seems to be continuing. As a school, we do not cook with, or use materials that contain nut products for this exact reason.*

*May we request again that these products are not sent into school. Staff will be monitoring this regularly and if these are found, they will be confiscated. Can we also request that pupils bring in bottles with water in, not squash, please, unless this has been discussed with your child's class teacher for specific reasons.*



*Thank you for working with us on this.*

**Transition to new classes:**

*Our whole school transition morning will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025**.*

*In the lead up to this transition day, we will be having extra transition sessions for each class and their new teachers at the end of certain days. More information regarding classes for next year and the transition plan will be shared with you all next week.*

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# Kestrel Class Father's Day Messages

Dear Daddy, Happy Father's Day and thank you for everything you do for me. Love from, Emie xxx

Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day. Thank you for all you do for us. Love from Mary xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for everything you've done for me. I love you so much. Love from, Rocco xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for your spectacular cooking. I love it when you take me places. Happy Father's Day. Love from, Martha xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for all the lovely things you buy for us. Happy Father's Day. Love from, Lewis

Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day. Thank you. From, Tommy.

Dear Dad, Thanks for all the things you've done for me.

Happy Father's Day. Love from Ashley xxx

Dear Dad, I hope you have a lovely Father's Day, you are always there when I need a hug. Thank you for being the best dad in the world. Love from Isla xxx

Dear Grandad, Happy Father's Day! Thank you for being a good grandad and playing darts with me. From, Chester xxx

Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day. I hope you enjoy your special day. Love from Isabella

Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day. Thank you for everything you've done for me. You are amazing! Love from, Florence xxx

Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day. Thank you for all the things you do for me and the family and all the time you give to us. Love from, Matthew xxx

Dear Daddy, You are the best dad in the world and we always have fun adventures on the weekends. Happy Father's Day. Love from, Kian xxx

Dear Harry, You're the best step-dad in the world. Thank you for being in my life. Happy Father's Day. Love from, Kian xxx

Dear Dad, Thanks for looking after me when Mum's at work and for taking us on adventures. I hope you have a good Father's Day. Love from, Milla xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for everything and for driving me to my clubs. Happy Father's Day. Love from, Evie xxx

Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day. I hope you have an amazing day. I love you so much. Love from, Jessica

Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day. I hope you have a great day. Love from, Jake xxx

Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day. Thank you for everything you do for us. Love from, Minnie xxx



Dear Dad, Happy Father's Day. I love you very, very much. Love from, Charlie xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for being the best dad, ever! Happy Father's Day. Love from, Rajesh xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for playing video games with me when Abi is doing her homework. Love from, Dan xxx

Dearest Dad, Thank you for everything you do for me. You are amazing. Love from, Tiffany xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for everything you do for me. Love from, Joe xx

Dear Apa, Thank you for all the treats you give me. Happy Father's Day. Love from, Srihary xxx

Dear Lou, Thank you for taking me out on my dirt bike and for all the other things you do for us. Love from, Bobby xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for helping me in golf - I'm definitely getting better! Happy Father's Day. Love from, Evelyn xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for looking after our dog and for looking after the family. Happy Father's Day. Love from, Dexter xxx

Dear Daddy, I hope you have a wonderful day and thank you for cleaning out the guinea pigs for me!

Happy Father's Day. Love from Ellie xxx

Dear Dad, Thank you for taking me to football training each week. Happy Father's Day. Love from, Riley x

We are very sorry that The Ely Standard misprinted these, and hope these serve as a lovely keepsake instead.

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