

The Stretham Scoop

Friday 4th July 2025



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

Mr Sweeney's shout out:

Dear Parents and Carers,



There are just 2 weeks and 3 days left of the school year, and I am not quite sure where time is going?! There is certainly a buzz of excitement as we reach the end of term, and I think everyone is looking forward to the summer break! That being said, the school is a hive of activity, with so many exciting opportunities and experiences taking place in every classroom too! Today is of course Feel Good Friday, and it's been lovely to see children talking about themselves and thinking about those things they enjoy. We apologise profusely for any delays in contact currently. Our new internet is having some teething problems and our phone lines seem to have been disrupted by this!

Ladybird class have been having a wonderful time in the swimming pool, they have developed so much in confidence and are becoming increasingly more willing to take risks and try new strokes in the pool too! In the classroom, their knowledge of plants and flowers has blown us away, and the representations they are making using a wide range of materials is superb. Both Ladybirds and Hedgehogs have been loving their forest school sessions - an update on these are below! Rabbit class had a wonderful trip to Pizza Express and the Ely Stain Glass Museum. They had great fun making their own pizzas and finding out all about the various ingredients used. After making the pizzas they got to eat them before going to the Stain Glass Museum to find out about the history of stain glass. When there they got to make their own replica stain glass model and complete other activities investigating making models of the stain glass windows around them. Throughout the day Rabbit Class were complimented on their exemplary behaviour and the school staff were very proud of how well they represented Stretham School. Wren class also shone on their trip to Wandlebury last week; I was privileged to join them. They took part in a number of activities including grass sweeping and woodland walks, and found a huge number of insects and other creatures across the site. The compliments they received throughout the day were glowing! Robin class have been busy creating torches linking their DT and Science knowledge together impeccably. Kite and Kestrel class have been busy rehearsing for their production of 'The X Factory' and with 2 weeks to go, I can sense the excitement; it sounds as if it is coming together nicely!!

▲ Forest School News -Creativity and Curiosity! ✨

This week at Forest School, the sunshine brought with it a burst of creativity and curiosity! Some of our budding engineers had the chance to apply their Design and Technology learning about wheels and axles by building their very own wooden vehicles, with expert support from Mr Froment!

Meanwhile, other children got hands-on with nature and science by making beautiful clay discs pressed with flowers and leaves. This helped deepen their understanding of plant life and seasonal changes in a wonderfully creative way.

We also carried out a sweet experiment to test reflective materials using the sun's heat. The results? Melted chocolate - perfect for dipping our freshly picked seasonal strawberries! A tasty way to learn about science and materials.

There was more excitement by the pond, where our once-wriggling tadpoles have officially transformed into froglets! A magical moment of nature's life cycle in action.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who continue to support our Forest School sessions. Your contributions help create such enriching experiences for the children. From collaborative play and creative projects to exploring the natural world, the benefits are endless.



Can you help Hedgehog Class?

If you're dead-heading roses before Tuesday 15th July, we would love any spare petals for our hugely popular rose petal perfume activity. We're also hoping to revamp the mud kitchen - please do let us know if you can help? 🌻 🍷 🐸

Thank you to everyone who attended our Sports Day, it was a lovely morning and wonderful to see so many children shine. Congratulations, again to Diamond House!

Mrs Rowlands:

Thank you to all of you who donated flowers, plants or other objects of Mrs Rowlands farewell. She was blown away by your generosity and support and has said that her garden is going to be full of colour and life now! We will miss her greatly; she has been an incredible asset to Stretham, impacting positively on so many people's lives. She truly is one of a kind, and we hope she will come and visit again soon!

I hope to see many of you at the Summer Fair, but wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

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

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Safeguarding @ Stretham:

Mobile Phone and Technology Usage:

We are aware that many of our children use gaming platforms such as Roblox or Minecraft or are using phones/tablets with access to the internet. We are aware that this may present some challenges for parents/carers as a wide range of material can be accessed. Below is some helpful information to support your child with the safe use of this technology.

Encourage your children not to share any identifiable information via group chats.

Children and young people may use a range of different websites and apps for entertainment, information or socialising with people. It's important to know what apps and websites they're using so both you and they can be aware of the different risks associated with each. Show interest in what your child is using, and maybe even explore the apps and sites yourself to check how they work. For example, you could check chat and commenting functions within different apps and the privacy settings for them, to see if they are open to everyone or just to people your child is friends with.

Obviously, you can't always be watching when your child is using their mobile phone. Setting up parental controls can help to limit what content your child can see and what they can do on their phone. These controls can stop your child searching for content that isn't age-appropriate, set limits on the time of day your child can go online and how long for, and prevent them from doing things like making in-app purchases.

Visit the [Internet Matters website](#) for free, practical guides on how to set up parental controls on different mobile phones, as well as other devices.

Establish some household rules that everyone, including adults, agree to follow which encourage safe and responsible phone use. You can [read good suggestions on leading by example and being a digital role model for your child on the Vodafone website](#).

Letters Sent Home:

Year 4 Residential - final letter to Parents
UKS2 Production - DVD/USB order forms
UKS2 Production - Ticket requests
Top Class Supplement in Ely Standard - Year 6 parents
Fruit and Vegetable Tasting - Hedgehog class parents
Wren class next week - staff changes during on Thursday/Friday to due Year 4 Residential trip
FSM - Summer Holiday Voucher Scheme
Young Voices - Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 2025-2026
Letter from Mr Sweeney - Class structure - New academic year 2025-2026

Attendance update:

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

Robin Class - 95.6%
Rabbit Class - 95.5%
Kite Class - 95.3%

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.

Key Diary Dates:

Treat Friday - 11 July 2025
Sponsored Walk - 15 July 2025
Transition day / Moving up day - 16 July 2025
UKS2 Production - afternoon performance - 16 July
UKS2 Production - evening performance - 17 July
Year 6 leavers evening - 22 July 2025

Job Vacancy:

We have a vacancy for a School Cleaner. The post is 2.5 hours a day, 5 days a week, 39 weeks of the year. If you are interested (or know somebody who may be) please visit : <https://www.strethamschool.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=54>

Transition to new classes:

Our whole school transition morning will be on **Wednesday 16th 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. For those children who may require further transition, plans are in place and information will be sent home over the summer to aid this too.

A very happy birthday to...

Chester, Layla, Matthew, Amelia, Milla, Dexter,
Arthur, Hollie M, Lily, Charlie A, Rocco, Sophie P

We hope you have a wonderful day!



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