

The Stretham Scoop



Friday 18th July 2025

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

Mr Sweeney's shout out:



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the final newsletter of the school year; I cannot believe how quickly time has gone and we are here already! As I move around the school, I see a lot of tired children and adults, but I also see the most incredible positivity, resilience, and joy. The progress the children have made this year - not just across the curriculum, but socially and emotionally too - is remarkable. I know that I say it regularly, but I truly feel lucky to be part of the school family and am proud of every single member of it too!

The swimming pool has been well used this half term, and we are very fortunate to have such an incredible asset on site. We hope to continue swimming after the summer, but this will be weather dependent, and we will provide an update on this in early September.

Our annual Step and Stride Sponsored Walk was a resounding success, with over £1600 raised! A big thank you to all who sponsored their children. Congratulations to Hedgehog Class for raising the most funds!

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Parent Staff Association (PSA). Their tireless efforts to raise money for the school and enrich our children's school experience are truly commendable. Whether through coffee mornings, summer fairs, or community events, their commitment is invaluable, and we are very grateful for their support. We look forward to seeing everyone at the disco this evening!

Huge congratulations to Year 5/6 for their outstanding performance of 'X Factory.' The wonderful singing, acting, teamwork, and resilience displayed, especially when the lights and sound went out, truly impressed us all. I am incredibly proud of them; it was a phenomenal production. A big thank you to all staff and parents for their support as well in making this such a resounding success. It's another example of why Stretham is such a wonderful place to be!

A big well done to Sapphire house, who earned the most house point tokens this year; they will have a reward in school on Tuesday!

As we prepare for September, please note the following reminders:

School Uniform

- Grey or black trousers, skirt, or shorts
- White polo shirt
- Jumper, fleece, or cardigan with the school logo; alternatively, a royal blue jumper, fleece, or cardigan which can be purchased at Tesco, Sainsbury's, Marks & Spencer, etc.
- Black school shoes

PE kit

- A plain white or royal blue t-shirt
- Black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers suitable for outdoor sport
- A plain dark blue, black, or grey hoodie or school jumper for colder weather

From September, we will be unable to accept cash payments for school dinners or trips. Please kindly use Arbor for payments. We apologise for the inconvenience, but the closure of banks around us has put us into a tricky situation!

A letter with some additional reminders for the next academic year will go out next week, so please keep an eye out for it. We really want to hit the ground running in September and appreciate your support with this.

Summer can be a tricky time for us all; if you need support, please do not hesitate to contact us via checkin@stretham.cambs.sch.uk. We will do our utmost to assist you and aim to respond within two working days.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer filled with rest and relaxation. Thank you for your support and the care you have shown to us all and the children; Stretham is a special place to work at and be a part of. We look forward to welcoming you back in September!

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

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Safeguarding @ Stretham:

Whatsapp:

Whilst WhatsApp has an age rating of 13, a BBC investigation has found that children as young as nine have been added to WhatsApp groups and seen inappropriate content. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group settings, as default, group privacy settings are set to 'everyone,' which means anybody can add your child to a group without their approval. You can change this setting to 'My Contacts' so only contacts can add them to groups without their approval.

A New School Year:

Starting a new school year can be daunting for children, here are some ways to support your child:

- Acknowledge their feelings and communicate with them about these.
- Engage with the school if you notice your child is having difficulties.
 - Set daily routines.
 - Prioritise sleep.
- Talk about the new school year and what they will be learning.
 - Set small, realistic daily goals.
- Create fun, calming activities when they feel overwhelmed.
 - Speak to their class teacher

Worries or concerns over the summer:

If you have any worries/concerns or questions over the summer, which you believe may be of a safeguarding nature, or you just need some support, please email us on checkin@stretham.cambs.sch.uk - one of us will be able to help as much as we possibly can over the break and point you in the right direction if necessary too!

Letters Sent Home:

Kestrel Class - Forest School session - Monday, 21 July 2025
Whole School - End of year - reading books
Whole School - Sponsored walk - Update from Mrs Yeoman
Rocksteady participants - Concert Monday, 21 July 2025
Whole School - Letter from Mr Sweeney- End of term arrangements
FSM - Summer HAF Programme
Year 2 parents - Information for Parents (Year 3 - September 2025) - FSM
Year 6 - Reminder of Year 6 End of Year events
A Thank you from Mrs Rowlands

Attendance update:

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

Robin - 95.7%
Rabbit - 95.5%
Kite - 95.3%
Hedgehog - 95%

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:

Year 6 leavers evening - Tuesday 22nd July @ 5pm
Year 6 leavers assembly - Wednesday 23rd July @ 1.45pm
Children return to school Wednesday 3rd September 2025

A very happy birthday to...

Summer, Lincoln, Jovan, Nazarene, Robyn, Rosie-Mai,
Daniel, Hugo, Martha, Charlie H, Freddie L, Jamie,
Evie C, Kayden, Annabelle, Ethan, Harrison, Stephen,
Kaine, Iyla, Otis and Jessica

We hope you have a wonderful day!



Job Vacancies:

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>

We also have a vacancy for a **1:1 TA** to work with named children in the school. The hours will be confirmed with the prospective appointee after interview. More information can be found at: <https://www.strethamschool.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=54> or please email the office if you have any queries.

We would love for you to join us!

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