

The Stretham Scoop



Friday 3rd July 2026

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

Mr Sweeney's shout out:

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy two weeks we have had at Stretham! Heatwaves, Sports Days, Trips and Productions; you can tell we are very close to the end of term! I say this a lot, but it is even more abundantly clear as I complete my transition with Mrs Swann, that our children and community at Stretham are really quite remarkable - we show a huge amount of resilience, care and enthusiasm to all we do regardless of if we are staff, parents, children or volunteers. Thank you to every one of you.

Summer Fair:

What a wonderful afternoon we had at our Summer Fair. The weather was perfect, and a great time was had by all! I wasn't too impressed with the gunging, but knew it was coming really! Thank you for your support and a huge thank you to the PSA for their organisation; what an amazing evening.

Reports:

Your child's report will be sent home today, please enjoy it. I have loved reading every single one - the progress that the children have made this year is really quite something, and I hope you echo the pride that we have for all of our children at Stretham. They are amazing.

Internet:

The internet is finally back up in school - the disco will be absolutely fine to go ahead this evening! We're really sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Ely Arts Festival

On the evening of Tuesday 30th June, Wren Class participated in the annual Ely Arts Festival at Ely Cathedral, along with many other Year 3 and 4 children from local schools. This year the theme was 'Myths and Legends' and the children made elaborate masks to parade along the aisle of cathedral to begin the concert. Having learnt many songs in advance of the performance, from lots of well-known films, the children sang their hearts out!

It was such a wonderful event to be part of and we were so proud of all of the children for their participation and enthusiasm.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to enjoy the concert!

Mrs Rayment and Mrs O'Briain

Sandringham:

I had the pleasure of attending the Sandringham trip on Wednesday this week. What a beautiful day we had for it, making the decision to postpone for EYFS, KS1 and Year 3, the right one. The children were an absolute credit to us all, their behaviour was impeccable and they gained so much from the day. The children loved the forest school activities and the woodland walk and some of their natural art was nothing short of incredible. A huge thank you to Mrs Yeoman, who has been instrumental in her drive and determination to organise the trip with the support of Mrs Bowen and Mrs Rayment. Also, a huge thank you to the PSA who funded the whole trip - we are very lucky to have this level of support and the impact it has had on our children is immeasurable.

The Swimming Pool:

Is now open!! Thank you Mr Barsby for all of your hard work. We would like this to remain open in September, weather permitting too!

Junior Park Run - 12th July

Next Sunday is the Stretham take over of Park Run. Please, if you're able to, come and join! Any volunteers are welcome, as are children wanting to walk, run, jog or skip round!

Next week sees the Year 5/6 production of 'Grossbusters' being performed to parents after a very successful dress rehearsal, and our transition morning on Wednesday. Time is going too fast. I am not ready for the Summer just yet!

Whatever your weekend holds, I hope it is enjoyable. I hear another heatwave is on the way - thank you for your support last week - we're hoping it won't reach those temperatures again, but we will keep you informed of any necessary adjustments as and when they are needed.

My running training has resumed - I may try and attempt a run this weekend, before it gets too hot!

Take care

Thank you for your support, as always.

Mr Sweeney and the Stretham Team

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Safeguarding @ Stretham:

Water safety:

Helping children stay safe around water As the weather gets warmer, many families spend more time outdoors and around water. Following several incidents involving people getting into difficulty in open water during recent heatwaves, now is a good time to think about how we can help children stay safe around water.

Why can water be so dangerous?

Many children are naturally drawn to water. They may see it as a place to play, cool down or explore. However, even water that appears calm and shallow can be dangerous. Rivers, lakes, reservoirs and canals often remain much colder than expected, even on hot days. Sudden immersion in cold water can cause panic and make it difficult to breathe or move.

Open water can also contain hidden dangers such as: strong currents slippery banks weeds and underwater plants hidden objects beneath the surface sudden changes in depth poor visibility.

Teaching children about water safety

Children do not need to be frightened of water, but they do need to understand how to respect it. Simple messages can help children develop safe habits: always stay with a trusted adult near water never enter water without permission do not run near water never push or dare others to go into water wear appropriate safety equipment when needed, such as buoyancy aids follow signs and safety instructions.

Repeating these messages regularly helps children remember them when they are excited, distracted or playing with friends.

Drowning can happen quickly and quietly

One of the biggest misconceptions about drowning is that it is noisy and obvious. In reality, children who are struggling in water are often unable to shout or wave for help. This is why close supervision is so important. Accidents can happen in a matter of seconds, even in shallow water. Young children should always be supervised around water, whether they are at the beach, near a river, in a paddling pool or playing in the garden with water.

Letters Sent Home:

PSA - Drop in afternoon - Wednesday 8 July at 2.30pm

Kite class - Letter from Mr Sweeney
School dinner payments - Reminder
Swimming lessons

Letter for Year 6 parents

Hedgehog class - Wicken Fen trip -
Wednesday, 15 July 2026

Ely Junior Park run - Sunday, 12 July 2026

Letter from Mr Sweeney regarding new
Academic year



Key Diary Dates:

6 - 7 July - UKS2 Production

8 - 10 July - Reception Year transition
days

10 July - Treat Friday

12 July - Park Run

15 July - Hedgehog Class Wicken Fen
trip

14 July - Sponsored walk

17 July - Last day of academic Year

How parents and carers can support with Water Safety

Supervise closely

Young children must be actively supervised around water, with no distractions.



Teach children to respect water

Help children recognise that water can be dangerous, even when calm or shallow. Encourage them to follow safety rules.



Choose supervised locations

Where possible, choose beaches, swimming pools and water activities that have trained lifeguards.



Be a positive role model

Children learn safety from adults; following signs and demonstrating safe behaviour around water helps them develop good habits.



Attendance update:

Well done to the following classes with the highest attendance figures this week which are above the 95% threshold:

Robin Class 96.3%

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, Arbor 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.

A very happy birthday to...

Heidi, Tahlia, Chester, Matthew, Amelia, Milla, Theo R, Dexter, Arthur,
Lily, Charlie, Rocco

We hope you have a wonderful day!



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