

The Stretham Scoop



Friday 16th October 2026

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

The past two weeks have been filled with exciting events and activities as we embrace the Autumn season and celebrate Harvest. It has been wonderful to see our school community come together for these special occasions. Please read on for more news, updates and highlights from across the school.

Harvest

Thank you to all Reception and Key Stage One parents who were able to attend our Harvest assembly Thursday morning. The children were very proud to show you their work and we were so impressed at the courage they showed standing up in front of an audience. We were overwhelmed by the amount of Harvest donations for the Ely Foodbank- thank you so much for your generosity and support.



Meet out New School Council Representatives

Congratulations to our newly appointed school council reps: Reggie and Myla (Hedgehogs), Mia and Derrin (Rabbits), Esme and Sidney (Wrens), Ellie and Jamie (Robins), Soren and Kiera (Kestrels) and Robyn and Naz (Kites). Last week we had our first school council meeting of the year and I was so impressed with how articulately the reps spoke about school and the ideas they have to make it even better. I am very much looking forward to working on some exciting projects with them over the coming months and to gather pupil views about their experiences in school and how we can improve these for all pupils.

Y3 Fitzwilliam Museum

On Friday 9th October, Year 3 spent the day at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. After enjoying their coach journey into the city centre, the children were met by an Education Assistant who took them to the art workshop where they were guided in an activity involving drawing Egyptian symbols and mixing colours to paint on papyrus. Having learnt lots about papyrus at school, they were experts in answering questions about how it was made and what it is used for.



Following an enjoyable lunch together and a play on the front lawn outside the museum; we were taken to the Egyptian exhibits. Fascinated by the artefacts, the children listened with interest about what they were and how they came to be in the museum. They responded to questions with their excellent subject



knowledge and loved looking carefully at all the museum has to offer.

We were so proud of how the children represented our school and fully immersed themselves into the experience applying all of their learning from this term. Well done Year 3. Many thanks must also go to the adults who volunteered their time in order to make this visit possible.

Mrs Rayment and Mrs O'Briain

Pumpkin Picking Fun Raises Funds for Our School!

Last week, Gardening club had a wonderful time picking the pumpkins they had planted and having a competitive weigh in, with Felicity's pumpkin weighing in at a whopping 10.65kg! It was a joy also to see so many members of the community give their support on Saturday at the community pumpkin picking, which has raised over £500 for the PSA! A huge thank you to everyone that made this possible.



Farwells and Welcomes

At the end of this half term we will be saying goodbye to one of our teaching assistants, Mrs Twitchett, who has worked at Stretham for 11 years. We wish her all the best for the future and would like to say a huge thank you for all of the time, dedication and support you have given so many children over the years. You will be missed dearly.



'Achieving Potential Together As a School Family.'
Compassionate – Curious – Courageous – Resilient – Inclusive

A warm welcome to our PGCE trainees, Miss Wiscarson and Miss Gallienne, who are working in Hedgehogs and Wrens and will be with us for their Part 1 Placements until February 2027.



School Reception Intake 2027 Tours

Due to demand, we have added an additional date to look around our school for prospective parents of children starting Reception next year. Bookings can be made via calling or emailing the school office. The application deadline for children starting school in September 2027 is 15th January 2027

Please see below the link with information about applying for school places:

[Primary school admissions - September 2027 | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Here is a link to the Cambridgeshire guide for parents/carers:

[First Steps - Admission to primary school - 2027-28](#)

Key dates

w/c 19 October Run for Fun Week in school
19-22 October Year 5/6 Bikeability Level 2
20 and 22 October Parent Consultations (bookings can be made via the Arbor App and close on Monday 19 October at 8pm)
Friday 23rd October Last day of Autumn 1
Monday 2nd November First day of Autumn 2
10 November PSA Film Night
w/c 16 November Kindness Week
18 November Tempest Photography – individual photos
20 November Children in Need- plans TBC

Attendance

KITE CLASS – 98.5%
HEDGEHOG CLASS – 97.6%
KESTREL CLASS – 97.0%
ROBIN CLASS – 96.9%

Thank you for all your support in ensuring good attendance so far this year.

Please make sure 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 Study bugs app.

Letters

- Year 6 Forest School – Monday 19 October – reminder
- Year 4 Burwell Trip Initial letter
- Reminder to vote in Parent Governor
- Maths Newsletter Autumn 2026
- Rocksteady
- Secondary School 2027 Transition

A very happy birthday to...

**Susannah J, Finn F, Atay Y,
Rafi D, Faye W, Joseph R**

We hope you have a wonderful day!

