

# The Stretham Scoop



Friday 4th April 2025

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

## Mr Sweeney's shout out:

Dear Parents/Carers,



I cannot believe that we are at Easter already. This means we are two thirds of the way through the year, which doesn't seem feasible! On behalf of everyone at school, I just wanted to thank you for your continued support, kind words and generosity throughout the year. Stretham Community Primary School continues to be a very special place and this is echoed by the reams of compliments and positive feedback that we get from a range of visitors whenever they walk through our school doors. We recently had a very positive SEND review and School Improvement visit from the Local Authority with both visits commenting on the level of support in place for children, the positivity and engagement of our pupils and the commitment of our staff and community. As a school, we are determined not to sit still after a very positive Ofsted visit (this seems like a lifetime ago) and it is great to hear that this is being recognised by our external visitors.

It is certainly feeling a lot more brighter outside and the school has been alive with positive children and enthusiastic learners. From practical measuring of volume in Year 2 or enjoying a walk around the village in Hedgehog class looking for signs of spring, to using drama and research to find out more about King Henry VIII and other influential monarchs in Year 6 and applying knowledge of fractions of amounts in Kestrel class, learning has not stopped. Our children continue to wow us and have made fantastic progress, we're so proud of every single one of them.

Of course, Wren and Robin class had a very busy week this week, presenting their performance of 'You are Special' to the rest of the school and parents. What can I say? Wow! The children were absolutely phenomenal, the quality of singing was very, very high and the acting and enthusiasm on stage were infectious. Wrens and Robins, you are an absolute credit to yourselves and to us and we could not be prouder of you! The message of 'loving yourself no matter what' and embracing your individualities, strengths and challenges was a perfect reminder to us all. It was a pleasure watching you all flourish. Thank you! A huge thank you too to the staff involved in planning and supporting the production, a lot of time goes into these behind the scenes.

This week, the girls from Key Stage 1 attended the 'Disney Football Festival.' I have received a huge amount of feedback commenting on your determination, positive attitudes and resilience. Well done!

Today was an incredibly exciting day too as we had our annual Easter egg hunt (which wasn't rained off this year) and our Rainbow Raffle. Congratulations to all of our winners! A huge thank you, as always, to the PSA for providing the eggs for each child, running the raffle and their support with refreshments at this week's productions too. We are very lucky to have such a committed group supporting our school! Finally, we tallied up our house points today and congratulations to Sapphire house who had 95 tokens, Ruby House, Diamond House and Emerald House each got 93 tokens, which is incredible so each house will receive a reward after Easter which they will select. The totals revert to zero after Easter and I'm already looking forward to seeing which house will be triumphant next term.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break. I hope that it's restful, enjoyable and the weather continues! Take care and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

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



### Superb Stretham Snippets:

Every child will have come home with a packet of sunflower seeds this week. This is to celebrate the life of a local resident, Wendy, who sadly lost her life two years ago and we've been asked to share these to spread sunflowers around Stretham.

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## Safeguarding @ Stretham:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a rapidly evolving concept that is showing great promise, but also poses many risks to our children and young people. There have been some reports that AI is being used to create inappropriate media using existing photos. AI has also been used to imitate young individuals to entrap or groom children too. As a school, we are undertaking a large amount of training to ensure that we are as prepared as possible to face this challenge to support our children. As part of this training, we will be auditing our online presence and may make some changes to class pages/photos/what is shared in the public forum on our new website, but will update you with this in due course.

The NSPCC have provided 6 top tips for parents/carers to support children in this evolving world.

- 1: Talk about where AI is being used
- 2: Remind young people not everything is real
- 3: Discuss misuses of AI
- 4: Remind them to check sources
- 5: Share where they can get advice from
- 6: Make sure they know who to talk to/where they can get help.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

### Letters Sent Home:

PE Expectations and Safety  
Code Club  
Leaver hoodies  
Payment error on Arbor - resolved  
Emotion Coaching Training for parents  
Governor Newsletter  
Governor Parent Vacancy  
EIFA - online workshops

### Attendance update:

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

Rabbit class: 99.6%  
Robin Class: 97%  
Kestrel 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:

School re opens Wednesday 23 April 2025  
Deadline for School leaver hoodies 25 April 2025  
Hedgehog Class school trip - South Angle Farm - 20 May 2025  
Year 6 Residential trip 02 - 06 June 2025  
Year 4 Residential trip 09 - 11 July 2025



A very happy birthday to...

Rufus, Ivy, Leah, Savannah, Eddie, William, Jake,  
Freya, Fergus & Teddy



We hope you have a wonderful day!

### A couple of updates:

As you may have seen from the letter sent to you all today, we have a parent governor vacancy and we would be delighted if any of our parents were willing to join the board. It's a fantastic role, where governors visit school regularly, help shape the direction of the school and hold leaders to account. The board are a varied group of passionate individuals and would welcome any new members with enthusiasm and support. I really hope that somebody will join us!

You will have seen the PE expectations letter; it is really important that children are wearing appropriate PE kit and no jewellery for safety purposes. This is the same for school uniform too. Please can we take a moment to remind you that children should have plain black school shoes alongside the agreed uniform. The expectation is the same for all staff too and we will be monitoring this closely next term.

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