

The Stretham Scoop



Friday 7th March 2025

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

Mr Sweeney's shout out:



Dear Parents/Carers,

It finally feels like Spring, although I'm not sure that the 17 degrees temperature will last!! The brighter mornings and later evenings certainly make the days feel a bit better. It has been wonderful to see the children coming into school with such a spring in their step and working so, so hard whilst in the building too! It has also been lovely catching up with many of you in the mornings and please do not forget, if you need anything, that either myself or your child's class teacher are always available each morning.

A huge shout out and congratulations to four of our brilliant Kite class who took part in this week's Cambridgeshire English challenge against six other teams from five schools. We were incredibly humbled by their teamwork, empathy and focus and by how maturely they approached the whole event. We were over the moon to hear that the team came joint second and could not be prouder of them; they were an absolute credit to Stretham. In addition to this, we also just wanted to say a huge 'well done' to all of Kite class who have had a busy week with lots of assessments taking place. Their attitude, resilience and determination has really shone through. You make us so, very proud!

Of course, Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday, which meant that it was time for Stretham's annual pancake race. What a fantastic afternoon this was! It is always incredibly special seeing the whole school out and supporting each other. We are looking forward to doing this much more over the coming months. Congratulations to Emerald house, who won a very tightly contested race!

As you will no doubt be aware, yesterday was World Book Day and we have celebrated this throughout the week at Stretham. The school has been alive with book talk with a new book themed display in the corridor and a wonderful collection of photos of children 'reading their way' adorning the library. Thank you to everyone who has sent these in! Yesterday, we hosted our first 'Book Cafe' and it was lovely to see many of you there, enjoying texts with your children. We are hoping to offer many more of these in the future. Today we have had our 'read your way' day, with children in school in comfortable clothing and making the most of our relaxation area in the school hall! It's been fantastic to see everyone engaging in this, reading their own texts or being read to. A huge thank you to Mrs Everest and Mrs Ashby for all of their hard work around our book week celebrations!

This week, in assemblies, we have been focussing on being compassionate and curious, in particular looking at how curiosity can lead us to picking a book or text that we may not have considered reading before and in doing so, we continue to develop our understanding and empathy towards individuals.

I hope that you enjoy the warm weather this weekend! We are off on a woodland Gruffalo hunt as a family as this is our eldest son's newest obsession!

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



Superb Stretham Snippets:

- A huge shout out to Milla in Year 5 who is currently growing her hair to donate to the Little Princess Trust. This is a huge amount of commitment and dedication, well done Milla! If you'd like to sponsor her, we will be sharing her just giving link soon.

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Safeguarding @ Stretham:

During the summer months it is likely that many pupils will be visiting the beach or swimming pools. It is essential that children are taught how to stay safe in and near water, which we will be covering as soon as the pool is open! It would be really helpful to talk through with your child how they can do this.

Stop and think - spot the dangers

- It can be very cold
- There may be hidden currents
- It can be difficult to get out (steep slippery banks)
- It can be deep □ There may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- There may be no lifeguards there
- It is difficult to estimate depth
- It may be polluted and could make you ill.

Stay together

- It is always better to go to the water with a friend or family member
- Children should always go near water with an adult.
- If you fall into the water unexpectedly – float until you can control your breathing. Then call for help or swim to safety.

Call 999

- You may be able to help yourself and others if you know what to do in an emergency.
- If you see someone in difficulty, tell somebody, preferably a Lifeguard if there is one nearby, or go to the nearest telephone, dial 999, ask for the Fire Service at inland water sites and the Coastguard at the beach.

Letters Sent Home:

EIFA newsletter

Wren Class Timetable - Performing Arts Week

Bikeability Level 1 - Friday 28th March 2025

Performing Arts week - w/c 10th March 2025 - whole school

Year 6 Residential - payment reminder

Rabbit Class Forest School - Wednesday, 12 March 2025

Arts and Crafts afternoon - 22nd March

Year 5 and Year 6 Netball competition - 11 March

Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform Day - Friday, 14 March

Primary School Music Festival at St Mary's Church - Choir -

Thursday, 20 March

Medical Tracker notice

The Little Recyclers - Wednesday, 19 March

Year 6 Girls' Tag Rugby event - Wednesday, 19 March

Easter HAF programme

Year 6 Yearbook photos

Attendance update:

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

Hedgehogs: 96.6%

Rabbits: 96.3%

Wrens: 96.6%

Kites: 97.9%

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:

w/c 10th March - Performing Arts Week

14 March - Non uniform Day - Rainbow Raffle donations

14 March - Treat Friday

20 - 25 March - Book Fair

28 March - Bikeability Level 1

4 April - Rainbow Raffle draw



A very happy birthday to...

Kian, Robert, Charlie P, Harvey, Robin, James D,
Kurumi, Eve, Frank, Isabella M and Harper



We hope you have a wonderful day!

What's Coming Up at Stretham:

Next week (w/c 10th March 2025) is our Performing Arts Week, which has a theme of 'It's Good To Be Me.' Throughout the week, we have lots of exciting visitors and workshops planned throughout the week. **On Monday 10th March**, we have 'Rock Kidz UK' in school, and we are asking everyone to come to school as a rock/pop star. **On Tuesday 11th March**, we have 'Rocksteady' in, who are running workshops with rock instruments and the opportunity to then take part in Music lessons with them on a weekly basis afterwards. Jack Stinton Dance Company is in school on **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th March**, running dance workshops with each class and we have a classical quartet visiting on **Friday 14th March** too. It promises to be a very exciting week. Thank you to all of those who have been able to make a voluntary payment on Arbor for this. We also have a our rainbow themed clothing day on **Friday 14th March** ready for the rainbow raffle!

Comic Relief 2025:

On Friday 21st March, it is Red Nose Day. We are very mindful of the amount of non-school uniform days coming up so for this Red Nose Day, we are holding a 'crazy hair day.' How crazy can the children's hair go? Children should still be wearing uniform on this day!

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