



Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023 Issue 2

What a very busy start to the new academic year we have all had!

We have been so impressed by the way everyone has settled; all the children are working so hard and the atmosphere in school is wonderful!

Please do remember to look on the class pages of our school website each week to see photos of what each class has been learning... <https://www.strethamschool.co.uk/class-pages/>

Trip to Denny Abbey — Robin and Wren Class

Last Tuesday, all the children in Robin and Wren Class enjoyed a free visit to Denny Abbey to explore the history of farming in the Fens. A great day was had by all and we were complimented on the childrens' exceptional behaviour! A big thank you to parents and families for supporting with transport!



Harvest Festival



Just a reminder that you are warmly invited to our **Harvest Festival Assembly**, on **Monday 25th September at 9.30am in the hall**. We will be collecting food items for Ely Foodbank, so if you are able to send your child/ren into school on Monday with one of the following items, we know the Foodbank would be very grateful...

*biscuits -coffee -rice -long life milk- tinned meat
-tinned fruit -tinned tomatoes -rice pudding -custard -squash -long life juice
(Ely Foodbank have plenty of pasta, soup and baked beans!)*

Many thanks for your support!



Open Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents, family and friends who popped into school last Wednesday to have a look around Classrooms and say "hello" to staff. It was lovely to see the children so keen and enthusiastic to show you all around school.

We hope you enjoyed your visit!

Don't forget... you can add your views of the school to the Ofsted Parent view page here... <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>



School Vacancies:

We are currently advertising for two positions in school:

- Midday Supervisor—12-1pm everyday
- School Cleaner - 2.5 hours a day, 3.15—5.45pm, minimum of 3 days / max 5 days/week (to be arranged)

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Please contact Mrs Kirsten in the office, or see the school website for more details. Spread the word!

### **School Meals...**

We hope you're all getting used to the new Schoolcomms app, through which you can make payments to school for school dinners (as well as trips etc...)



Any problems, please do pop into the office.

\*\*\* A reminder that from **Monday 30th October 2023** the cost of a child's school meal will increase to **£2.50** per child \*\*\*

Introducing - **Tiff Christian**, the **Parents' School Preference Adviser for Cambridgeshire**, who works as part of the SENDIASS team.

The service offers families advice and support when applying for schools, either when admissions open for transition on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or for in-year applications. Advice can be given on how the transfer and admissions process works, as well as supporting the understanding of policies and criteria for different schools. Support can be given in the appeals process as well as issues concerning transport. Please email Tiff if you need any support or advice regarding admissions, the application process or appeals:

Email: [Choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**A very happy birthday to...**



**Archie G, Eva T, Emily H-E,  
Adelaide R, Freya Z, Iola E**

**We hope you all had a very special day!**

### **New Laptops!**

Since the start of the term the pupils at Stretham Primary School have been getting to grips with our new Dell laptops. It has been so exciting to have laptops that work so quickly! We now have enough quality laptops for a class to work individually or cooperatively in a pair.

A big thank you to Stretham Charity for providing a large amount of the funds which was topped up by our marvellous PSA.



### **Letters sent home**

- ♦ Secondary School Open evenings  
- all Year 6 parents
- ♦ Premier Education—Holiday club  
- all parents
- ♦ Harvest Festival Assembly  
- all parents
- ♦ Fitzwilliam Museum Trip  
- Y3 & Y4 parents

### **Dates for your diary...**



**25.09.23 Harvest Festival Assembly @ 9.30am**

**26.09.23 Fitzwilliam Museum Trip - Year 3 & 4**

**26.09.23 Bags2School collection**

**29.09.23 PSA Second-hand Uniform Sale after school**

**01.10.23 Tesco Blue Tokens start**