



# stockbridge

## Primary and Pre-school



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### A glimpse into the future

The world is changing around us – it seems to be a common theme of conversations I'm part of at the moment and I'm particularly conscious that IT and Computing are evolving at an exponential rate. We could hide away in our small rural school and be content with our lot but that won't best prepare our children for their future and it's our job as educators to forward think and prepare our children for the world of work and wisdom that they will need to be active citizens of.

I have spent 2 long days at BETT 2025 at the Excel centre in London this week engaging with all manner of new technologies and listening to the leading engineers, technicians and computing wizards as they discussed the role of AI and programming that's here and available now as well as what might be coming our way.

Like it or not, AI is part of our society and we must take ownership of this and decide what and how we use it to best benefit us both as a teaching team, as tools for communication and of course, how our children interact with it. Cyber security was a recurring theme inevitably and Governors, staff, children and parents at our school will need to work out how to keep children and each other safe whilst making the best of it all.

I came away from BETT hopeful; we will not be left behind and we won't be jumping into AI feet first but we will engage with it more and we need to carefully shape our offer and curriculum for children to make sure they benefit from the best technology offers. No doubt, you haven't heard the last of AI and IT on these pages!!

Mrs Emma Jefferies  
Headteacher

### Priority 1: High academic standards

This is the last opportunity to engage with the information briefings for parents we have put on for this term so that you know what your child will be learning and how you can support them at home. Please do make one of them if you can.

Year group	Date & times	Theme
Year 1	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 7pm	ZOOM: Phonics & reading – mastering the basics well
Lower school (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> @ 8.50am	Securing foundation skills in spelling and writing and how to help at home
	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> @ 8.50am & 2.30pm	
	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 2.30pm	How we teach the basics of +/-, x & ÷
Upper school (Years 4-6)	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> @ 2.30pm	Securing spellings; focus five, reading journals and beyond. Developing stamina in English.
	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 9am Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 2.30pm	Mastering maths – the 'new' methods and fractions, decimals and %

### Uniform policy

The Government have asked schools to limit the number of branded, expensive items they require as part of their uniform. We require just 3: school logo jumper or cardigan, red PE t-shirt with logo and a school book bag. Every child is provided with a free bookbag when they join the school, thanks to FOSS so that just leaves 2 items. It is all summed up in our new uniform policy, available on our school website.

### Homework

This week, your child should be engaging in the following (due dates, if specific, are in brackets)

Year R	Lower school	Upper school
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading x4/wk</li> <li>Tricky words</li> <li>Practice vocabulary for next week's drawing club on Dojo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading x 4/wk</li> <li>Spelling journal – 3 activities (Thurs)</li> <li>TTRS x 4/wk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading x 4/wk</li> <li>Spelling journal – 3 activities (Fri)</li> <li>TTRS x 4/wk</li> <li>Topic homework – should have 1 or 2 tasks done</li> </ul> <p>Year 6: SPAG work (Fri) Arithmetic (Fri)</p>

# Sports news

The term has begun with 2 fantastic gymnastics festivals up at Danebury. Eight Year 2 children represented Key Stage 1 for us in the morning and eight Year 3 children represented key Stage 2 in the afternoon. They demonstrated a routine that had been rehearsed and enjoyed many other gymnastics activities as part of the festival, hopefully whetting their appetite for more!

Troy, Mason & Stanley also did really well last weekend at their Schools Southern Judo competition with medals for 2 and a step up in weight group for one with tough rounds for all.

Noah S in year 2 has also had a superb time at football recently but not for his own team! He was the mascot for AFC Bournemouth on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan when they played West Bromwich Albion. He met players, warmed up the team and led the team out alongside their captain. I think Noah must have brought them good luck as they won 5-1! What a fantastic opportunity Noah!



# Music

We are firmly back in the swing of having the musician of the half term and this half term, it's

## HANS ZIMMER

We have been listening to his epic pieces which are the soundtracks to many of the films we know and love. He's been added to our playlist on Amazon music if you want to keep up with the music your children are listening to in class and assembly.

### FAMOUS SOUNDTRACKS:

- ❖ Gladiator
- ❖ The Lion King
- ❖ Pirates of the Caribbean
- ❖ No time to die
- ❖ Sherlock Holmes
- ❖ Inception



# REGULAR UPDATES



Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



### Year R

Sprat & Winkle have been learning about Dragons based on their reading of 'The Paperbag princess'. They have relaunched the transient art area; taking their art out and into the environment.

### Lower School

We've been learning about Scott's Terra Nova story in Redbridge but in Horsebridge, children have been learning about Shackleton's Endurance **DON'T TELL THEM WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END - WE'LL FIND OUT NEXT FRIDAY!**

### Upper School

Geography has been our focus this week, looking at climate in Antarctica. In maths, we've been simplifying fractions. Children have been writing job application forms to join Shackleton's crew.

# Safeguarding

In line with the BETT exhibition I've been to this week, I thought we'd focus on online safety with some new tools out there to help parents keep their children safe:

**REPORT REMOVE**

**Nude image of you online? We can help take it down.**

Childline has launched 'Report Remove' to help children report nude images of them which may have found their way online. We'll be sharing this with children in their e-safety lessons. [Read more here.](#)

Roblox has increased the parental controls that allow you to keep your child safe online. You must set their age accurately so that these can be enabled and [here is the link](#) to the instructions on how to set up controls.



1. Monitor: Watch what they watch while they're watching
2. Help children self-monitor
3. Disable Search
4. Adjust the content level
5. Pause Watch History
6. Add a custom passcode
7. Block inappropriate content
8. Use Restricted Mode
9. Remove distractions
10. Create custom playlists
11. Use content filtering
12. Have children keep an access or usage reflection journal

**12 WAYS**  
To Make YouTube Safer For Children

# Diary Dates Spring term 2024-25

These are diary dates for parents for the next fortnight until the next newsletter is out.

Our website is also updated with all of these new dates and will now be up to date as we've bravely moved to an online diary for all staff!

Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
JANUARY			
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y4, 5 & 6	9.00am	Mastering maths - the 'new' methods and fractions, decimals and %
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y4, 5 & 6	2.30pm	Mastering maths - the 'new' methods and fractions, decimals and %
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	KS1	9.00am-3.00pm	Gilbert Whites trip - permission letters to be returned to the office asap
FEBRUARY			
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	9.30am-3.00pm	Parent's meetings - Daytime
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	All	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parent's meetings - Evening
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2	1.00pm-3.00pm	Al Sylvester virtual explorer
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	YR & KS1	9.00am-9.45am	Sharing morning
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2	9.00-9.45am	Sharing morning
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> HALF TERM			
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All		INSET DAY
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	All	8.50am	Back to school

## Parent teacher meetings

You will have received an email from Miss Lawler with instructions on how to book your slot for the parent teacher meetings on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Please don't forget to book these and specify whether you would like it to be in person or virtual.

[Schoolcloud booking system](#)