



Stockbridge

Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 19

14th March 2025

A busy term

This term has flown by and we are already staring down the latter half of this half term and the end of the Spring term altogether. There is much to be achieved but we it's been very productive so far.

Our trips and visits this week to the Houses of Parliament and the NSPCC visiting in person have inspired our children and really brought learning to life. We were very proud of the respect our children showed throughout our trip to London with a busy train station, lots of information to take in whilst in the Houses of Parliament and some brilliant questions to Caroline Nokes, our MP who kindly met us at the end of the tour and answered the children's questions honestly and thoroughly.

Remaining this term:

Thursday 20th March – Upper School will virtually explore the Egyptians

w/b 24th March – Children in Years 1-5 undertake Spring assessments

Wednesday 26th March – year 3 will visit West Tytherley for an outdoor learning festival.

Thursday 27th March – we welcome Mum's and grannies in for Mother's Day lunch – a separate letter has been sent home about this.

Friday 28th March – FOSS will be running their excellent Mother's Day Shop in the afternoon and after school – please send money in with your child that day.

Thursday 3rd April – FOSS will host the Spring Disco with three different timings for the different age groups so that it's not too overwhelming for our youngest learners.

Friday 4th April – we'll end the term with our annual easter egg hunt in the last hour of the day.

We'll be ready for Easter holidays!

Mrs Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Talent show reminder!

Next week, from 2.40pm each day, we are holding our annual talent show that was missing from the calendar last year. We've got high hopes for this year!

Today we have asked children to 'sign up' for it so we know how many slots we'll have filled and they will be sharing their talent with their family groups.

Not all hobbies and talents are able to be brought into school so please feel free to upload a video to Dojo or Google Classroom and we will play that during your child's 2 min slot.

This is a great way to encourage clear speaking, awareness of audience and confidence at speaking publicly.

Grounds working party TOMORROW

Cakes are baked and sausages at the ready for tomorrow's grounds working party, we would REALLY appreciate your help.

We'll be on site from 9.30am – 11.30am and need to:

- Dig out 3 of the beds on the playground, we're going to make some digging and sand pits.
- Strim and tidy forest school
- Replant hanging baskets
- Plant some grasses and lavender ready for summer
- Tidy the polytunnel
- Trim the buddleja in the chicken coop and ready it for chicks!
- Re-establish fire pit circles in forest school
- Tidy forest school tools and log store.

Smart Stockbridge

There are many children who have worn holes in cuffs, elbows etc on their school jumpers. This does not represent our school in a smart and tidy manner and certainly doesn't foster our sense of pride – one of our core values.

Please take the weekend to check over uniform and replace – many items are available second hand and in great condition via www.grownoutfit.co.uk

After Easter, we will make the change to summer uniform which can include shorts, skirts with socks and gingham dresses. Until then, please ensure children wear trousers and skirts with tights. Trainers are NOT school uniform.

Wellbeing update

The message of assembly this week was about using kind words with each other.



We've also been busy updating the website. There are plenty of resources on there for children, families and staff to support your own wellbeing.

Click on [Our School – Our Wellbeing](#) then scroll down to the bottom to see the resources. We've hyperlinked them all to take you directly to the websites. Most of these are links recommended by CAMHS.

Personal development

We've had a busy fortnight in school since our last newsletter with World Book Day showcasing great community support in the book sale after school and visiting author, Andy Hussey engaging with our children using his books based on local nature themes of deer and trout.

Year 6 were out on Monday in London where they went to the Houses of Parliament and entered the House of Commons and House of Lords but we also took time to see Downing Street, The National Gallery, Whitehall, the Cenotaph and Trafalgar Square. Josh, Jack and many Year 6s also tried out the piano in the new part of Waterloo station – they received applause from passers-by. We also navigated the train stations and children learnt about how to find out where trains are going from and to and what features there are on the railways.

We've ended the week with an in person visit from the NSPCC team who worked directly with Year 2, 5 & 6 to develop their understanding of privacy and when to speak up using the mascot Buddy.

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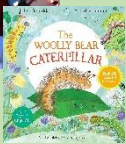
UPDATES

Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school



Year R

Sprat and Winkle have a great week after our trip to Hilliers. We have been watching our Caterpillars carefully, seeing them grow a little more each day. We have loved designing our own mini beasts in Drawing Club and exploring in Forest School! In Maths we have been working hard on numbers 9 and 10, and learning our number bonds.



Lower School

We have been writing letters to the garden centers and have finally heard back! We have a visitor coming to meet with us on Wednesday to talk to us about the best plants for our outdoor areas and to show us the best way to plant them. In our class, our cress is growing well and our plant experiments are beginning to yield some results!

Upper School

For the first two weeks we have been focusing on History, exploring the steps of mummification and even having a go ourselves! We have looked at hieroglyphics and made our own cartouches. We have now moved onto thinking about forces in science, starting with an investigation about air resistance!

Sports

This week it's all been about skipping!! In fact, I think we've gone skipping mad!

The Skipathon on Tuesday was a great success and children all skipped for 45mins solid. They undertook 8 different skipping activities with everything from a group skip to ankle skips, helicopter skips and skipping races. Even pre-school came out and had a good go – they were excellent and showed great resilience.

Children who couldn't skip a few weeks ago were beginning to master it and parents who joined us gamely had a go too!

Now it's time to collect sponsor money in please – our walk in Autumn term raised a whopping £1400 – there was DEFINITELY more effort put into the skipathon so we should smash this!



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
MARCH			
Fri 14 th	All	8.50am-3.15pm	Red Nose Day - Break the Rules
Sat 15 th	All	9.30am-11.30am	Grounds working party.
Mon 17 th - Fri 20 th	All	8.50am-3.15pm	Stockbridge has talent - Talent show.
Tues 18 th	Year 5/6	4.00pm-5.30pm	Netball Tournament
Wed 26 th	Year 3	9.30am-11.30	Outdoor Learning Festival - West Tytherley - letters to follow
Thurs 27 th	All	11.50am-1.00pm	Mother's Day Lunch
Fri 28 th	All	1.30pm-3.30pm	Mother's Day Shop
Mon 31 st			Last week of Rugby KS1 & Netball club
APRIL			
Thurs 3 rd	All	4.00pm-5.30pm	FOSS Spring Disco
Fri 4 th	All	2.00pm-3.00pm	FOSS Easter egg hunt
Fri 4 th	All	8.50am-3.15pm	Last day of term.