

# Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



# Newsletter



Monday 1st June 2026

*It is my privilege to be able to write this newsletter as the substantive headteacher of Stelling Minnis CE Primary School.*

*I am very proud of our school and of all our achievements over the past 18 months. And there is more to be done! Please look out for our next parent survey where we carefully consider constructive feedback to further make improvements to benefit the whole community.*

*Last term was short but was full to the brim with farm and park visits, skip to be fit and stretch and movement workshops.*

*This term is set to be just as busy so please do take note of all the diary dates.*

Mrs Buss  
Acting Headteacher

## Christian Distinctiveness

We are very grateful to our Church Community led by Angela Hirst for organising a timetable of Church led worships for our school as well including us in community events. It was lovely to see so many of our families at the Stelling Minnis Fun Run and the school will greatly benefit from a donation from, the event.

### Key Term Dates

Tuesday 2nd June	Sendco Drop in 1.30-2.30pm
Tuesday 2nd-Friday 5th June	Hindleap
Sunday 11th June	Open Farm Sunday
Monday 8th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 10th June	New EYFS Parent Meeting 5.30
Thursday 11th June	Kent Test Meeting Year 5 Parents 5pm
Tuesday 16th June	Whole Staff CPD– NO After School Club
Thursday 18th June	New EYFS Transition with parents 1.30-2.30
Thursday 25th June	New EYFS Transition 1.30-2.30– no parents
Thursday 25th June	Open School 2.45pm
Monday 29th June	Sport's Day 2-3.20pm
Wednesday 1st July	District Sports 3.30 (invite only)
Thursday 2nd July	New EYFS Transition TBC
Wednesday 8th July	Whole School Trip– Wingham
Thursday 9th July	New EYFS Farm Visit PM
Friday 10th July	Minnis Run
Saturday 11th July	Charivari Parade
Monday 13th July	KS2 Production 6pm
Tuesday 14th July	KS2 Production 6pm
Wednesday 15th July	Awards Service End of Year– All welcome 2.30pm
Thursday 16th July	Summer Farm Fayre 3-5pm
Friday 17th July	AM– Leavers Service Year 6 Parents & Staff Vs Year 6 Rounders PM– Whole School Surprise! End of School Year
Wednesday 3rd September	Return to School

### Farm School Dates

Year 1	4.6.26
Year R	11.6.26
Year 5 (plus y6 NOT going to Kent show)	18.6.26
Year 4	25.6.26
Year 3 & Year 2	9.7.26

## Open School

We have celebrated many improvements in school over the past year and we would like to invite parents in to school on Thursday 25th June from 2.45pm so that your child may show you around their classroom and their school!

## Attendance

Our attendance has taken a dip recently and currently stands at 94.3% for the school year so far. As a school we have to have regular meetings with the local authority and our school is slightly below both national and local figures. A good or excellent level of attendance is above 95%. This figure takes into account the occasional absence for illness.

Your support is greatly

appreciated to ensure that children are in school as much as possible. If you need support in getting your child to school, please do come and speak to a member of staff—we are here to help where we can!

## Class Newsletters & Celebrations

We introduced weekly class newsletters a year or so ago to keep parents in the loop with the learning that has taken place that week, as well as celebrating individual children for getting a Headteacher's Award or "Work on the Wall". These newsletters also hold reminders for anything coming up the following week! They may be found on Dojo and on our website.

We are always happy to celebrate the achievements of our young people and many do bring in awards or trophies from outside of school that they may share in our Friday celebration worship.

Well done to these three children full of smiles for working so hard with Mrs O'Callaghan last term with their spelling!



## PE Funding/ Opportunities



You may have heard in the news about the recent changes to sports funding in school and the impact this has on small school budgets. Whilst we wait to see what the government's new approach will be, we are keen to be as creative as possible to ensure that our children have access to a range of different sports, fitness and well-being activities.



The children have recently loved a skip 2 B Fit workshop and we dusted off the cobwebs on our school May pole which the children enjoyed, even if we didn't quite know what we were doing! In Forest School the children have been active by digging what we hope to be a school pond!

We know we have a range of parents in our community with something to offer (and we have asked a few already!) so if you would be interested in coming in to do a workshop—please do get in touch!



## Reception Class 2026

We are thrilled that our EYFS Class is full for September with a few families on a waiting list. Applications for a place at our school have doubled this year, with tours starting to book in for September 2027.

Thank you to all our children, staff, parents and helpers for making our school community such a special (and the) place to be!