

Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 14th February 2025

It is incredible the difference a bit of sunshine makes! The school is a happy place with busy, engaged children. The children are at the core of all we do and to see smiling faces each and every day reminds me of the privileged position we are in; to make a difference to the lives of young people. On behalf of all the staff and governors, we wish you a peaceful Easter Break.

Mrs Buss
Acting Headteacher

Collective Worship

This term, the children have learnt about fair trade as well as reflecting on the season of Lent and why we have turned our focal point purple. The children have also explored different parables and our understanding of the concept "Kingdom of God".

Attendance

Our attendance for term Three is 94.8% which is a small improvement from last term. We would love to get to our target of 95% ! Please remember we are unable to authorise any holiday requests.

Term 5 Dates

Please keep an eye on Dojo for any additional dates to add to your diaries!

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| 21st April | Bank Holiday |
| 22nd April | Return to School |
| 19th May | Otters Trip Roman Museum |
| 23rd May | End of term! |

Farming Thursdays: Provisional Dates

It is such a short term that we will not be able to fit in all year groups. We will therefore carry over sessions into term 6

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| 24th April | Year 6 |
| 1st May | Year 5 |
| 8th May | Year 4 |
| 15th May | Year 3 |
| 22nd May | Year 2 |
| 5th June | Year 1 |
| 12th June | Year R |

A message from our Governors

The Board of Governors at Stelling Minnis continue to work closely with Mrs Buss to drive continuous improvement at the school. We would like to take this moment to thank all stakeholders in our community, for your support and encouragement. We would also like to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to the children.

Christian Distinctiveness

We are very proud of our Church Community. Members from our local churches supported us in our Prayer & Reflection Week and our newly formed Shooting Stars met with local residents at Stelling Village Hall. We also held another fantastic Messy Church style event : pancake flipping and racing proved very popular!

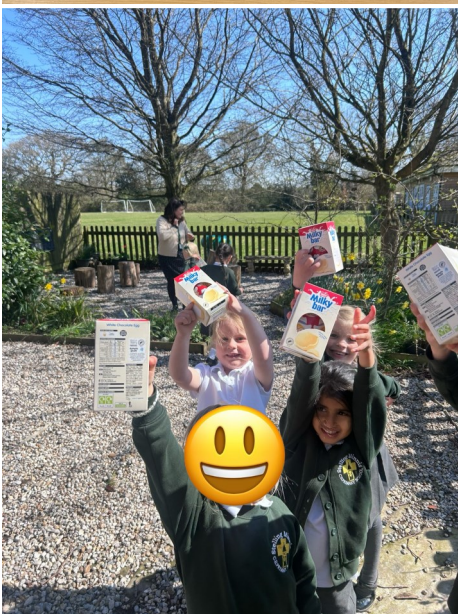
We are keen to further work with the local community to continue to reflect the love and light of Jesus Christ.

Easter Activities

The children have enjoyed many Easter activities this week, including an Easter Egg Hunt as well as our annual Easter Competitions! It was lovely to see many of you attending our Easter Service too. Thank you to our two local Churches for gifting each child in Year 5 with their own Bible too. School Council were excited to raise £100 to spend on something of their choosing– we will update you on what they choose next term!

Playground Update...

Over Easter, we have some posts going into the



playground that the children will be able to use for pulleys, den building and tyre play. We will also have some new crates to store tyres and “loose parts” play too. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Sole for donating a tractor tyre to the playground– the children love it. We are keen to source another tractor tyre if anyone else in our community is able to help!

We are starting to also receive deliveries for our other playground project. At the moment we have been given an installation date of the first week of May. We will inform parents if the playground needs to be closed for this to happen.

School Dinner Price Increase

From next term, our catering supplier, Caterlink will be increasing the cost of a school meal from £3.25 per meal per day to £3.33 per meal, per day.

Farm School

This term’s focus has been

Animal Husbandry! Farmer Henry has been impressed with the “Heavy Work” undertaken by the children and I have to say even our Mice children got stuck in clearing out the goats and pushing wheelbarrows. The children have welcomed some new additions to the farm including two new donkeys and two male alpacas!

