

Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 13th February 2026

In the week running up to half term it was wonderful to see some glimpses of blue sky, and brighter days ahead! January is often a quieter term, and as we approach the midway mark of the school year, as a team we have reflected on the year so far and made some exciting plans for the rest of the year to come!

The first day back at school sees all the children joining in with a drumming workshop with a musician based in Folkestone and there is lots to look forward to with World Book Day and Easter just around the corner.

We continue to be proud of our achievements as a school and the deep thinking our children do.

As well as planning exciting events, the team have been busy fine tuning our curriculum. This year saw the introduction of our core concepts; themes that weave through our curriculum allowing our children to question and wonder. We are redesigning the curriculum area of our website too so watch this space!

Have a wonderful Half- Term break.

*Mrs Buss
Acting Headteacher*

Key Term Dates

Monday 23rd February	Return to School Drum Workshop
Wednesday 25th February	O2: Choir Young Voices
Monday 2nd March	Author Visit
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day– See Dojo post!
Friday 6th March	Author Visit—KS2
Thursday 12th March	SEND Information evening for parents 5pm—
Friday 13th March	Mothers Day Tea PM
Tuesday 17th March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day Fundraising
Wednesday 25th– Tuesday 31st March	Book Fair in School
Monday 30th March	Ester Egg Hunt and Competitions
Tuesday 31st March	Easter Worship– All Welcome Time TBC
Thursday 2nd April	School Celebration PM More details to follow

Farm School

After a rather wet January it is time for Farm School to return! The Farm are hoping to take part in Open Farm Sunday on Sunday 7th June so keep your eyes peeled for further information!

Yr 1– 26.2.26

Yr 2 5.3.26

Yr 3– 12.3.26

Yr4– 19.3.26

Yr 5– 26.3.26

Yr 6 & 1– 2.4.26

Christian Distinctiveness



Well done to Squirrels Class whose turn it was to host a Class Worship. It was wonderful to see so many parents came along to celebrate their child and I hope you agree they did a

great job teaching us to be kind! Mice Class will be next— please keep an eye out for further information.

We also hosted some pupils from Brabourne Primary School who had a tour of our school and had a discussion with some of our children about what it means to be at a Church of England Primary School.

Staff Car Park

It is wonderful that our school community is growing and that our Breakfast and After School Club is growing in popularity. That being said, safety is our top priority and therefore we must remind parents that the car park to the side of the school hall is for **staff only**. That way, we can minimise the number of cars manoeuvring as children arrive and leave breakfast and after school club. There is plenty of parking in our visitors car park, on the road and at the village hall.

Attendance

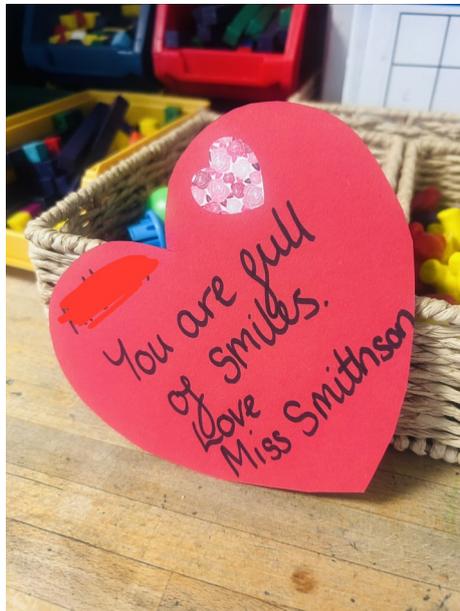
Thank you for your support and understanding that due to new government guidance we are no longer able to authorise ANY holiday requests. In our school we rate good attendance as being 95% or above.

Currently our whole school attendance is **95%** which is slightly better than the

national average.

Feeling the Love at Stelling Minnis

A massive thank you to our PTA who supported the end of our Children's Mental Health Week with an extra special Tuck Shop! They raised £300 for our school! Our current project is to revamp the children's toilets, as per their request and we have got our thinking hats on for the next project after that!



Parents' Evenings

Will be held on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March. Next term is very busy for our teachers with teacher training sessions booked in after school so we will only be able to offer appointments on these dates. Look out for a message via your child's Class Dojo which will give you instructions of how to make a slot. We kindly ask that you leave a 10 minute gap between sibling appointments as booking back to back often cause delays.

School Improvements

The school recently commissioned a Safeguarding Audit to check our safeguarding measures and procedures. We are really pleased with the outcomes that demonstrate we take safeguarding seriously and that we have created a positive safeguarding culture amongst the team.

We spent a lot of time working on the hall, corridor and offices at school and now our classrooms are also having a little make over! Teachers and Max have been busy de cluttering the environment with an ethos of "calm is contagious" to create peaceful and productive learning environments to enable our learners to focus and reach their full potential. We look forward to welcoming parents in soon to see the results!