

Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 17th July 2025

It has been a privilege to lead the school this year and I take great pride in returning in September to support the school. Amongst the challenges, there has been opportunity and the school is thriving. Thank you for your kind words and your messages of support. I wish each and every one of you a peaceful and blessed summer.

Mrs Buss

Acting Headteacher

Collective Worship

This term, the children have been learning about journeys and how we may journey and grow together in God's love. They have also reflected on change and how it may be embraced even though it is tough.

Attendance

Our attendance for the school year, at the time of going to print, is 95.1% which means we are just on our target! Thank you to all the families who have supported the guidance from the government and for your understanding that we are unable to authorise term time holidays.

Term 1 Dates

1st September	Inset Day
2nd September	Inset Day
3rd September	Children return to school
8th September	Drama Workshop
15th September	Bikeability for some Year 5
17th September	Flu immunisations
3rd October	Individual School Photographs
17th October	Last day of Term One

Farm School

Will resume in September–
Dates TBC at the start of the academic year

Time to say goodbye...

Good bye and good luck to all our children moving on to new schools. In particular, we would like to wish the very best to our Year 6 Leavers, who will be leaving us at Stelling Minnis to join their new secondary schools and embark on a new adventure!

We wish all the best to;

Archie, Dora, Flavius, Lottie, Sasha, Scott & Theo

May there always be work for your hands to do, May your purse always hold a coin or two, May the sun always shine upon your window pane, May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain, May the hand of a friend always be near to you and May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

PE/ Music Tuition/ Outdoor Learning

From September, PE and music tuition with Mr Melville will be on a Tuesday. The children may come to school on a Tuesday in their PE Kit. We are pleased to be extending our outdoor learning opportunities to the children in KS2. So from September we will have Muddy Mondays, Welly Wednesdays and Forest Fridays! Please look out for an announcement at the start of the year from your class teacher as to which day outdoor learning will take place for your child. All children will need wellington boots!

Staffing 2024/ 2025

We are delighted to have recruited Miss Smithson as our new Year 1/2 teacher and Mrs Claire Short as our new Sendco. There will be an opportunity to meet Mrs Short in the Autumn Term.

Staff deployment for classrooms is as follows:

Mice	Miss Lee
Mrs Brown	Mrs Campbell
Squirrels	Mrs Melville
Miss Smithson	
Otters	Mrs Cannell
Miss Titmarsh	
Badgers	Mrs Handford
Mrs Jessup	

Mrs Mumford will be our nurture based Teaching Assistant supporting children across the school and Mrs Gifford will be our Higher Level Teaching Assistant, supporting our outdoor learning provision and targeted interventions across the school.

Christian Distinctiveness

We are very proud that this year, we have introduced the Burgess Cup, presented to any child in the school who has stood out for their Courageous Advocacy. This could be doing a particularly kind deed, speaking out or raising money.

Thank you to Pam Burgess, from our Church Community, for providing this award.

Farm Fayre



Thank you on behalf of the school and Stelling Lodge Farm for supporting our brand new summer event! They raised over £700 towards the costs involved in providing Farm School provision. A lot of hard work went into providing the event for our school and we look forward to more events in the upcoming year... we are also pleased to say that we think Peppa the Pig is expecting piglets– due in September!

Uniform

The governors have set the policy for our uniform at Stelling Minnis and request that the children come to school looking smart. Parents may soon be purchasing new

items for the new school year and we would like to remind parents of the following. For PE the children may wear PLAIN black leggings or shorts or joggers in the winter months. Please note: no stripes, logos or patterns. PLAIN black footwear. Again not branded please. The children may wear dark grey or black shorts, skirts, pinafores or trousers. No navy or light grey please.

We have a small amount of spare shared kit for those children who on occasion are not in the correct uniform.

School Meals

From 1st September, Caterlink, our school meals provider will be increasing the cost of a hot school meal to £3.47 per meal, per day. Children in Mice and Squirrels are entitled to free school meals. Children in Otters and Badgers need to pay for their meal unless parents are in receipt of certain benefits. If you feel you may be entitled to free school meals, please speak to office staff who will be happy to advise on eligibility.

KS2 Production

A huge well done to all the children and staff 7 parents for an incredible production of Peter Pan. It looked and sounded very professional indeed!



Margate

The children had the most incredible trip to Margate with all children enjoying some time on the beach— apologies for all the sand! Our Younger children enjoyed Margate Caves whilst the older children enjoyed the Turner Contemporary. If you are looking for things to do during the holidays, we thoroughly recommend Margate!

We must also so well done to the children, who represented our school so brilliantly.



End of Year Awards &

Celebrations

In our final celebration Worship of the year, special awards are given to children who have stood out for various reasons. This year, awards have been given to:

Sadie Spangle Performing Arts Shield: Sasha
 Politeness Cups:
 Mice— Freya
 Squirrels-Rufus
 Otters— Freddie
 Badgers— Lottie
 The Mike Spurling Cup: Louis
 Davies Cup: Orson
 The Champion Cup: Flavius
 The Jonathan Bushell Award: Dora

New Year 6 Roles & Responsibilities

Head Girl: Harriet
 Deputy Head Girl: Ruby
 Head Boy: Barney
 Deputy Head Boy: Monty
 Head of School Council: Harry
 Red House Captain: Erin
 Blue House Captain: Ava
 Green House Captain: Milo
 Yellow House Captain: Monty
 Worship Monitors: Fred, Ava, Finlay, Ruby
 Playground Monitors: Max, Amelia, Brooke

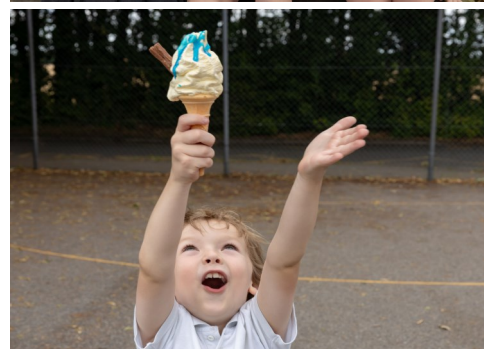
Sports Day: Yellow House

Minnis Run:
 Mice: Saaya
 KS1 Girl: Poppy
 KS1 Boy; Rupert
 KS2 Girl: Dora
 KS2 Boy:

House points: Green House
 The Burgess Cup: Lily

Ice Cream Treat

This year, we decided to do something a little different and treat the children and staff to an ice cream during the last week of term. We wish you could have seen the children's faces when they heard the charms being played!



Thank you from the Staff

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the gifts, cards, and good wishes. We are all very grateful for your support. Have a lovely summer!