

# Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



## Newsletter



Friday 23rd May 2025

This week staff and governors came together to share ideas and about how we may move our school forwards. I am very grateful to the Stelling Minnis team for caring, contributing and demonstrating the positive impact we want to have on the young people we serve. It may have been a short term, but we have got a lot done!

*Mrs Buss*

*Acting Headteacher*

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### Attendance

Our attendance for term Three is 94.85% 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. We have noticed a trend of Monday and Friday absences. Please speak to us if you are worried about your child's absence.

### Term 6 Dates

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| 23rd May   | Last Day of Term   |
| 25th May   | Stelling Minnis Fun Run (Local Event)                          |
| 2nd June   | Year 6 Transition Sessions start (6 weeks in school)           |
| 3rd June   | New Starter Meeting 5pm  |
| 10th June  | Year 5 Secondary Transition Meeting 5pm                        |
| 11th June  | Class Photos   |
| 13th June  | Stay & Play New Starters                                       |
| 20th June  | Stay & Play New Starters                                       |
| 27th June  | Stay & Play New Starters                                       |
| 30th June  | Minnis Run– School Event                                       |
| 1st July   | Sports Day (PM)  |
| 2nd July   | District Sports (Selected Competitors)                         |
| 9th July   | Whole School Trip– Margate                                     |
| 14th July  | Dress Rehearsal  |
| 15th July  | KS2 Performance  |
| 16th July  | KS2 Performance  |
| 16th July  | After School Surprise!   |
| 19th July  | AM: Leavers Service<br>PM: Prize Giving Service<br>End of Term |
| Farm School TBC– First two weeks back are Year 5 & 6 |  |

### Pupil Voice

Thank you to all of you who completed our recent parent survey. We had 30 responses in total!

In addition, in school we carried our pupil surveys in for every single child. The children were congratulated in their thoughtful, honest responses. We will take time to digest the feedback but will inform all stakeholders of our priorities for the year ahead next term.

### Staff Recruitment

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Sophie Jessup will be teaching Badgers Class from September. She brings a wealth of experience and is looking forward to her new role. We will be arranging some time for Mrs Jessup to meet students as well as arranging a time for parents to meet her as well. As soon as we have some dates we will let you know.

We are still actively seeking a qualified Sendco and as soon as we have news we will share with our school community.

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## 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.

## A message from our Governors...

### Your voice, our vision

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another exciting term of improvement at our school. There have been obvious additions, such as the new playground equipment and staff room, but there is also a continuous programme of other enhancements being made "behind the scenes" by Mrs Buss and her team. Building on this progression, planning has already started for the 2025-2026 academic year and I'm excited to announce the Governing Board has recently approved extra funding to underpin our next transformational step. This increased investment will be rigorously managed to enable the school to broaden its teaching and learning offering, help our pupils achieve even higher academic standards, and present more opportunities for the children to gain social experiences.

We are on an improvement journey and want everyone to have a VOICE as we collectively set our ambition for next year and beyond. The leadership team has concluded now is the time to update our school VISION and create a new one by listening to the views of the parents, carers, staff, pupils, and governors. The new Vision will drive a new 3-year Strategy and further annual School Improvement Plans. This is not simply a "paper exercise" - it creates the agenda for the foreseeable future and sets our ambition for delivering an excellent

education. Results from the recent Parent and Pupil surveys will be used to help shape our Vision but if you have any further ideas then please feel free to email me [phil.reynolds@stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk](mailto:phil.reynolds@stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk)

Happy half-term to all.

Philip Reynolds  
Chair of Governors

## Farm School

This term, the children have been learning about the environment and the importance of developing areas for natural wildlife to develop. The children have also seen the results of recent sheep shearing as the sheep have had their coats removed. Year twos formed great human chains to help get the donkeys in from the field and put the sheep and alpacas into the field– not always an easy task!