

Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 17th October 2025

It has probably been one of the busiest first terms of the year since I joined the school 6 years ago! From the moment the children came back we have had workshops, school trips and an inspection thrown in too! The children have really embraced our school vision and our new school values of curiosity, compassion and courage and we are very proud of all they have achieved in just 7 weeks. Looking at the dates list for Term Two, it is about to get even busier...

Mrs Buss

Acting Headteacher

Collective Worship

This term, the children have been learning about people of Faith, Harvest and Freedom. They have heard stories from the book of Joshua, Ruth and Samuel. We also introduced our new values to the children, what they mean. What they mean to them and what they mean for our school. The children have also been learning about people who are courageous advocates.. Either well known- or in our own school community.

Term 2 Dates

27.10.25	Return to School
27.10.25	Parents' Evening
29.10.25	Parents' Evening
30.10.25	Year 2 Farm, School
6.11.25	Year 1 & R Farm School
7.11.25	PTA School Disco
14.11.25	Children in Need Fundraising
28.11.25	Christingle Service in School 2.30pm
9.12.25	Nativity Dress Rehearsal Infants
10.12.25	Nativity Performance Infants
11.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.25	Make a Christmas Decoration with your child 2pm
12.12.25	Christmas Cake Making PTA
15.12.25	Christmas Cake Decorating PTA
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner Day
18.12.25	Christmas Party Day-provisional
19.12.25	Christmas Service 9am-10am Upper Hardres Church
19.12.25	Last day of term

Attendance

Our attendance for Term 1 is 96.3% which puts us currently

in the "green" zone. Good attendance does impact the outcomes of our young people. A child has a good attendance level if they are above 95%.

Christian Distinctiveness



As well as our new values, we have had other glorious events in school. Our friends at our two local Churches hosted our first play and pray session of the year, with the children making bird feeders, taking part in scavenger hunts and making scarecrows, all in celebration of Harvest. We were joined by Reverend Dawn

at the end to close our afternoon in prayer. Thank you to our Church Community for making these events possible.

We also held a successful Harvest Festival Service at Church— thank you for all your contributions.

We also had our SIAMS inspection, also known as the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. Our last inspection was in 2017. As soon as the report is finalised— we will be delighted to share it with you all. Hopefully it will be ready just after half term. In the meantime, thank you to all who contributed to the day; whether it was getting the school ready, speaking to the inspector, or your good wishes.

Class Worship



Badgers Class paved the way

for our first Class led Worship with their proud grown-ups in attendance! It will be Otters Class next so do keep an eye out Otters Class Parents for the date!

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.

Goodbye...

We sadly say goodbye to two colleagues this term who are both off to exciting new adventures! Mrs Gifford, will be leaving us to embark on the next steps of her teaching career and Mrs Campbell has got an exciting opportunity to support a child in her daughter's school. They will both be missed and we wish

them the best of luck! We are currently recruiting for new Teaching Assistants to join our team and we will let parents know as soon as we have news.

Hello...

...to our new Sendco Mrs Claire Short who will be joining us shortly after half term. Mrs Short is very experienced and is keen to support our teachers and school community. If you have any queries about your child's Special Educational Needs, please liaise with your child's Class Teacher in the first instance as they will be able to talk to you about any provision in place. We will let Mrs Short settle in but do keep an eye out for an SEN information Evening coming soon.

Communication

This year, we have begun to add dates to the calendar on the school website— the office team do update this so please do keep an eye out. Please do also ensure that you read your child's Class Newsletters as this will give reminders about upcoming events as well as what your child has been up to in class! If you have any concerns regarding your child, in the first instance please direct any queries to your child's class teacher— they will be more than happy to help!

Happy Half-Term!