



# Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

"Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 12:31)

*Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.*



'Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them.'  
**Luke 6:31**

**Issue 10 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

Today is the last day of term and we are now officially halfway through the school year! The next half term looks set to be busy and fun for the children. We look forward to sharing our work in our class assemblies over the coming weeks (see diary dates below). Also, Key Stage 2 children look forward to the Bedford Faith Tour towards the end of term. This is a wonderful experience for the children, and we have thoroughly enjoyed our visits in the past. A letter will be sent out nearer the time with further information. Our continued thanks to the PTFA who have part funded this trip to keep costs down for our families.

Our thanks to everyone who booked an appointment to see your child's class teacher this week. We hope you enjoyed looking at their work and continued hard work. Mrs Houghton will reschedule her Year 1&2 appointments to Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, thank you for your understanding.

Finally, have a wonderful half-term holiday next week, enjoy the family time. Don't forget the PTFA Bake Sale after school today on the playground.



## **Diary Dates (Spring Terms)**

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| Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February           | Break up for half-term holidays.                                    |
| Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February           | Children back to school   |
| Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February at 2:45pm | Year 5&6 class assembly for parents                                 |
| Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March             | World Book Day (wear cosy clothes)                                  |
| Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm     | Year 3&4 class assembly for parents.                                |
| Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March           | Class photographs   |
| Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm    | Year 1&2 class assembly for parents.                                |
| Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm | Reception class assembly for parents.                               |
| Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March           | Years 3-6 Faith Tour in Bedford (details to follow nearer the time) |
| Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am  | Easter Bonnet Parade  |
| Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm  | Easter assembly for parents   |
| Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March            | Children break up for Easter holidays.                              |
| <b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>        | <b>Teacher Training Day – school closed</b>                         |
| Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April              | Children back to school   |



### Head Teacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from this week:

Reception – Ava for fantastic effort with part-whole models in Maths.

Year 1 – Max for working hard this week and trying his best.

Year 1 – Grayson for his great perseverance in our maths lessons.

Year 2 – Athelea for producing a wonderful story in our Literacy lessons.

Year 3 – Noah G for showing so much independence and always trying his best.

Year 4 – Freya for her amazing brochure for the imperfect pet shop in Literacy.

Year 5 – Summer for giving all lessons 100% effort and working so hard.

Year 6 – Maddie for a beautiful piece of writing on Martin Luther King and working hard.



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The class teachers have selected the following children from last week:

Reception – Grace for always trying her best.

Year 1 – Eddie for his keen investigating of shiny materials in Science.

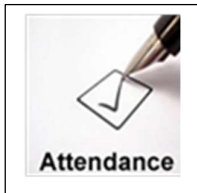
Year 2 – Dhrishay for his kindness and support given to the other children.

Year 3 – Bella for her amazing use of different sentence types and expanded noun phrases.

Year 4 – Florence for her amazing progress with her times tables knowledge.

Year 5 – Tom for giving all lessons 100% effort and working so hard, we are proud of you.

Year 6 – Eleanor for a fantastic setting description in her Literacy lessons this week.



| Class     | Attendance | Late Marks | Position        |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Reception | 93%        | 0          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Year 1/2  | 92.2%      | 0          | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| Year 3/4  | 93.5%      | 1          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Year 5/6  | 94%        | 2          | 1 <sup>st</sup> |

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 95.4 %, which is below our 97% target!

Please remember that holiday requests **cannot** be authorised and parents risk receiving a fixed penalty fine from the Local Authority. The school has a statutory duty to inform the Local Authority of any holiday requests for 5 or more days. It is important that the children attend school every day to avoid falling behind their peers.



### Awards and Certificates outside of school

**Verity** Rambert Creative Contemporary Dance Award – Distinction

**Arabella B-G** Corby Gymnastics Academy – Badge 7

**Amalie** Corby Gymnastics Academy – Badge 8

**Matilda** Corby Gymnastics Academy – Badge Work Award

**Dhrishay** Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 3



### **Merit Badge Awards**

The following children have been working exceptionally hard and have achieved their merit awards.

**Bronze Award (50 Merits):** Fletcher, Arlie, Alfie

**Silver Award (100 Merits):** Wren, Ella, Samuel, Olly, Angel, Verity, Lyla, Noah E, Tom, Freya



### **Safeguarding and Online Safety**

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the school and ask for Mr Jones, Mrs Findlay or Mr Forsyth (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Please read our latest Online Safety Newsletter on the school website

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**St Peters Church Stanion**

You are invited to join us for our

**ALL AGES SERVICE**

**on the Third Sunday  
of each month**

Music, Song, Story, Crafts, Prayers and  
a few thoughts. Fun with a meaning!



Revd Heather 07548 892020

## Class News



### **Reception Class - (Kestrel)**

Last week, we explored the Arctic and talked about what we might find there. The children worked together to build an igloo and created their own husky sledges. This week, we have been enjoying mindful activities such as blowing bubbles, colouring, making love cards, and creating love potions.

In Drawing Club, we have been focusing on Pingu. We have also been working hard on our handwriting this term, with a special focus on remembering our finger spaces.

In Maths, we have been combining two groups using part-whole models and exploring length and height through our provision activities, including throwing hoops and building towers. The children have all been working incredibly hard!

### **Year 1/2 (Falcon)**

This week, Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed:

- Reading Lost and Found in Literacy and writing sentences using but and sentences that describe. We enjoyed upleveling the words happy and sad and learning some new vocabulary.
- Learning how to count in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s in Maths. We have enjoyed practical lessons exploring how multiplication means equal groups of a set size. We have also enjoyed joining in with the super movers videos on the BBC website.
- We enjoyed collecting data about the weather over several days in Geography and then presenting what we found using bar charts and pictograms.
- We also enjoyed making pictograms on the computers in ICT.
- We finished our Funny Faces in DT and used our sewing skills to add features to the faces. Sewing was tricky but we showed great perseverance.
- We have been continuing with our Yoga lessons in PE and learning lots of Yoga poses. We have also explored mindful breathing.

We hope you all have a lovely and relaxing half term break.

### **Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)**

This week in Red Kite Class, we have been finishing our writing unit based around the book 'The Barnabus Project'. The children have loved this story and have shown fantastic creativity in their work. This week, we completed our final independent piece of writing, a brochure. The children have been so proud of their work and rightly so.

In our maths lessons, we have been learning about fractions. We have been learning about improper fractions, and we have been converting improper fractions into mixed number fractions, and we have been converting the other way round. The children have enjoyed noticing the links between fractions and our timetables.

In our History, we have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt and have learnt all about Egyptian gods and we also discussed different theories about how the pyramids could have been build. In Science, we have learnt about the water cycle. We thought about the four stages and the children created a comic strip for Walter the water droplet detailing his journey through the water cycle. In R.E we carried out an end of unit assessment about commitments, and we all worked extremely hard.

The children have worked really hard this half term and are looking forward to a nice break.

### **Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)**

The children in Golden Eagle class have been working extremely hard for the last couple of weeks of this half term. First of all, I would like to say a huge well done to the children in year 6 who took a Maths Sats paper last week - they all worked so hard and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. In Literacy we have been completing a range of 'free writes' to really focus upon slowing down when writing and building our confidence in using our editing skills. The children have the most wonderful imaginations, and their writing has been a real pleasure to read and mark. Our maths lessons have focused on decimal numbers. The children have been building their confidence in using all four operations with decimal numbers and have shown fantastic understanding. In our RE lessons, we have continued to think about the lead up to the time of Jesus' death. The children have thought about how different Bible passages represent Jesus and what evidence they can gain from them. They have also researched Martin Luther King and Mother Teresa and thought about the sacrifices which they made within their lives. In Science the children have loved completing a range of experiments thinking about what happens when a range of components are added into a circuit. They all did so well on their end of unit assessment too. We have really been enjoying our PE lessons and the children have loved playing some games of Badminton. In Dance lessons with Mrs Marshall, they have been practising a wonderful surprise for you all for our class assembly during the first week back. In Computing the children have finished our unit of graphic design and have been producing some fantastic icons for apps. We have also been data detectives and used Excel to search and filter to solve some mysteries and crimes. It has been a wonderful half term, and the children have all worked hard and made so much progress.

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Have a lovely half term holiday, enjoy the break.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team