

**Bridestowe Primary School – with Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**January**

- 29<sup>th</sup> - Forest school all classes
- 31<sup>ST</sup> - Springfields Residential Home Visit (Tawny Owls)

**February**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Book Look for all classes 3-3.20pm  
 Devon Wildlife Trust (Snowy Owls) waterproofs & wellies please.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - NSPCC Number Day  
 KS2 Swimming  
 Reading in unusual places  
 photo comp deadline
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Children’s Mental Health Week
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Read, Write, Inc, Workshop 8.50 – 9.30 am.  
 Safer Internet Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Wellbeing Wednesday  
 Parents Forum 3.30 – 4.30pm  
 Cross Country @ Simmons Park 4–5 pm.
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Devon Wildlife Trust (Snowy Owls last session)

Team points:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Willow: 124 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oak: 125 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Elm: 136 points
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ash: 151 points

Dear Families,

The children have been making great progress this term. It is fantastic to see how well Owlets are reading already. I enjoyed visiting the Tawny Owls while they completed their Maths. The Snowy Owls and Barn Owls are continuing to enjoy working on their times tables together before lunch. We have had a number of visitors into schools including Rev. Adrian Brooks who spoke about respect in his assembly. This is an important value in our school and children have been working hard to recognise others demonstrating respect. Children shared with Rev. Brooks how they have been looking at kindness and how to fill someone’s bucket. There are many opportunities for parents to come into school over the coming weeks. Please check the diary carefully for dates and times as we would love as many parents to make it as possible.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Jordan

**ATTENDANCE**

**96.96%**



	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
BARN	<b>Edith</b> – Flourish with compassion at Springfields Residential Home	<b>William</b> - has been showing real ambition with his maths this week. He is working quickly and with great accuracy
SNOWY	<b>John</b> - flourished in the presentation of your work and trying hard to present work clearly.	<b>Alice</b> - respecting our school rules and her peers.
TAWNY	<b>Oscar</b> - flourished in all areas of learning, especially in the maths unit money.	<b>Jacob</b> Lammas showing great ambition in his learning, especially History, recalling facts.
OWLETS	<b>Oscar</b> – flourished in his work.	<b>Olivia</b> – Flourish - for fantastic maths and showing ambition



	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
BARN	<b>Iona</b> - for showing kindness and consideration to others.	<b>Maisie</b> – showing kindness on the playground
SNOWY	<b>Evie S</b> - Well done for being a kind and considerate friend and always thinking of others.	<b>Iona</b> - for recognising when an adult needed help and offering your support.
TAWNY	<b>Bella</b> - for always being kind and helpful to her friends.	<b>Katie</b> - for always being supportive to her peers.
OWLETS	<b>Bella</b> – for showing kindness to others	<b>Rose</b> - for always helping others

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Continued

- 9<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Swimming – final session  
Express Yourself Day  
Last Day of Term
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Half Term Holiday
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Forest Schools
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Springfields Residential Home  
Visit (Snowy Owls)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - KS2 Cross Country at  
Tavistock
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Owlets & Tawny Owls  
Swimming
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consults (Barn Owls)
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consults (Owlets &  
Snowy Owls)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consults (Tawny Owls)
- ### March
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Owlets & Tawny Owls  
Swimming
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Forest Schools  
Cross Country @ Simmons  
Park 4–5 pm.
- 7<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Owlets & Tawny Owls  
Swimming
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Springfields Residential Home  
Visit (Owlets)
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Owlets & Tawny Owls  
Swimming
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Forest School
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Service for Parents  
(afternoon)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Owlets & Tawny Owls  
Swimming
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country @ Chagford  
Cricket Club 4-5.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April – Half Term

## NSPCC

<https://youtu.be/47reZAbibv8>

## Number Day 2024

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb we will be celebrating the NSPCC Number Day. We will be playing maths number games in our mixed aged teams in the morning. Children are asked to bring in a number game from home (labelled with your name). Please avoid sending children in with games that have lots of pieces. If you do not have a suitable game at home, we have games here that the children can play. This day aims to remind children how they can practise their maths at home, whilst also raising money for the NSPCC. The link above explains how the money raised on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb will help several NSPCC's projects. Please donate a £1 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb if you are able to. Please use the link here [Donate to Charity Online | Give to NSPCC today | NSPCC](#) to donate directly as we are a cashless school. Thank you.

## HEDGE HOG RESCUE

The children found a hedgehog on the playground on Monday and he was sent to a rescue that day.

They have named him Peg Leg. He is a baby and was very ill and only had a few hours of life left but he is doing well now. The rescue team have asked us to look out for his litter mates as they may not be well either.



## READ, WRITE, INC, WORKSHOP ALL WELCOME

We will be meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February at 8.50am and should finish around 9.30am. We will be looking at phonics in early years with Mrs Baker and Mrs Lammas. Please let Mrs Baker know if you will be attending.



## THANK YOU




We would like to thank the **Friends of Bridestowe Primary School (FOBS)** who donated £628 and **Dartmoor Commoners** who donated £1,000 for the coach to take the children to swimming.


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**EXPRESS YOURSELF DAY**  
 Children to come to school in cloths which reflect their personality or interests. (Clothes suitable for school)

**homework**  
 Please encourage your child to do their weekly maths tasks each week. If there are any concerns or questions, please speak to the class teacher at pick up or drop off.




**Reading**  
 Children have been reminded about reading 5 times a week. Every read witnessed by an adult (silent reading or reading to a parent/sibling) will receive a team point, so please initial their reading record. Anyone with 5 reads for the week, will be entered into the reading raffle.



**Competition**  
 Children have been asked to submit photos of them reading in the most unusual places. There are prizes for the best photos. Please can families email photos to [admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk) by the **3<sup>rd</sup> February**. We will use these photos in school on a display and share them in assembly with all the children.



**Maths**  
 All children have access to Numbots or Times Table Rock Stars where they can practise their number facts online. However, parents can also help by quizzing their children on a regular basis about their number bonds to 10 / 20 /100, as well as their times tables. Snowy Owls and Barn owls have been quizzing each other on their times tables before lunch. Please support us by practicing at home too.




**WELLBEING WEDNESDAY**  
 Parents to come along and join in some activities for children’s mental health week and view homework projects in the afternoon. Please drop your children off as normal for registration. Parents to wait at front of school to be invited in to join us at 9am. The session will last approximately 45 mins.

**CLUBS**

Cheer Club			Mondays till 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Junior First Aid Club			Tuesdays till 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Drama Club	Yrs 4 - 6		Wednesdays till 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Dance Club	Yrs 1 - 6	3.15 – 4.15	Thursdays till 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Multi Sports Club			Fridays till 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Cross Country Club	Yrs 3 - 6	See in Dates for diary	See in Dates for diary

**School Blog**  
 Don't forget you can see what we have been up to on our school blog here: [Classes blog \(bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://classes.blog(bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk))



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### Barn Owls:

The Barn Owls have focused very well on their English and Maths this week. We are starting to learn algebra in Year 6 maths and long division in Year 5. In English the children have written newspaper articles based on our text 'High Rise Mystery'. The children are continuing to learn about linguistic devices used in crime narratives.



Last week Mrs Jordan was very proud of the way all children spoke to the residents of Springfields Residential care home. They demonstrated care and respect, speaking slowly and clearly about their work at school, as well as reading to the residents. Next time we hope to play games with the residents.



Snowy Owls:

## Reading Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Evie Southcott who was our first luckywinner of the reading basket. Evie said she loved snuggling up with the blanket, hot chocolate and books. We have been delighted to see so many children completing their 5 reads a week - don't forget these reads must be initialled by an adult.



Linked to our learning about the Shang Dynasty in history, the Snowy Owls have begun to create their own dragon eyes using pastels. We look forward to sharing the final pieces of art with you.



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### Snowy Owls Continued:

The Wildlife Champions completed a successful litter picking mission in the Village earlier this term. As they collected they made a tally of the various litter. The team met to explore their findings which were as follows: Plastic: 32 items, metal: 10 items, paper/card: 7 items, textiles: 3 items and glass: 2 items. As the team found so much litter they decided to do something about it and have created these wonderful posters. The Wildlife Champions message is clear...Don't leave it! Retrieve it! Please keep our Village clean! Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



### Paired reading across the school



### Times Table Practise

Snowy Owls and Barn Owls spend ten minutes before lunch practicing their times tables together.



Tawny Owls:

## African Drumming

The Tawny Owls have enjoyed learning about rhythm and repeated beats during their drumming sessions.



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Owlets:

The Owlets have been learning about Antarctica and materials. As part of their Geography and Science they read 'The Emperors Egg'. A story about penguins and how they care for an egg and baby penguin chick. They then worked in small groups to care for their own eggs and used materials to create protection for their very precious eggs. The children created beds, clothing and hammocks for their fragile eggs and we only lost one egg!





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Owlets Continued:

The owlets had a visit from a paramedic as part of their topic on 'people who help us'. They enjoyed learning about this important occupation.

The Barn Owls came to Owlets to do shared reading, the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing books with their peers.

Treetops came to visit the Owlets class on Tuesday. The children all had a fantastic time showing their younger friends the Owlets class.

