



# Stamfordham Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It feels like spring has finally sprung! The daffodils around the school grounds look beautiful and the frogs have made an appearance in the school pond. It has been so lovely to spend more time out of the classroom over the last 2 weeks and make more use of our fantastic outdoor space. Class 3 had their first forest school session and Early Years have been making full use of their outdoor area every day.

Thank you to everybody who donated cakes for our bake sale this morning. In addition to the donations for wearing non-uniform and buying red noses we raised a fantastic total of 296.23 for Comic Relief from your generous donations.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

## **The last 2 weeks in school**

### **Early Years**

Reception's new core book is *Farmer Duck*, and we have been discussing how poor Duck has to do all the work. This led to lots of conversations about how we can all help each other and work as a team and some beautifully written thank you cards. Preschool have been working hard on their prereading skills, with lots of oral blending practice.

Our space theme has continued with the children creating their own solar system complete with papier mache planets that orbit the sun. We have also designed and built our very own rocket ships!

In Geography, we have been investigating forms of transport and thinking about the journeys we make. The children created some simple maps to help guide us around the classroom.

### **Class 2**

The past two weeks have flown by in Class 2. In English, we have been enjoying our core text *Meerkat Mail*, exploring the different habitats Sunny visits before finally finding the perfect home. The children have produced some fantastic descriptive writing about the Kalahari Desert, using their chosen "wow words" to bring their ideas to life. We are incredibly proud of the progress they are making and the growing confidence and flair they are beginning to show in their writing. In Maths, we have started our new unit on multiplication, focusing on counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. The children have made an impressive start, and it has been a joy to see their confidence in mathematical thinking continue to grow this term. In Art, we have linked our work to our *Amazing Africa* topic in Geography by exploring African art. The children have created their own patterns, designed African masks, and this week began painting the backgrounds for their African sunset pictures. Finally, in Geography, we have gone on a virtual safari, learning about African animals, climates and landscapes, and practising our compass skills along the way. We are looking forward to the final two jam-packed weeks of the Spring term!

### Class 3

What a fantastic few weeks we've had in Class 3. In Maths, the children have been doing some amazing work on fractions. Swapping between improper fractions and mixed numbers is a tricky concept and it's safe to say Class 3 have nailed it! In English, we've been diving into *The BFG* and the children have produced brilliant formal reports to the government about Giant Country. They worked hard to make their writing sound official, using careful vocabulary and clear, organised paragraphs. We also had a wonderful afternoon outdoors in the sunshine. The children enjoyed our first outdoor learning session, noticing the daffodils, exploring the signs of spring and decorating the trees. It was such a lovely way to end the day and they showed excellent teamwork and enthusiasm. We are already looking forward to our next session!

### Class 4

In Class 4, we have had a busy and exciting couple of weeks across the curriculum. In English, we have started our new core text, *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman, which we are thoroughly enjoying; written entirely in verse, it has given us the opportunity to explore poetry in depth as we read, discuss the characters, and uncover a few surprises along the way. We have also performed selected verses, developing our performance skills and learning how to create tension and suspense. In Maths, we have moved on to ratio, using mathematical language and representing ratios as fractions, while continuing to build our mental arithmetic skills. In Geography, we have been learning about the physical and human features of Scandinavia and have created some fantastic fact files, leaving many of us keen to visit! In French, we are learning to talk about our homes, building our conversational skills to describe where we live and what we have in our houses.

### **Parent's Evenings**

These will take place during the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March and slots can be booked on Arbor. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or need help making a booking.

### **Easter Service**

Our Easter service will take place at St Mary's Church at 9.30am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March and pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be attending. You are all welcome to join us for this event.

### **End of Term**

A reminder that we break up for Easter on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April as Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> is Good Friday. School will close at 3.10pm and Kidzone will run as normal. School re-opens to all pupils on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### **School Lunches**

Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 – Week 2

Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Week 3

**The dinner menus are available on the school website.**

**Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	SATS Club (Year 6) <b>(3 of 8)</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Class 2 Outdoor learning (pm)</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>PE with Mr Thompson</b> Netball / Basketball (Year 1, 2 and 3) <b>(5 of 6)</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Tag Rugby (Class 3 and 4)</b> Football Club (Year 1, 2 and 3) <b>(4 of 4)</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Music with Mr Radford</b>

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	SATS Club (Year 6) <b>(4 of 8)</b> <b>Easter Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Class 4 Outdoor learning (pm)</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>PE with Mr Thompson</b> Netball / Basketball (Year 1, 2 and 3) <b>(6 of 6)</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Music with Mr Radford</b> <b>Early Years Easter Craft afternoon 2pm</b> <b>School closes for the Easter break 3.10pm</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Good Friday – School Closed</b>

**Upcoming Dates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Cricket sessions start (more info to follow)
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 6 SATS assessment week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	School closes for half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	School reopens to all pupils
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	London Trip – Year 5 and 6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	School closes for the summer break 1.15pm