

# # Kestrels, Falcons and Eagles

Children in Upper Key Stage 2 (Kestrels, Falcons & Eagles) made a fantastic start to this academic year. For our Year 6s, the start of term was particularly exciting as the children embarked on the 3-day residential trip to PGL, Caythorpe. This was a superb way to build confidence and self-esteem, and most importantly, develop new relationships and friendships. Our children truly shone over those three days, displaying our 4Rs and striving to 'be the best they could be'.



Term one then got off to a flying start for all UKS2 pupils with our World War One topic. The children were fully engaged in all aspects of their learning and demonstrated excellent prior knowledge, which they could relate to the history lessons. They were captivated by the class novel, 'War Horse' (which brought a tear to the eye of more than one!) Tag rugby was a huge hit, with children learning skills of throwing, evasion and scoring; PSHE explored feelings, and children valued the opportunity to discuss a range of emotions and thought about how to manage different situations; our artwork on silhouettes (linked to our WW1 topic) resulted in stunning classroom displays and the exploration of light in our science lessons offered the opportunity for practical sessions (building models to represent how light travels) and facilitated lots of new learning.

Term 2 proved to be just as exciting, and just as busy! We showed respect on Remembrance Day, were 'spot-tacular' for Children in Need, and were a rainbow of colour for our 'Day of Hope'. Alongside all of this enrichment (and between the preparations for all things 'Christmas') the learning continued! The children designed and wrote explanation texts for chocolate making machines, learned about the reasons for Fair Trade, baked cookies and made gift boxes for the finished product.



Our newly-formed football team from Year 5 and 6 entered their first tournament this term. They had never played as a team before and played against other teams with a lot more experience. Our team suffered some defeats, but they improved with every game and clinched a victory in our final match of the tournament, thanks to three fabulous saves in a penalty shootout! Every player tried their best and represented our school well. Our 'player of the tournament' was Otis, our goalkeeper, who was excellent in every game.



## Breakfast Club!

With the colder weather making an appearance, the children at Breakfast Club have been warming themselves up in the morning with delicious mugs of hot chocolate, beans on toast and warm buttered crumpets. After they have finished eating, the children have been practising their circus skills, impressing us with their juggling, baton twirling and plate spinning. They have enjoyed darts competitions, balancing races and a Christmas themed musical statues.



### Fundraising

Poppy Appeal - £138.02  
Children In Need -£259.54  
Day of Hope - £806.54

Amazing amounts—thank you for your support!

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Love others as well as you love yourself

Matthew—22:39



## Autumn Term 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a magnificent start we have had at William Stukeley since September. We have begun our year, continuing to focus on the importance of our 4Rs - 'Respect and Care for Ourselves', 'Respect and Care for Each Other', 'Respect and Care for our Environment' and 'Respect and Share Our Learning'. We have also spent time revisiting our school's Core Values, which also help underpin all that we do. Additionally, we have reminded the children of the importance of 'Dream it. Learn it. Be it' - that the children can achieve anything they want to, as they strive to continue to 'Be the Best they can Be!'

As always, the children continue to be their wonderful and magnificent selves, striving and journeying through many exciting and inspiring learning adventures this autumn term. Whether it is exploring the conflict of WWI with Years 5 and 6, journeying to Lincoln Castle in Years 3 and 4, or the regular and hugely engaging visits from 'Professor Clunk' in EYFS and KS1, we know that our broad, imaginative and aspirational curriculum continues to be inspire and allow the children to 'know more and remember more'.

It has also been wonderful to see school visits taking place, with further visits planned in the new academic year. A particular highlight was the joint visit with Deeping St Nicholas Primary School, to Caythorpe PGL. During the visit, all of the children showed what courageous and resilient individuals they really are, as they battled the elements on our first day at Caythorpe Court. They also displayed great communication skills, team work and lateral thinking as they completed the a range of challenges that really pushed them to their limits! What a delight it was to see the children making friends across the both schools and encouraging each other to persevere. It truly was an exhilarating and incredibly memorable residential experience. Well done to all involved!

At William Stukeley, it has been a very unique term, with alterations and changes needed in order to adapt to the ongoing and very exciting, building work. We are delighted that the work on the hall and staff room expansions are due to be finished at the end of January, and look forward to the beginning of the work on the new classroom. As always, thank you for all of your support and patience in the changes we have had to make as a result of these works. The new rooms are looking wonderful and we can't wait to use our new and improved school hall, especially for performances later in the year.

A stand out moment this term was William Stukeley's Nativity service I was astounded by the confidence, articulation and singing from our Reception and KS1 children, who were absolutely stunning! The children in Ducks and Robins have settled so brilliantly into life in our school, and we couldn't be more proud of them! The Nativity is a reminder of the importance and meaning of Christmas; we are incredibly grateful to Reverend Sherine for allowing us to use All Saints Church for the service this year.

I hope you are all able to spend important moments together with loved ones this holiday, making special memories along the way. As Bishop Stephen writes in his annual newsletter, 'I hope that you will open the gift of love this Christmas.'

As the first term draws to a close, we would like to thank you all for being part of our school family, wish you a 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year' from everyone here at the school; we look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Mr Peter Bellamy,  
Executive Headteacher



## Sports Update!

Across the Autumn terms, we have had the opportunity to take part in two local football tournaments, with further competitions and sports activities to come in the Spring and Summer terms (keep an eye out for these!) At the tournaments, the children behaved beautifully, demonstrating amazing teamwork, and made William Stukeley proud! We came third for the 'Values trophy' and achieved fourth place overall. Both children and adults had an amazing day!

We have also welcomed Miss Wallis, who is our sports apprentice; she has been an asset to the school already. Miss Wallis has been busy supporting the children during their PE lessons and offering additional sports clubs at lunchtimes. So far, the children have enjoyed skipping, Hula hooping, ball skills and keep-fit skills. Through working with Inspire+, we have appointed four children to be our Sports Ambassadors, who have embarked on their exciting training already. You may spot them around school wearing their very snazzy Sports Ambassador t-shirts. Watch this space for more exciting news next term, when they will start to implement their ideas!



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# Ducks and Robins



Ducks and Robins have had such an action and learning packed term. In art, we have had opportunities to use the fruits of Autumn to create a variety of pictures, most of which were only temporary pieces; however, we permanently captured our 'leaf art fox faces', which currently feature on our learning locker displays.

As always, we have enthusiastically used our construction kits to produce some fabulous models of our own creation, in readiness for using them for more focused planned models which fulfil a particular purpose. We have worked tirelessly in our Read Write Inc. groups to learn phonics to develop our reading, writing and spelling skills. Everyone should feel so proud of the progress made so far. We would like to add a note of thanks for the daily phonics work that many parents provide at home and the positive response to homework, which is much appreciated.

We have been developing our basic number skills in maths and are consistently applying maths skills to our everyday play.

We learned about the story of the gunpowder plot, giving us understanding of why we celebrate bonfire night. We have also learned about Remembrance, creating beautiful poppy artwork and demonstrating this term's value of Respect with a minutes silence.

Congratulations to our wonderful 'twinkling stars' who dazzled everyone with their fabulous singing and actions. You contributed greatly to the great success of the Nativity production, which was held for the first time in church.



# Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Doves

Throughout the Autumn term, Key Stage One have been learning about farming and how important it is for food. We have developed our geography knowledge, found that Devon, in the UK, is good for dairy farming and that we get milk, cheese and yogurt from cows. We even got to make and eat some cheese on toast! There are farms all around the world and we have learnt that bananas come from hot countries near the equator. We followed the journey a banana takes before it gets to us in the UK.

In history, we have been learning about history-makers and significant people and times that we remember today. Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot is why we remember November 5<sup>th</sup>, and November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day, when we take time to remember soldiers that have been hurt or killed in war. We have also learnt about important women and how they have changed history by becoming the first woman Prime Minister, an inventor of the first x-ray machine and the first woman to rule a kingdom on her own!

We had a great 'Day of Hope', where we had a dance-a-thon of party dances. Each class got to make rainbows, as well as different craft activities to make everyone feel hopeful and we send out best wishes to Jack.

'A Bundle of Joy' was a great performance, and everyone played their part to put on a show to remind us all of that very first Christmas. A big well done to all that took part, with every role adding importance to the amazing show. A special thank you to Reverend Sherine for the use of the church this year, and to all that came to watch. We hope it made you feel special inside.



# Heron, Owls and Swans



This term has been filled with creativity, curiosity, and learning, allowing the children to showcase their talents in various subjects.

In art, we embraced the beauty of autumn by exploring an autumnal theme, thanks to the kind donation of pumpkins to our classroom. In Swans, the children did sketching activities based on their history work.

Moving on to design & technology, the pupils honed their sewing skills by designing and making money holders. It was wonderful to see their innovative ideas come to life as they tackled this hands-on project with enthusiasm.

In literacy, we took time to reflect through writing; students penned heartfelt Remembrance poems and improved their story writing by looking at sentence structure and ways of using exciting vocabulary.

We have been developing our number skills in maths and have improved our written and mental calculations.

Our science lessons were just as exciting! We learnt about our skeletons and the crucial role they play in our body, while Year 5 pupils explored the fascinating world of microorganisms.

Our history work began with learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The children explored their lives and beliefs. In Swans, the children learnt about their settlements and compared them with the Scots and the Vikings. Recently, we have been learning about the history of the city of Lincoln. This has included the early history of the city, the cathedral and the castle. We spent a fabulous day at Lincoln Castle as part of our learning. We couldn't have asked for a better day! We saw the Red Arrows practising while we passed RAF



The children in Owls class took on the challenge, which the Holbeach Methodist Church sent to school, to decorate a Christmas tree for their new festival this December.

The class took inspiration from this term's RE learning and decorated the tree to show the seven days of Creation, as explained in the book of Genesis, in the Bible. The children also included decorations created as a homework task from earlier in the term.

The children visited the church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to decorate their tree; we had enough decorations for two trees! In addition, we had time to sit in the church and appreciate the similarities between the Methodist church and All Saints church as Christian places of worship.



## School Council News

In the Autumn term, we appointed our new School Council and these children have met and already started on their first project. The children will be supporting the re-building of our clock tower and have met to discuss where they would like it to be located. They have had a go at creating some drawings of what they would like it to look like and how we might celebrate it once it has been reinstated.

## Eco-Warriors

This term, we appointed our new school Eco-Warriors and these children have met and carried out their first challenge. The children wanted to take part in the national campaign of 'Cut your Carbon Month.' The children presented the idea to the whole school during a Collective Worship and then took the responsibility in class to keep reminding their class mates about the challenges. Thank you to those of you that supported with these carbon cutting challenges at home. The Eco-Warriors are currently busy counting up entries and we will let you know how everybody got on soon!

