



## Message from Mrs Housden:

Well what a wet but busy week it's been this week! Thankfully we have managed to avoid the rain over breaks and lunches for the most part! I am really enjoying getting to know the children on a more individual basis and am getting better at remembering the correct names too!

We have had a number of visitors in school this week; NSPCC volunteers joined us to deliver workshops specifically to children in Years 2, 5 and 6 all around feeling safe and knowing what to do if you feel unsafe, and we had a visit from the Diocese of Ely education team to discuss our vision as a Church of England school. I will write to you with more about this in the coming weeks. Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Sean Rose, a Paralympic Skier, into school on Thursday who will be delivering short sports workshops to the children and a whole-school assembly.

I also had a really positive meeting with our PTA Chair Steph this week and have had some exciting discussions about spending the fantastic fundraising you have been building over the last few years, alongside talking through plans for events and fundraising in the year ahead!

If you would like to join the PTA, either as a committee member or to offer support as a volunteer on a more ad-hoc basis, the PTA will be holding a meeting at school on Thursday 3rd October at 7pm. This is an opportunity to hear more about how you can help/support and is specifically open to volunteers for either the community Fireworks event, upcoming Discos (18th October) and future events.

Please take note of some of the diary dates on page 2—dates and details of further Christmas events will be confirmed as soon as possible.

We are currently reviewing the format of The Star, so news from classes will resume next week.

Have a wonderful (and hopefully drier) weekend. Best wishes,

**Mrs Alex Housden, Headteacher**

### Congratulations to our 'Stars of the Week'

Robin, Jack, Mia, Emily, & Poppy

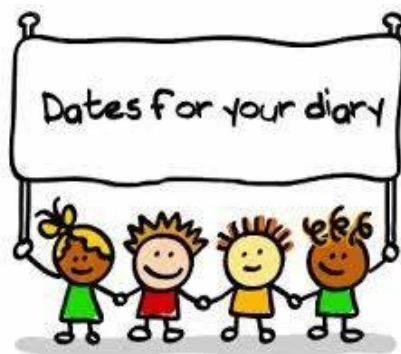
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30th September	School Flu Vaccinations
9th October	Harvest Festival in Church
10th October	Paralympian Shaun Rose Visit to School
14th October	Y5/6 Bee Netball League Fixture
15th October	Parent Consultations (3.30-6.00pm)
16th October	Parent Consultations (4.00-7.00pm)
18th October	PTA School Discos
2nd November	PTA Bonfire Night Fireworks
11th November	Remembrance (Church & War Memorial)
22nd, 23rd, 24th November	Christmas Tree Festival
4th December	Years 3/4/5/6 Cross Country—Milton Country Park
13th December	Rocksteady Concert

### Term Dates 2024-2025

#### Autumn Term dates

**INSET:- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### Spring Term dates

**INSET:- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Holidays: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

#### Summer Term dates

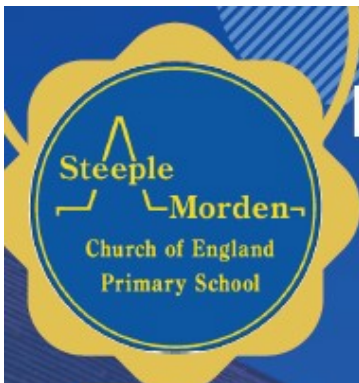
**INSET:- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Summer Holiday: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July onwards



**Do you have a child starting school in September 2025?**

# **Reception Tours**

**Come and visit us...  
Tuesday 19th November at 2pm  
Wednesday 20th November at 5.30pm**



**Get in touch to book your place**

**office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk  
01763 852 474**



# Apply now



## for a Secondary school place for September 2025

If your child will be aged 11 by **31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

You need to apply **NOW** for a School place



**SCAN ME**



**Apply by  
31st  
October  
2024**

For further information please visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions) or contact your local School

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370  
ALC2605, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus,  
Alconbury Weald, PE28 4YE  
or email [admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

# Notice Board

## School uniform

Please, please ensure that your child's belongings (uniform, bags, water bottle etc) are all labelled with your child's name. We have a number of jumpers and other items which have been misplaced by their owners which we can't return as they don't have the child's name inside, or have the name of a 'previous owner'.

Look out for a uniform email next week!

## Playground

Parents are asked to ensure that their children, whether those who attend school or younger siblings, do not play in the gazebo or on the play structure at school pick up time. This is to ensure everyone's safety and prevent any damage to these valuable structures. Please ensure that once on the school premises, bikes and scooters are walked, not ridden.

## Home Time Arrangements

Please ensure that you advise the office by email on [office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk) by **12 noon** if your child's home time arrangement will be different from usual.

Please also remember that if your child is being collected with another child to let us know; we've had a number of occasions when the office has had to make a last-minute phone call at the end of the day.

# Notice Board

## Illness in School

If your child is absent from school, you must notify school by 9.30am of the reason for absence. If we haven't heard from you, we are obliged to investigate your child's absence.

Condition	Absent for
Chickenpox	Five days from the onset of rash and all the lesions have crusted over
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted/healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Measles	4 days from onset of rash and once# recovered
Scarlet Fever	Exclude until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotic treatment completed
*Sickness and/or diarrhoea	Until 48 hours after last episode of sickness/diarrhoea
Conjunctivitis	None
**Headlice	None
Mumps	5 days after onset of swelling
Tonsillitis	None

Please see (left) a basic summary showing recommended times for children to be away from school when suffering from childhood diseases. A comprehensive list is available at [https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance\\_on\\_infection\\_control\\_in%20schools\\_poster.pdf](https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf)

\* For sickness and/or diarrhea it is essential to keep your child away from school **until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting**. These sorts of bugs can be transmitted very easily, particularly in school settings. We do encourage lots of hand-washing in school and would ask you to follow this at home, as well. Please remember if your child is unwell they will be much more comfortable at home with a parent or carer who can look after them much more closely than we can in school.

\*\*For advice on dealing with headlice please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



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Music Service



## **STRING STARS @ North Herts Music School**

**Saturdays 9.00am - 9.30am**

**Learn a string instrument in this new group lesson,  
starting this term!**

This group is suitable for children aged 5 to 7 years (accompanied by a responsible adult) that want to make music and make new friends!

No previous musical experience is necessary and all instruments are provided.

### **Places are limited**

To book a place on this course, please scan the attached QR code or visit [www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk) and head to the North Herts Music School page.

If you would like more information, please contact the music centre office on:  
01462 434052.

**Day and time:** Saturdays @ 9.00am (Start date to be confirmed.)  
**Cost:** £59 per term  
**Venue:** North Herts Music School, SG4 9RU  
**Contact us:** [hitchinmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:hitchinmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

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