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# STRETTON BEE

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The newsletter of Stretton Sugwas Church of England Academy

*"Each bee plays a part in the hive." inspired by 1 Corinthians 12 : 12-31  
"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."*

To strive to help everyone discover and use their gifts as part of a team, we encourage them to "bee"long, "bee"lieve and "bee"have.

## "Bee"long – How has the team been working together this month?



I'm always immensely proud of the children and staff at Stretton. This month, I've been particularly struck by how respectful and reflective our pupils are. The Act of Remembrance was moving as children bowed their heads and walked past the poppy crosses on display outside, whilst Abide With Me was playing on our speakers.  
Mr Davies- Executive Headteacher

Part of my beliefs in education is that children should be given chances to lead and contribute. This month, I needed a child's help to design a memorial for our new Remembrance Garden: a reflective outdoor space. I called upon Emie, a Y6 girl who took my ideas, made them better and produced something quite wonderful that is now outside on display for the whole school to enjoy. Her design is featured to the right of this message.  
Mr Ford- Head of School

We're looking to sell more greetings cards soon. We have lots of ideas to make money to buy things for the school. All of the honey is nearly gone but people haven't bought cards off us for a while. Perhaps we can go out and sell them.  
School Councillors



Well done to the Y6 children for surviving a whole week at Woodlands. They got to lead all week and the Y5s were in charge back at school.  
Sports Leaders



We had a lot of entries for the Anti-Bullying Week poster competition. It was tricky to pick winners so we just gave out prizes to runners-up too.



There was overwhelmingly positive feedback this month from all of the children, staff and adults involved in the Y6 Woodlands Residential. The children really did bond even more as a group and develop life-long skills that they will remember forever. It's such a great experience for our older children and we always listen to any suggestions to improve.

## Diary Dates

Design by Emie Allard  
Worker Bees



## Happy Birthday



Congratulations to:  
Ruby, Oliver W, Dan, Finley, Eden, Ralph, Rachel, Lily-Jayde, Oryn and James



“Bee”lieve – What skills have we seen this month?

# Bees of the Week

Images taken by members of the BUZZERS tech team



Bumbles—Ederson for being a super hard worker.  
 Busys—Katherine for fabulous work all week.  
 Honies—Ella for fantastic work in Maths.  
 Queens—Noah for being fabulous all week.  
 Workers—Charlie H for having an amazing week in maths and English.  
 BeeKeepers—Charlie H for always being kind in the yard.  
 Sports Leaders—Olive for playing with the boys in football.  
 Attendance Award- Bumbles and Workers 100%



Bumbles—Georgia for excellent effort and focus in phonics.  
 Busys—Olivia C for always being ready to learn.  
 Honies—Henry for fantastic work in phonics.  
 Queens—Harley S for super effort with your writing.  
 Workers—Charlie for showing a mature attitude at Woodlands.  
 Sports Leader—Dottie for joining in football,  
 Bee Keepers—Hugo for always being kind.  
 Attendance Award- Bumbles and Honies 100%



Bumbles—Olive for being a really kind friend.  
 Busys—Jake for really trying with his handwriting.  
 Honies—Finlay for excellent work in Maths.  
 Queens for always smiling and giving 100%.  
 Workers—Finlay for such a wonderful poem in English.  
 Attendance Award- Honey Bees 98%



Bumbles—Amelie for excellent focus and effort in maths.  
 Busys—Isla for a huge effort in her work.  
 Honies—Lily for having a fantastic attitude to learning.  
 Queens—Nathaniel for concentration and effort in maths.  
 Workers—Ruby for your incredible effort in all that you do.  
 BeeKeepers—Alaria for helping Tilly feel happy.  
 Sports Leaders—Johnny for being really nice and fair in sports.  
 Attendance Award- Honeys 100%

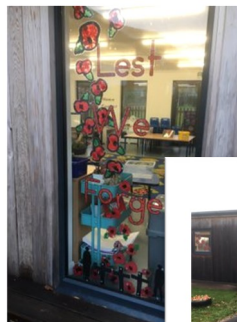
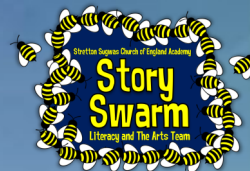




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# Around The Hive

Articles written by members of the Story Swarm team



## EYFS News

The New Bees transformed their outdoor spaces this month to commemorate Remembrance Day. There were poppies everywhere and splashes of red and black across the building too.

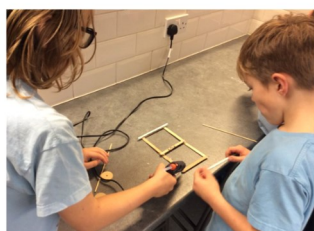
Mrs Fisher and the team had lots of activities going on throughout the month to help children understand the meaning of the day and why we celebrate it.



## Key Stage 1 News

This month the school had a visit from a traveling museum. HCF funded the mobile museum man to come in and share his collections of natural curiosities with each class. The Busy Bees and Bumble Bees were especially taken by all of the bones and stuffed animals on display...but even got to touch them.

The classes have also been lucky to have Lucia visit and teach them dance every week. She is from Nicola's School of Dance and has been running a club after school as well.



## Key Stage 2 News

The children have been particularly busy in Queen Bees with their technology and science work.

They each made a basic structure for a moving vehicle out of wood and stuck it together. They researched designs and modifications to make it go faster and will test them out at the end of term.

As well as this, the children have been researching circuits, using bulbs, batteries and buzzers. Mrs Cartwright has been impressed by their knowledge and can't wait to see the results.



## Other News

Miss Bowen was very pleased that some of her pupils created a book club that started this month for the older children. They led it and it was wonderful to see so many children excited about sharing their books.

Also, the children's ideas for Rainbow Spaces around the school has been successful. These are little spaces where people can go to for a calm down.



“Bee”have – What else is important for our team this month?

# What's The Buzz?



## Congratulations

Well done Rowan who has collected all of the i-spy books and has been sent a certificate.

Well done to Alaria who represented Stretton the West Midlands Regional Schools Championship and finished 2nd out of 34 qualifying for the semi finals in January! Amazing Alaria!



## Time To Reflect

We were privileged to attend the village Act of Remembrance. Some pupils were able to lay a wreath and pause in silence.

The villagers who were there mentioned how well the children did and how respectful they were. We will remember them.

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Our friends at Stretton Sugwas church would like to make you aware of the following events:

The **first Sunday of every month** is a family service at 10am. *Everyone welcome.*

Contact Rev Dr Phill Brown for more details.



MAYBE YOU COULD CALL...

**THE B-TEAM**  
PUTTING OTHERS FIRST

**1432 76 282**

STRETTON SUGWAS C OF E ACADEMY SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

## Next month's theme is Christmas Countdown of Hope



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