

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 12th September**  
 Current Topic: **'Hello'** Current Value: **Resilience**



Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

EYFS— Chicks 97%  
 KS1— Penguins 96%  
 LKS2— Doves 100%  
 UPKS2— Toucans 99%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 195  
 Lancaster — 222  
 Hurricane — 218  
 Wellington — 207

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:  
 Logan H (Owls) Evie K (Eagles)  
 Arwen (Kingfishers) Freddie D (Peacocks)  
 Lincoln N (Toucans)  
 Liam P (Peacocks)

**Stars of the Week**

**EYFS**

**Chicks:** Michael: For being a kind friend and being a super polite chick.

**Ducklings:** Clara: For quickly settling into routines and having amazing manners.

**Year 1 and 2**

**Penguins:** Hennie: For settling so quickly into Penguins Class and very quickly becoming an awesome penguin! Lucas: For being a fantastic role model and stepping up to help the new year 1s settle into Penguin Class.

**Robins:** Pip: For her enthusiasm, positivity and determination in all her learning. I am so proud of you! Savanna: For being a role model in class and challenging herself in all areas of learning. What a super star!

**Parrots:** Poppy-Belle: For Being a wonderful role model and friend to all the Year 1s. Daisy: For showing great positivity in all her learning and settling in so well to Parrots.

**Year 3 and 4**

**Owls:** Gracie: For settling in well to Owls and trying really hard with her writing. Charlie: For consistently showing a great attitude to learning.

**Kingfishers:** Aaric: For settling into Kingfishers class and sharing his fantastic times table knowledge. Oliva C: For settling really well into Kingfishers class. Rory: For settling into Kingfishers class and sharing his fantastic historical knowledge

**Doves:** Elsie: For settling into Doves really positively. We are very grateful to have you. Evelyn: For having such a positive start being new to our school. Doves are lucky to have you.

**Year 5 and 6**

**Eagles:** Iona: For a fantastic start at Gateway, embracing every opportunity and consistently trying your best. Tommy: For fantastic engagement in the IMPS session, offering valuable answers and showing respect to everyone around you.

**Peacocks:** Freddie: For settling in well to Peacocks class. Lily-Ann: For demonstrating excellent first aid skills with IMPS.

**Toucans:** Amelia: For having a great first week in Toucan's class and demonstrating a fantastic attitude to her learning. Maisie: For settling in really well and already proving that she will be a great asset to Toucans class.

### An update from Mrs Anstee

We are thrilled to share that we have received £940 from Carterton Educational Trust to fund further reading books across the school.

These vital funds will help us to purchase books for our year 2 'free readers' and will include specific dyslexia friendly texts. As you will have heard in the national media, school budgets are really stretched currently and this support from Carterton Educational Trust is so appreciated. The trust has been in place since 1994 and works to 'support all people within the Carterton area, whatever their economic circumstances or physical and mental abilities, to participate in educational events and activities or experiences.' You can find out more on their website <https://cartertoneducational-trust.weebly.com/>



Carterton Educational Trust

### An update from Mrs Gardner

We're pleased to let you know that Natasha Stone has recently joined our safeguarding team as a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). Natasha will be working alongside myself, Toni Summers and Kayleigh Anstee to make sure that all our children feel safe, supported and cared for in school.

Our safeguarding team is here for every child and family in our school community. If you ever have any worries, questions, or would just like to chat about something that might affect your child's wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of us.

Together, we are committed to making our school a safe and happy place for all.



### An update from Mrs Summers

Next Wednesday from 8.35-9.30, will be the first Mingle in The Mess of the academic year, this is a monthly coffee morning. A chance to meet other parents/carers and get to chat to me about any worries etc. Younger siblings are welcome to join you, we have plenty of toys to keep them occupied.

The Mess is situated by the main gate, I drop off some children to their classes after breakfast club but I will be back ASAP to open the gate and door to let you in.

Over the coming months, I will arrange for the school nurse team to come in or representatives from RAF Brize Norton to attend to give you the opportunity to meet them in person over a cuppa and some cake. I hope to see you there.

## EYFS



WOW What a busy week we have had. We have been doing even more settling into routines and this week have had our first ever PE session at big school.

We went into the hall and played lots of games, focusing on staying safe, moving carefully and following instructions.

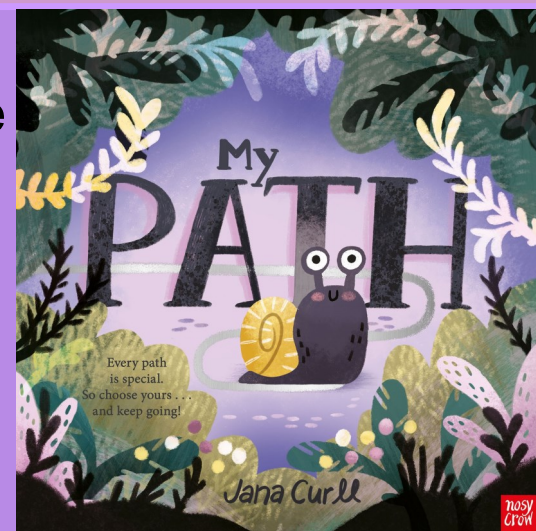
Back in the classroom we have been painting portraits, drawing ourselves and showing off our name writing skills. We have learned some counting songs and have heard lots of stories. Some of our favourite story characters have been starting school as well, so we have loved hearing about their adventures.

We are looking forward to trying our newly ordered hot school meals next week and having more fun on the playground at lunchtime.

Ask us about all of the activities that we can try when we are outside.

## Year 1 and 2

What a wonderful week in Key Stage 1! We have been so busy exploring our classrooms and beginning our new learning. We have enjoyed discussing and story mapping our new book, My Path. We have learnt that we each have our own unique paths, and that we should keep trying and never give up! Our story is about a resilient



snail, so we have been painting snails and making snail maps using loose parts. We have also been dancing like the Hare and Tortoise, trying yoga and playing team games during PE. In Science, we made a time tunnel and had great fun identifying who's who in our baby pictures! In Art we have been using mirrors to observe our features closely and create self portraits using water colour paints. We enjoyed showing you our classrooms and learning!

## Year 3 and 4

We have had a fantastic first full week in Year 3 and 4. We have continued to explore our book 'Can I Build Another Me?' in English and have used apostrophes to show contractions and possession. In maths we have been getting to grips with different strategies to add 3 numbers, we have focused on finding doubles, putting the largest number first (commutative addition) and finding number bonds to ten to help us add. We investigated the question 'Are the oldest children the tallest?' in science and measure ourselves to come up with our conclusions. We have enjoyed singing some songs to prepare for

'Young Voices' in our music lessons and explore paired balance in indoor PE. Next week is the last week of the 'Hello' topic so we will continue to clarify routines, expectations and getting to know each other. Have a great weekend.

## Year 5 and 6

It has been a very busy first full week back to school for the pupils in Upper Key Stage 2. Year 6 have taken part in IMPs program, which provides them with basic first aid techniques, including how to resuscitate someone who is not breathing. The Year 5 pupils have been learning other first aid techniques, including what to do if someone has a head injury or a burn or scald. In English, we have begun to look at a new stimulus, 'The Rules of Summer' by Shaun Tan. The children have enjoyed looking at the illustrations and thinking about what they like and dislike and any puzzles or patterns they can see in them. In Maths, the children are developing their understanding of finding missing parts using relationships and structures. During French, they have been learning about phonics and in this week's topic, the children have been using maps to write a four figure grid reference to identify a specific location. Peacocks class have started swimming, while Eagles and Toucans have been using indoor apparatus and working in pairs to perform balances using different parts of their body.



## Dates For The Diary

**Thursday 18th September** — Year 6 Junior Citizen Visit

**Wednesday 17th September and Thursday 18th September** — Individual School Photos

**Monday 29th September — Friday 3rd October** — Year 6 Yenworthy Residential

**Wednesday 8th October** — Flu Vaccination

**Friday 10th October** — World Mental Health Day

**Friday 17th October** — Parent Book Looks 8:35am

**Friday 24th October** — End of Term 1

**Monday 3rd November** — Start of Term 2

**Wednesday 5th November** — EYFS Open Day

**Tuesday 11th November** — EYFS Walk To Memorial

**Friday 14th November** — EYFS Nursery Rhyme Event To Parents — 2:30pm — 3:30pm

**Friday 14th November** — World Diabetes Day

**Wednesday 19th November** — Parent Meetings

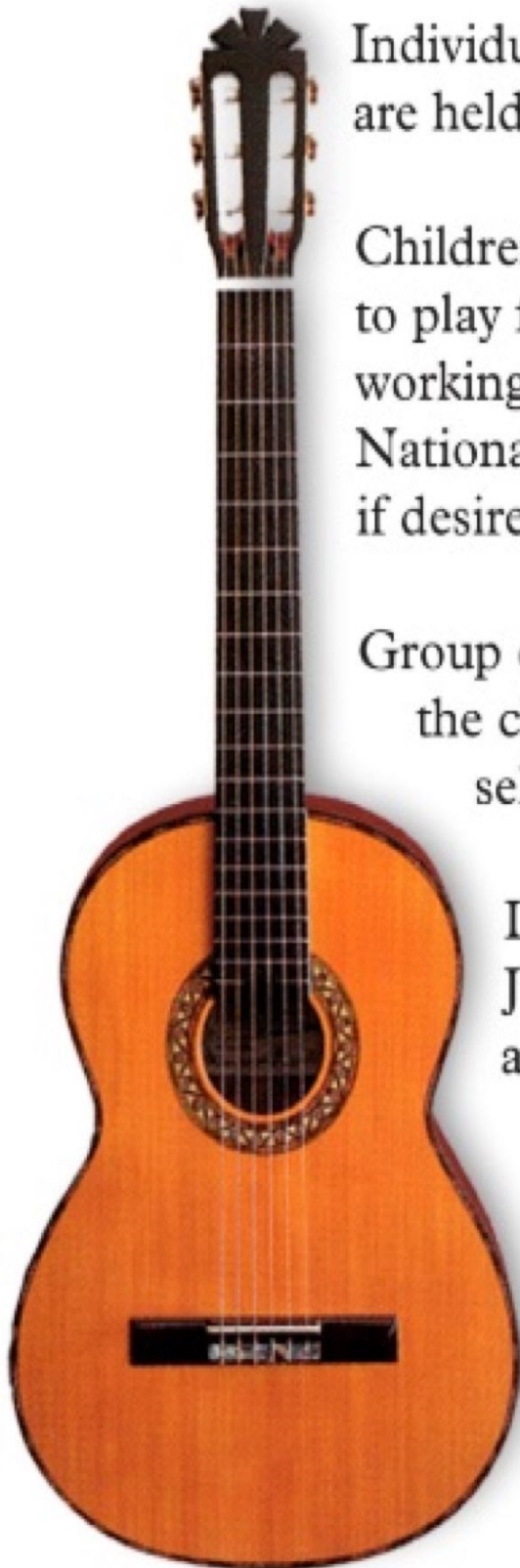
**Wednesday 26th November** — Parent Meetings

**Friday 5th December** — Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

**Tuesday 16th December** — Whole School Panto



# Learn to play the Guitar at Gateway Primary School



Individual and group lessons are held weekly during term time.

Children have the opportunity to play familiar tunes as well as working towards prestigious National Grade examinations, if desired.

Group concerts are given by the children, helping to boost self-confidence.

Lessons are given by Julia Rowe BA (Hons) MA, an experienced teacher and professional musician.

To enquire about a free taster lesson, or for more information, please contact: [Guitar.oxford@gmail.com](mailto:Guitar.oxford@gmail.com)

# West Oxfordshire



## Hand me on - Families

**GOT OUTGROWN SCHOOL  
SHOES OR UNUSED LUNCH  
BOXES? HAND THEM ON OR  
FIND WHAT YOU NEED.**

**LENDING  
LIBRARY**

**STAY LOCAL**

Join our community of families to re-use items needed for children or households. Everything is free, just hand on again for another family to use later.

**Family Group**

[www.facebook.com/groups/handmeonwestoxon](http://www.facebook.com/groups/handmeonwestoxon)

**Community Page**

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The hand me on community group is for families of all backgrounds within West Oxfordshire. Our aim is to reduce our carbon footprint while helping families.



# CrossFit KIDS

7-11 yrs  
Wednesdays @16:30

&



# CrossFit TEENS

12-15 yrs  
Tuesdays @19:30

BUILDING BETTER BEINGS

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# GET READY TO **ROCK!**



iRock band lessons are **fun**, boost **confidence**, support **wellbeing** and help develop **social skills**.  
**Join an iRock band today** and rock out all year long!



We are blown away by the care, attention and nurturing support our iRock Band Coach gives our daughter and we can't stop smiling seeing the confidence she's gained.  
Proud parent, 2025



**No experience needed** and all instruments are provided

**Choose** vocals, keyboard, guitar or drums

**Led by professional Band Coaches** with a love for music

**Access our online portal** for lesson updates and pictures

Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated **RSL qualifications available**

**30-minute weekly lessons** happen during the school day\*

*\*Some sessions may take place before or after school*

JOIN THE FUN

**There are spaces in bands at your school**

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[@WeAreiRock](https://www.instagram.com/weareirock)

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