



Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 7th November**

Current Topic: **'We Are Invaders'** Current Value: **Empathy**



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

- EYFS— Ducklings 96%
- KS1— Penguins 98%
- LKS2— Owls 100%
- UPKS2— Toucans 97%

End of Week House points totals:

- Spitfire — 144
- Lancaster — 129
- Hurricane — 147
- Wellington — 168

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
 Nina (Penguins) Milena (Penguins)
 Delilah (Robins) Cohen (Owls)
 Freddie (Doves) Zach (Penguins)

Stars of the Week

EYFS

Chicks: Frankie: For taking her time and working really hard on her letter formation.

Ducklings: Althea: For being a big sister expert and some amazing independent work in phonics.

Year 1 and 2

Penguins: Archie: For always being willing to help others and is an excellent role model in Penguin Class. Piper: For her great enthusiasm and engagement in English this week. We can't wait to read your Kenning Poem.

Robins: Beatrice: For excellent gymnastics, demonstrating balance, strength and agility. Well done, Bea! Nathan B: For beautiful Christmas artwork, that was careful and detailed. What a star!

Parrots: Eric: For settling really well into Parrots and already showing some great learning behaviours. Well done. Eva: For showing great independent learning and creating lots of interesting stories.

Year 3 and 4

Owls: Logan: For writing an excellent story. Epi: For trying his best in everything.

Kingfishers: Ellanore: For settling well into Kingfishers Class. Elsie D: For always working hard in all of her learning and being a fantastic Kingfisher.

Doves: Maisie: For having such a wonderful work ethic in all areas of her learning. Always striving for her best. You are a star! Olivia K: For showing such determination and dedication towards her learning in maths and always wanting to go above and beyond.

Year 5 and 6

Eagles: Eloise: For being an incredible part of Eagles class — your kindness and friendship is going to be missed. Charlie: For showing brilliant perseverance and effort to complete your work in lessons — you should be proud of yourself!

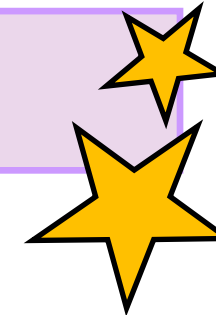
Peacocks: Noah: For super contributions during our English lesson about the characters from our text. Liam: For super focus and contributions in our maths lessons.

Toucans: Willow: For always participating thoughtfully during whole class discussions. Hallie: For writing an interesting double page spread about Charles Darwin.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club: Maisie S: For being a great support to younger children at breakfast club and always being really helpful.

After school Club: Lucas H-W: For being so kind and helpful.



An update from Mrs Anstee

You will soon be receiving an invite to book a parents evening appointment with your child's class teacher, via the SchoolCloud platform online. These appointments will take place on Wednesday 19th November and Wednesday 26th November. This ten minute appointment will be held in the hall and your child's work books will be available to browse. This meeting is intended to discuss academic progress and attainment and school staff will share assessment outcomes so far this school year. It is also an opportunity to share successes and identify development points moving forward. All parents are expected to attend this appointment - we look forward to seeing you there.



An update from Mrs Gardner

On Friday, 14th November, we will be marking World Diabetes Day here at school. This day is an opportunity to raise awareness about diabetes and show our support for those living with the condition — including many children and families within our wider community.

Did you know that around 30,000 children and young people in the UK are currently living with Type 1 diabetes? Every year, more than 1,000 children are newly diagnosed. Diabetes is a lifelong condition that requires careful management every single day, and awareness and understanding can make a real difference to those affected.

To show our support, we are inviting all pupils, staff, and community members to wear something blue — the colour of diabetes awareness — and to donate what you can. All funds raised will go directly to the Diabetes Department at the John Radcliffe Hospital, helping to support the wonderful work they do with children and families.

Together, we can help raise awareness, show kindness, and make a difference.



An update from Mrs Summers

Another busy and long term ahead but so much to look forward to. November is a poignant time for many as we commemorate Armistice day both in school and our community. Mrs Barnes is hoping to collect some more decorated rocks if you are feeling creative.

A general reminder about the forms that need to be filled in to help me offer support, in a timely fashion. Deployment and withdrawal forms are really helpful as soon as possible please, this way I can notify teachers and check in with the children in the build up to a move or deployment.



EYFS

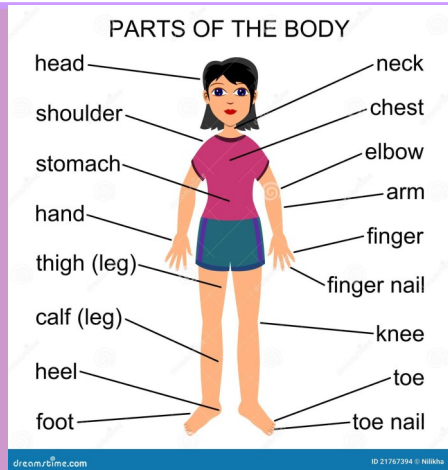
This week in the EYFS we have loved hearing about all of the things that the children have been up to over the October holidays. We have heard about new babies, holidays, trips on aeroplanes and lots and lots about trick or treating! They promise us that they still have lots of sweets left!

In class we have been finding out about our bodies and about some of the important jobs that parts of our bodies do, The children have heads full of skulls, brains and knowledge which they have loved sharing. We have been making skeletons as we have been talking about our bodies and even know some of the names of the bones. We have also been practising our scissor skills as we cut out skeleton bones to build our own skeletons.

In Phonics this week we have been working hard and have now covered s a t p i n m d - this means (INSERT FANFARE HERE!) we have learned enough sounds to be able to bring home our first ever phonics reading book! This is a huge milestone for all of us.

Next week we have another busy week - On Tuesday we are heading out for our first ever school outing. We will be walking to the war memorial to pay our respects and then the rest of our week will be all about nursery rhymes. It is World Nursery Rhyme week!

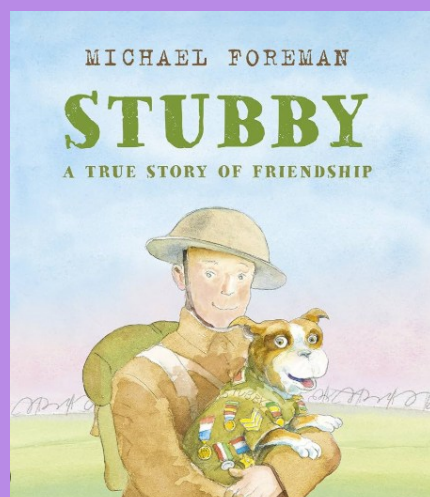
On Friday we have invited all of our parents to come into school at 2.45 for a sing along with us as we enjoy nursery rhymes together.



Year 1 and 2

It has been lovely welcoming the children back this week and hearing about all their adventures over the holidays, some have even managed to visit some castles. This week we have been talking about firework safety, concluding our history work on castles and even had a poppy making session with the Town Council. We have also started looking at the Kenning poem, BEwARE and have really enjoyed performing it. We have also been looking at the book "Stubby" and learning about the little dog who became a very important friend to a soldier in WWII. In Maths, we have been continuing with our counting to 100 and Year 2s have been looking at different ways to add and subtract. We have also all been busy creating penguin, robin and reindeer Christmas cards ready to send off to the Christmas card company. All the classes did a fantastic job and we know you will

love them as much as we do. Information about Parent Meetings will be coming out next week so please check Dojo for the latest updates. Have a lovely weekend and we will see next week for the final week of our We are Invaders Topic about castles.



Year 3 and 4

In English, year 3 and 4 have been writing their very own stories about a clockwork creation inspired by the clockwork dragon. These have ranged from clockwork friends, cars and even clockwork villains. They have had to think carefully about their plots and a possible problem that their clockwork creations needed to overcome. They have shown real resilience and creativity in their writing this week and we look forward to sharing our final pieces with each other at the end of the week. In French we have been learning how to use the phrase “Je joue” which means I play, applying this to musical instruments. Then in history, we have been looking at the impact the Vikings have had on life in Britain discussing things such as bringing in pigs and sheep, new crafting techniques and even new words. It has been really interesting to hear the children’s thoughts on what they believed were positive influences and what might have been negative.



Year 5 and 6



What a fantastic start to term 2. Everyone has returned ready and excited to learn and we have lots of amazing activities planned for the term ahead.

Toucans have made a brilliant start to their swimming lessons this term, enthusiastically showing the swimming staff what they can already do as well as really just getting into trying their very best.

In English, we have started a new learning journey which focuses on the book *The Roman Quests, Escape from Rome* by Caroline Lawrence. Children have had the opportunity this week to explore and understand the key events of the boat journey from Ostia to Britannia as well as focus on two of the main characters, Juba and Ursula. Lots of exciting twists and turns await the children as we delve deeper into the story and characters.

In maths, children have begun to look at place value, focusing on the composition of numbers to ten thousand and one hundred thousand. Children then had the opportunity to explore these numbers in real life contexts.

During afternoon learning children have begun to explore the Celts, in particular the Iceni tribe and their interactions with the Romans. As part of these lessons, children were able to explore the difference between primary and secondary sources.

Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 11th November — EYFS Walk To Memorial

Friday 14th November — EYFS Nursery Rhyme Event To Parents — 2:45pm

Friday 14th November — World Diabetes Day — £1 Donation Wear Something Blue

Saturday 15th November — Christmas Market and Story Time With Santa — 10-3pm

Wednesday 19th November — Parent Meetings

Wednesday 26th November — Parent Meetings

Friday 5th December — Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

Friday 5th December — GSA Christmas Bingo, Doors Open 7pm

Wednesday 10th December — Chicks Class Performance to Parents 2:15 — 3:15pm

Thursday 11th December — Ducklings Class Performance to Parents 2:15 — 3:15pm

Tuesday 16th December — Whole School Panto

Wednesday 17th November — Carols

Thursday 18th December — End of Term 2 — 1:30pm Finish

Monday 5th January — Start of Term 3

Thursday 12th February — Valentines Break The Rules Day

Friday 27th March — GSA Easter Bingo





GATEWAY SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION
JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2025
FROM 10 AM TO 3PM

Gateway Primary School, Netheravon Close,
Carterton, OX18 3SF

STALLHOLDERS WANTED
£10 A TABLE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A TABLE PLEASE CONTACT:

GATEWAYSCHOOLASSOCIATION@GMAIL.COM

REFRESHMENTS, CAKES &
RAFFLE

GSA
Presents

Story time with Santa



£5

15TH
NOV.

Meet & Greet

INCLUDES PRESENT, DRINK AND BISCUITS

BOOKING WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER SCHOOL IN
PLAYGROUND 3RD - 6TH NOV, OR VIA EMAIL BELOW

LIMITED TO 150 TICKETS

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

THE MESS, GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL BETWEEN 10 -3

gatewayschoolassociation@gmail.com



Bar & Refreshments available

Christmas Bingo

Join the holiday cheer with Christmas Bingo, where every number brings joy and yuletide surprises.

**FRIDAY 5TH DEC 25,
DOORS OPEN 7PM,
EYES DOWN 7.30PM**

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NOVEMBER

**Carterton Fayre
&
Christmas
Lights Switch On
Lantern Parade**

FOOD - STALLS - ENTERTAINMENT

Fayre 1pm -7pm Lights go on at 6pm

Carterton Market Square



Lantern Workshops



8	The	10:00 am
November	Family	-
2025	Centre	2:00pm

22	Carterton	10:00 am
November	Community	-
2025	Centre	2:00pm

Join one of the workshops and make a lantern
Parade takes place 29 November 2025

£1 suggested donation for cost of materials.



KIDS PHOTOGRAPHY



Hello!

We're excited to be in **Lechlade on Sunday, 23rd November!**

✨ **Christmas is coming** — and your photographs will be ready in perfect time for thoughtful gifts.

Book a **20-minute studio photo session**, designed especially for you and your family.

It's a relaxed, fun experience — a chance to capture beautiful memories together.

If you'd like to book or find out more, just follow this link:

<https://BookFamilySession.as.me/?calendarID=2683242>

We look forward to seeing you!

Lisa & Gemma

Love Kids Photography





MARRIOTT'S WALK

CHRISTMAS MARKET



27TH - 30TH NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 27TH 10AM - 6PM

FRIDAY 28TH 10AM - 7PM

SATURDAY 29TH 10AM - 6PM

SUNDAY 30TH 10AM - 4PM

FREE ENTRY
FREE PARKING



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