

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 14th November**

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



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

EYFS— Ducklings 94%
 KS1— Penguins 98%
 LKS2— Owls 100%
 UPKS2— Eagles 99%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 128
 Lancaster — 172
 Hurricane — 132
 Wellington — 168

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
 Sienna (Kingfishers) Mason Z (Parrots) Ayda (Penguins) Zac (Eagles) Indy (Doves) Savanna (Robins)

Stars of the Week

EYFS

Chicks: George: For trying really hard with his writing.

Ducklings: Sophie S: For working hard in phonics and really focusing to write cvc words.

Year 1 and 2

Penguins: Finley: For his amazing perseverance with his Kennings Poem. Eddie: For his amazing Kennings Poem, you worked so hard to make a fantastic poem.

Robins: Keeley: For her fabulous Kenning poem about a firework that used exciting and powerful vocabulary. What a star! Isabella: For working so hard on her reading at home. I am so proud of you!

Parrots: Xander: For always trying his hardest and being a fabulous role model. Keep up the good work. Mason L: For showing great understanding in maths involving addition and subtraction.

Year 3 and 4

Owls: Penelope: For settling in really well and being an excellent Owl. Cohen: For being very passionate when delivering his speech inspired by Malala Yousafzai.

Kingfishers: Leon: For working really hard in his maths this week. Rudy: For working hard at his handwriting, English work and maths work this week.

Doves: Dylan: For wanting to challenge himself in lessons. Such a star attitude towards his learning. Halle: For sharing really thoughtful and well articulated ideas about our learning on Malala. Well done.

Year 5 and 6

Eagles: Evie: for always showing a fantastic attitude to learning and a commitment to always give your best effort. Elsie: For writing imaginative and carefully considered descriptive sentences about a Roman boat journey.

Peacocks: Leah-Mai: For excellent teamwork and demonstrating super skills with our tricky balances. Ahrea: For excellent teamwork and demonstrating super skills with our tricky balances.

Toucans: Adelina: For growing in confidence and sensibly answering questions during whole class discussions and for having a great attitude to her work. Jordan: For applying independent thinking in all areas of the curriculum, particularly in Maths and English.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club: Evelyn C: For always looking out for her peers at Breakfast Club, seeking adult help for them when needed.

After school Club: Charlotte: For always being kind, respectful and going above and beyond to support her peers.

An update from Mrs Anstee

Next week we begin our new school topic of 'We are Time Travellers'. On Monday morning, class teachers will share with you a new topic web, outlining the learning and activities planned for each curriculum area. Alongside the topic web will be a new set of optional homework tasks, linked to the topic learning - although topic homework is optional, we know that families and pupils who engage enjoy the opportunity to share new knowledge at home and bring school learning into the home environment - we also love to share home learning success at school and teachers often display these outcomes in classrooms. This week I saw some fantastic homework from Amelia in Toucans, who had created a miniature book all about the Romans - it even included a tiny magnifying glass to read with!



An update from Mrs Gardner

A Huge Thank You to Our GSA!

We'd like to give a big thank you to our wonderful GSA for organising last Friday's fantastic school disco! It was a brilliant evening full of music, dancing, and fun for everyone. Thanks to their hard work—and your amazing support—we raised just under £500 to go towards new school supplies and special experiences for our pupils.

Events like these really bring our school community together, and we're so grateful to everyone who helped make it happen. Thank you, GSA, for all



An update from Mrs Summers

It is extremely proud to have supported pupils at the Remembrance service on camp and in Carterton. It was great to see so many children representing various groups, looking very smart on parade. On Sunday, Rose and Oscar laid the school wreath and on Tuesday, our House Captains attended the service at RAF Brize Norton. All showing empathy and respect when thanking those that gave their tomorrow for our today.

Mingle in The Mess (coffee morning) is next Wednesday morning from 8.35 I hope to see many of you there for a chat over a cuppa and cake. Younger siblings are welcome as we have plenty of toys to keep them occupied.



EYFS

Wow we are so proud of all of the Chicks and Ducklings this week. We were so impressed with their knowledge of Remembrance and why we wear our poppies.



On Tuesday we walked to the war memorial and paid our respects, saying thank you to the people who helped and help to keep us safe. The children walked beautifully, demonstrated great manners and held their 2 minutes silence.

As part of our World Nursery Rhyme week we have loved seeing the children's homework with their nursery rhyme pictures and have enjoyed singing lots of rhymes together. It's been a very musical EYFS this week!!

We have been super excited about our EYFS singalong session with our families.

Year 1 and 2

As we come to the end of our "We are Invaders topic" we have been sharing our learning with the rest of the school. We have been busy creating our own firework inspired kenning poems as well as designing and creating our own catapults. This has been great fun and we have enjoyed the detailed explanations of how to improve how the catapult fires at a target. It was lovely to end our week thinking about people with diabetes and watch the school turn blue for a day. Please remember to book in for parent meetings on Wednesday 19th and 26th November as we are looking forward to sharing all the fantastic learning the children have been doing.



Year 3 and 4

This week we have begun a new text all about Malala Yousafzai that builds up perfectly to our new topic next week about women who have changed history. We have looked at what life was like for girls in Pakistan when she was a teenager and have discussed how brave she was to stand up for girls and children's rights to an education. The children have shown such empathy in their discussions and views about what she had experienced in her life so far.

Then in Science, we have explored pollination by dissecting a Lilly and finding all of the parts that are involved with that process. We have also set up an investigation to observe how water is transported in a plant by placing celery into water with food colouring. Hopefully we will be able to observe some changes to support our understanding of this, this week. Do feel free to have a go yourselves and send us some photos of your results.



We have really enjoyed our invaders topic and are now looking forward to begin our new time travellers topic on "How women have changed history" next week.



Year 5 and 6

A really brilliant week across year 5 and 6 finishing our We are invaders topic. Children have really immersed themselves into their learning to understand what led to Boudica's rebellion over Roman Rule. Children have explored who Boudica is by looking at a range of sources of evidence, from Historian accounts, to artistic interpretations, in both painting and sculpture form, as well as looking at artefacts found where the Iceni tribe were located in Norfolk. Children also explored the key events that led to Boudica rallying numerous Celtic tribes. A really fascinating journey and we hope the children have been sharing their fantastic learning with you. We do have our year 5 and 6 sharing assembly on Tuesday (18th) so please make sure you come along so we can share all your children's learning with you.

In other learning, children have been exploring numbers up to one million in maths, thinking about how to scale and interpret those larger numbers. In English, children have continued to explore the text, Roman Quests, and have been trying to apply their knowledge of language to create effective sentences.

We also had the pleasure of taking a group of boys to the U11 Football tournament at Carterton Community College. We are beyond proud of how this group of boys conducted themselves throughout the tournament, both on and off the pitch. They were incredibly supportive of each other, praising each other's actions on the pitch as well as also cheering on other teams. They also played like true sportsmen, thinking about the best way to play the game and ensuring they made decisions as a team. The team in purple played four games, winning two, drawing one and losing one, finishing in third place. The team in red played three games and came away unbeaten. Winning their group. A brilliant tournament!



Dates For The Diary

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

Wednesday 19th November — Parent Meetings

Tuesday 25th November — Monday 1st December — Book Fair

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



Scholastic Book Fair



On Tuesday 25th November, we are excited to share that the Scholastic Book Fair is returning to school. The Book fair will be held outside the double doors of the Key Stage Two corridor on Tuesday 25th November, Thursday 27th November, Friday 28th November and Monday 1st December. It will also be in the library on Wednesday 26th November during parent's evening.

Please come along and buy some great, educational Christmas gifts for your children.



Payments can be made via scanning a QR code and paying on your phone, we **will not** accept cash. Please note we also **cannot** reserve books.

Thank you.



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**





Gateway Primary School,
Netheravon Close,
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Witney Hornets u6 & u7

Have you been inspired by the Lionesses?

Now it's your turn to shine!

If you're in Year 1 or 2 and love to run, kick, and play with friends – come join our exciting Girls Football Team, Witney HORNETS! Whether you're new to the game or already scoring goals in the playground, this is your chance to be part of something special.

-  Learn new skills in a fun and friendly environment
-  Play games and build confidence
-  No experience needed – just bring your energy and enthusiasm!
-  Make new friends and be part of a team



Sundays at Witney ATP 9-10

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CHRISTMAS

DATES

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EST. 2024

OXFORD

2nd January - 1:1s available

9-10am

10-11am

12-1pm

1-2pm

2-3pm

3rd January - CHRISTMAS CAMP

09:00-15:00pm

10-14yrs

£50pp

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