

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 27th March**

Current Topic: **'We Are Environmentalists'** Current Value: **Excellence**



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

EYFS— Chicks 98%
KS1— Robins 97.3%
LKS2— Kingfishers 98%
UPKS2— Peacocks 97.9%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 187
Lancaster — 180
Hurricane — 171
Wellington — 251

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
Mylo (Parrots) Amelia (Toucans)
Logan (Owls) Willow (Toucans)
Cohen (Owls) Molly (Toucans)

Stars of the Week

EYFS

Chicks: All of the Chicks: For being experts at looking after the Ducklings and teaching them to swim

Ducklings: All of the Ducklings: For being real Duckling experts and swimming teachers.

Year 1 and 2

Penguins: All of Penguin Class for being an amazing class who im incredibly proud to have taught this year.

Robins: Isla: For being a super star at Farmer Gow's, we are so proud of you! All of Robins: For representing the school beautifully at Farmer Gow's. You are all wonderful!

Parrots: Eadie: For excellent writing about our visit to Farmer Gow's. Daisy: For excellent writing about our visit to Farmer Gow's.

Year 3 and 4

Owls: Seren: For her fantastic Stone Age inspired homework. Joshua: For his amazing knowledge and enthusiasm during our science investigation about teeth.

Kingfishers: Yuna: For excellent understanding shown in maths all week as well as independently writing a Haiku. Rudy- for excellent determination in his maths.

Doves: Olivia S: For always seeking out challenge across all of her learning. You are a star! Autumn: For showing such kindness and compassion to all. A wonderful role model.

Year 5 and 6

Eagles: Bradley: For excellent perseverance and effort during PE. Oliver: For fantastic focus during english to write a newspaper report on Theseus and the Minotaur.

Peacocks: Esala: For being a pleasure to teach and for being such a great role model in Peacocks class and around the school. I will miss you. Rosie: For editing and improving her Greek newspaper report.

Toucans: Grace: For being a thoroughly terrific Toucan, who has been a super role model and consistently produced high quality work across all areas of the curriculum. Alfie: For demonstrating excellent team work during indoor P.E.

Breakfast Club: Daisy-May: For being a breakfast club superstar! Thank you for always being helpful and supportive to your peers. Lily-May: For being a breakfast club superstar! Thank you for always being helpful and supportive to your peers.

An update from Mrs Anstee

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and plays a vital role in shaping the future of our school.



By sharing your views, you help us to better understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve. Your insights guide our decision-making, support the development of our curriculum, and help us strengthen the overall experience we provide for our pupils and families.

We truly appreciate your continued support and partnership. Working together ensures that we create the best possible environment for every child to learn, grow, and succeed.

There is still time to complete the survey before our analysis - please follow this link to the Google form. <https://forms.gle/X2BBSBRwqi7LAFzD9>

An update from Mrs Gardner

On Monday, our KS2 pupils took part in a special assembly focused on Autism Appreciation. The session helped children understand what autism is, celebrate the strengths and uniqueness of autistic individuals, and encouraged kindness, empathy, and inclusion within our school community.



During the assembly, pupils explored:

- What autism means and how it can affect how people experience the world
- Sensory differences, such as how sounds, sights, and touch can feel stronger or weaker
- How emotions and social interactions may feel different for some people
- The importance of respecting and celebrating differences

We also shared a short video to help bring these ideas to life and highlight the experiences of autistic individuals.

Our aim was to build awareness, promote acceptance, and remind everyone that being different is something to be valued. We encourage you to continue these conversations at home and celebrate the diversity that makes our community so special.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Send&Friends for delivering such an engaging and informative assembly.

An update from Mrs Summers

During April, I will be running a little after school club for our service families as it is Month of the Military Child. I hope this is a well attended group each week and then I can repeat the club in term 6 to cover some different age groups or children that missed out on spaces for the first sessions. It will be on a Monday, after school until 4.15 each week we have invited a different phase, apologies to EYFS but this phase will be the priority next time.



A reminder that Buddy Club is available during the school day each week for those that have deployments or times of separation. Please get in touch if you have any questions and please fill in a deployment form so I am aware that your family requires extra support.

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have continued to look after the Ducklings....my goodness they have grown so much in 1 week. We have continued to write about all their progress in our Egg diaries and even taught them how to swim! We watched very carefully how the Ducklings webbed feet paddles through the water. It is like they are wearing flippers. We have been thinking about Easter this week and have made something special for our families....check in our book bags. In number we have learnt about



doubles and odd and even numbers. We have been earning house points for our early morning jobs and some independent CVC and counting challenges. We have enjoyed all the weather exploring our outside space and have seen sunshine, rain, sleet and hailstones all in 1 day! In PE we have been working together to use the apparatus, take turns and stay safe, as well as playing team games. We joined the rest of the school for Singing Assembly and have been practising singing the songs back in the classroom.

Year 1 and 2

Recount about the KS1 visit to Farmer Gow's by Eadie (Y1)

On Monday 23rd March me and the rest of the Parrots went to Framer Gow's. When we got to Framer Gow's I was excited. First we learnt about plants. We got to go in a polytunnel. It was 80 degrees it made me hot. Then we learnt about worms. Worms don't have any eyes and five hearts. Next we fed the baby lambs and stroked the baby lambs. They felt fluffy and cute. Finally we went to do egg collecting. When it was my turn I picked up a spotty egg. Then we went back to school. My favourite part was feeding the goats.



Recount about the KS1 visit to Farmer Gow's by Daisy (Y1)

On Monday 23rd March I went to Farmer Gow's with the rest of Parrots class. I was very excited because I wanted to meet all the animals. Next I wanted to learn more about animals. I learned about the polytunnel and it was 80 degrees and that the plants have fish poo to grow. I got to hold baby chicks. I met fluffy sheep, cute goats and fuzzy pigs. I got to collect some chicken eggs from the chickens. My favourite part was holding the baby chicks. Finally I got on the bus and arrived back to school.



All the classes had a lovely time and we have written some amazing recounts (as you can see) on our return. Thank you to all the parents that gave up their time to come along and support us. We wish Miss Hicks well in her new adventures and look forward to welcoming Mrs James to our KS1 team. I know the Penguins will make her feel very welcome. Have a lovely Easter break and we will see you all in yellow on Monday 13th April for the start of Military child week.



Year 3 and 4

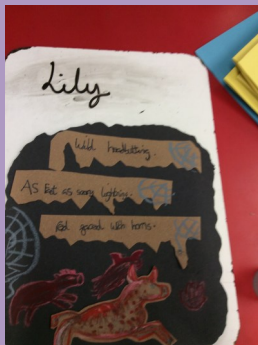
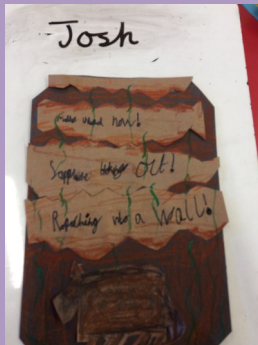
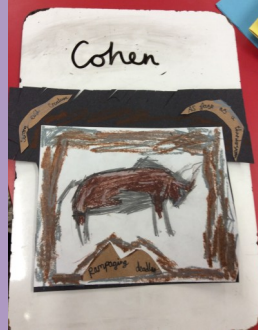
We have had a egg-citing last week of term this week. After putting eggs in coke, water, vinegar and milk in science last week, we took the eggs out from their liquids to see the effects the different liquids have on teeth. We had a smashing time (quite literally in owls!) and learnt lots during the egg experiment.

In English, we have written amazing haikus based on our own drawings of cave art animals. These haikus have personification, similes and powerful verbs and adjectives. In French, children have learnt to say the names of five different ice cream flavours and loved discussing their favourite flavours. We have also discussed our new school value of eggcellence (sorry excellence) in Time to Talk and explored real life examples of excellence.

As the term draws to a close, we would like to say thank you to you all for your continued support. We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs

Gridley who has been a wonderful part of the team and we wish her good luck in her new adventures. After Easter, we look forward to welcoming Miss Morgan (no relation to Mrs Morgan!) to the team and we are looking forward to the summer months with more enjoyable learning activities, in particular Hill End shortly after the Easter Break.

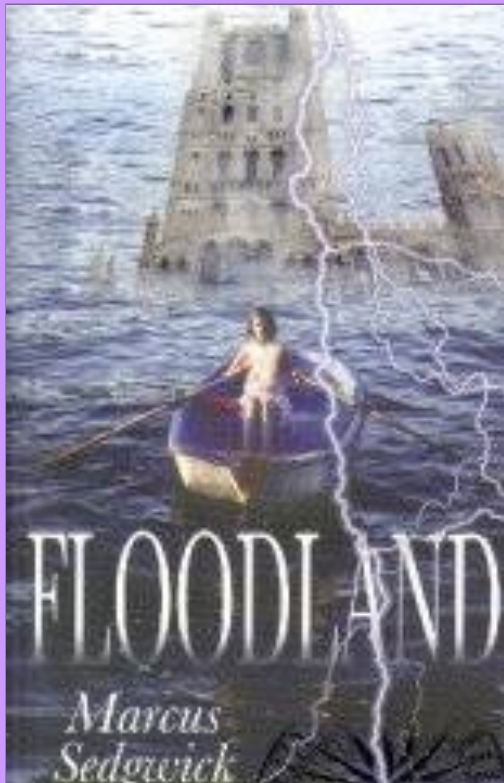
Have a lovely break.



Year 5 and 6

It has been another busy week for Year 5/6 and the children have worked very hard. In English we began our new unit of work based on the book, Floodland, by Marcus Sedgwick. The children have studied different book covers to predict what they think the story will be about. They have used pictures from the book, to generate initial ideas about the character, Zoe, who we meet first of all. We are also using Floodland as a text for our Guided Reading, and the children have been looking deeper into the text to answer inference style questions. In Maths, the children continue to use long division to solve problems

and write remainders as both fractions and decimals. In Computing this week, the children have been learning about databases and how to search and sort information to answer a range of questions. In Geography, they have studied tectonic plates and how earthquakes and volcanoes happen.



Dates For The Diary

Monday 13th April — Start of term 5

Monday 13th April — Little Troopers Dandelion Day — Wear Something Yellow £1 Donation

Wednesday 15th April — Mingle In The Mess

Wednesday 22nd April — Friday 24th April — Year 4 Hill End Trip

Monday 4th May — May Bank Holiday — School Closed

Monday 11th May — Thursday 14th May — Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 22nd May — GSA Non School Uniform Day — Donate a Coloured Item For Rainbow Raffle — More Information to Follow

Friday 19th June — Colour Run and Rainbow Raffle from 3:30pm





HARTIST Art Club!

Experiment
Have Fun! ★
Be Yourself

Easter Workshops

Sessions will take place at Windrush Place on 1st and 2nd April.



Art Workshops



★
1st April - @ 10:15 - Ages 6 - 11
Create a Easter Chick Squishie
Textile Project

1st April - @ 11:40 - Ages 9 - 14
Create a Jelly Cat Inspired Keychain
Air Dry Clay Project

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2nd April - @ 10:15 - Ages 6 - 11
Teddy Bear Day Out
Canvas Painting

2nd April - @ 11:40 - Ages 9 - 14
City or Landmark
Canvas Painting

★
Aprons and old T-shirts are a good idea
as some sessions may get messy.
Sessions will run for 1 hour 20 minutes.



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THEATRE KIDZ



Join us at Gateway Primary School!

We're so excited for another amazing term of Theatre Kidz at Gateway Primary School — get ready for fun, creativity, confidence-building and lots of show-stopping moments!






Club Details

- **When:** Thursdays, 3:15pm – 5:15pm (a 2-hour session straight after school)
- **Where:** Gateway Primary School
- **Start Date:** Thursday 16th April 2026
- **Monthly Cost:** £40.00 – Payments are prorated and spread evenly across the year to cover all sessions - working out at around £5.75 per hour. Payments are taken automatically on the 7th of each month (excluding August).

Please note: While classes are rarely cancelled, if this does happen we will apply a credit to your account.

👉 If your child is already part of the club, their place will automatically be secured for April – no action is needed.


What the Class Offers


-  Engaging drama and dance games to spark creativity
-  Confidence-boosting performance and movement activities
-  A warm, inclusive environment where all children are supported
-  A chance to build friendships and learn new skills each week
-  The opportunity to really learn and develop skills in dancing, drama and singing

How to Register (for new joiners)

1. Sign up online at: <https://app.gostudiopro.com/online/tpa>
2. Set up your payment details and enable auto-pay
3. Select “Gateway – Theatre Kidz Club” to enrol


Once registered, your child's place will be secured for the new term.

 What to Bring Each Week - Please send your child with a drink and a small snack (no nut products). Comfortable clothing and footwear are recommended for drama and dance activities.

 What Other Parents Say - “My son has been attending Theatre Kidz for several years now. It's his favourite activity of the week, and we've seen such a boost in his confidence. He always comes home excited to show us what he's learned. Friendly and professional teachers – highly recommend!” – **Laura, Oxford**



BOOKING SYSTEM

 07930980038

 info@theatrekidz.com

 www.theatrekidz.com

GSA Colour Run and Rainbow Raffle 19th June 2026

Monday 18th May - Colour Run logo competition and Colour Run booking opens (collect logo form from classroom or download from Dojo, colour run booking to be made through on Parenthub)

Friday 22nd May - Non School Uniform Day - bring in an item in the colour of your year group and we will make coloured hampers for the raffle.

Monday 1st June - Colour run logo competition ends (all entries need to be handed into office before end of school)

Friday 19th June - Colour Run and Rainbow raffle from 15.30

Please bring a donation in the colour of your year group to add to a colourful family hamper, which will be available to win during our summer raffle on 19th June.

Your donation could be snacks, sweets, chocolates, drinks, toys, stationery, toileteries, games etc

GSA RAINBOW RAFFLE

Non Uniform Day 22nd May

EYFS - **Red** Yr1 - **Green**

Yr2 - **Orange** Yr 3 - **Blue**

Yr 4 - **Yellow** Yr 5 - **Pink/Purple**

Yr 6 - **Black/White**

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Jazz Dance Fusion offers engaging, supportive classes where students can explore a variety of dance and gymnastics styles. Whether for fun, fitness, or dreams of performing, our welcoming environment encourages creativity, growth, and



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- **Cheerleading**
- **Heels**
- **Commercial Street Dance**
- **Lyrical**
- **Limbering**
- **Dance for Schools PE**

Performance Opportunities:

Students can participate in Dance Shows, Competitions, Workshops, Performances, and Afterschool Clubs, with plenty of chances to shine!

Jazzdancefusion@gmail.com

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Hedgehog Club Easter Activity Days at Hailey Community Wood, nr Witney

9.30am -3.30pm. 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th and 10th April 2026



Would your child like to spend a day outside building dens, bug hunting, hunting for Easter eggs, using tools and knives and lighting fires? Then why not book a place on the Hedgehog Club Easter activity days. They cost £43 per child for a whole day which includes hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits and campfire snacks all day. (early drop off and late pick available £53)

To book your place and see full details go to the website and follow the booking links.

www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

Joining instructions will be sent to everyone the week before. See you there.



Time to
**Take the
Plunge!**

🐰 **Easter Special** 🐰
Swimming Lessons

**Termly courses running in pools near
Ascott Under Wychwood
On 7th 8th 9th April from 10.00-1.00pm**

From £19.00 per child (maximum of 4)
1-1's also available by special request.

Termly Courses also available at Ascott Under Wychwood
and near Buckland. Prices vary.

***For more information & bookings
please contact Louise on WhatsApp: 📞 07717454011***

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**Easter Weekends
plus additional dates:**

30th March, Monday, 10AM-3pm

3rd April, Friday, 10AM-5PM

6th April, Monday, 10AM-5pm

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A journey of learning and discovery

Family Event 'Find the Fox Cubs'

30- 31 March; 1-2 April; 10am- 2pm

A springtime adventure - follow the trail and help mother fox find her missing cubs to earn an Easter treat! Including a craft activity and live storytelling. Suitable for 4-11 years.

£10 per child; **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Day Camp, Unbelievable Birds

Wednesday 8 April; 9:30am-3pm

A day camp for 8-12 year olds at Sutton Courtenay learning about the incredible features of birds.

£37 per child; **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Family Pond Dipping Workshops

Thursday 7 April; 10am- 11:30am and 1-2:30pm

Easter pond dipping fun for families with children 4-11 years - come and be amazed at what lurks below the surface!

£10 per head. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Family Night Safari

Friday 22 May; 7:30-10pm

Bring your children aged 8+ and discover what amazing animals come out at night on the nature reserve. We'll be checking the small mammal traps, listening for bats with the bat detectors, shining a light on the newts in the pond and more.

£10 per person. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Plus monthly Saturday wildlife clubs – **Nature Tots** (18 months to 4 years with an adult); **Nature Explorers** (4-7 years with an adult); **Young Rangers** (8-11 years unaccompanied); **Teen Rangers** (11-17 years unaccompanied). Visit the website for upcoming dates and booking.

Visit our website to book or for more info:



bbowt.org.uk/events

01235 862024 or sceec@bbowt.org.uk

bbowt.org.uk



More nature everywhere

Hello Easter Holidays!



Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started;

Activity 1:

Get active as a family

Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video



Activity 2:

Try a mini "mission"

A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves



Activity 2:

Keep it simple with food

Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!



Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

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or

Click the link



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*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.



WHAT'S ON EASTER HOLIDAYS

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND
THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA



**EASTER EGG HUNTS,
TRAILS AND DECORATING**



**TALES OF ACORN WOOD -
LIVE**



**EASTER BONNET MAKING
AND PARADE**

EASTER HOLIDAYS NEAR OXFORD

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EVENTS



FREE



OUTDOORS



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STARRING NANCY TROTTER LANDRY

FRI 26 - SUN 28 JUNE | COTSWOLD PLAYHOUSE, STROUD

SAT 4 JULY | THE THEATRE, CHIPPING NORTON

SUN 5 JULY | REDGRAVE THEATRE, BRISTOL

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