



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a wonderful, positive week!! A huge thank you to Mrs Dodd for organising and a massive thank you to FOGS for their funding! We started the week with everybody wearing bright colours and some excellent cricket coaching which the children across school enjoyed. On Tuesday we all enjoyed mindfulness sessions with Donja which helped us all to feel positive and peaceful. Wednesday and Thursday we enjoyed yoga sessions with Saskia which were thoroughly enjoyed by all and finally we all celebrated SCARF day. It has been a week filled with smiles and positivity and it has been so lovely to be lifted up whilst it's still cold and dark outside!



## **Staff Celebration**

I would like to take this moment to celebrate Mrs Fowler. A parent from another school emailed me to say how Mrs Fowler had encouraged her anxious daughter to take part in the Look Who's Talking competition. The parent explained that without Mrs Fowler's warm and caring intervention her daughter would not have taken part. I think we can all agree that this echoes the wonderful emotional support Mrs Fowler gives to our children every day. Thank you Mrs Fowler.

## **Sponsorship**

We are looking to invest in some new outdoor equipment for the playground and also some signage linked to Geography to make our playground an educational space as well. As you know budgets in education are tight and whilst FOGS do an amazing job it does not always stretch to all of our projects. If you feel that your company may be able to sponsor in any way, please do get in touch with me.

Playground equipment –

- Den building - crates, broom handles, tarpaulin, den building pegs.
- Construction/obstacle courses - planks, wooden shapes, tyres.
- Gross motor skills - balls, skipping ropes, balance boards.

- Performance Area - ribbon wands, musical instruments and will later be enhanced with dressing up (we have plenty of this) once the weather is warmer.



### **School Meals**

Due to increased costs across the food industry the price of school meals is unfortunately going to rise to £2.85. Meal prices are set by Caterlink and so I can only apologise if this impacts you. If you would like your child to receive a school meal but are worried about the rising costs, please check if you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### **Early Birds**

We are able to offer Early Birds from 8am to 8:30am every morning. Please continue to pay in the usual way via ParentPay and pay £3 in advance for all sessions. There is no need to pre-book, just feel free to bring your child along on any day you need to.

### **Parking**

Please can all parents ensure when dropping off or picking up that they follow the law and respect our neighbours when parking. This includes parking on the zig zags at these times, thank you for your understanding.

### **FOGS**

We have organised a textile collection to raise funds for our school. If you are having a Spring wardrobe clear-out please consider bagging up the items and bringing into school on Tuesday the 25th of February.

What we need:

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, bras, jewellery, paired socks, belts, soft toys, household curtains and towels.

All items need to be in a good, clean, sellable condition please. Please ask friends and family as the more items we have the more funds we raise.

**Bags2school will collect on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February at 9am.**

### **Village News**

Gretton Hub – The Hub will be open in the Village Hall from 10 until 12.30 this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The Hub has breakfast for all and activities for the children so go along – it's all free!

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, if there is anything that you would like to contribute please feel free to email me [head@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk) or the office [admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk)

Mr Sallis and the Gretton Team



**AWESOME**

Family Fun for all  
from St Peter's

**Saturday  
15th February  
4.00pm - 5.00pm**  
*Winchcombe Abbey  
School Hall*

**Don't miss it!  
Family fun for  
all ages.  
Great bible  
craft, music,  
games &  
activities and  
of course cake!**

**Everyone is  
welcome!**

Children  
please bring an  
adult with you!

## House Point Trophy

In our house points assembly it was very close, but our winning house this week was **Stanley** and I look forward to wearing the **blue** next week.

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	8	4 <sup>th</sup>	9	4 <sup>th</sup>
Langley	11	3 <sup>rd</sup>	13	=2 <sup>nd</sup>
Stanley	11	1 <sup>st</sup>	15	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sudeley	10	2 <sup>nd</sup>	13	=2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Gold Book Nominations (07.02.25)

#### Robins

Izzy - for making excellent progress with her reading and always joining in enthusiastically during our phonics sessions!

#### Kingfishers

Y1 – Bradley – for trying his very best in his learning. Well done.

Y2 – Juno – for some beautiful descriptive language in her expanded noun phrases this week.

#### Owls

Y3 – Freya - for creating a fantastic character for her story. You described the character's looks, habitat and personality with a range of adjectives and thoughtful vocabulary. You also drew a super picture!

Y4 - Jack - for constantly striving to do well in all subjects, contributing to class discussions and asking questions to further own understanding.

#### Eagles

Y5 - Hamish - for always showing kindness to others and working hard to improve.

Y6 - Bella - for always working hard and for having a positive approach to school. You are an excellent role model for others.

### Gretton Golden rules award – This term the focus is - We Listen Carefully

Robins – Joseph

Kingfishers – John

Owls – Albie

Eagles – Evie

## Spring Term 2025 Diary Dates

Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cross Country Race 5
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Last day of term 3</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Start of term 4</b>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening week (TBA)
<b>Thrs 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last day of term 4</b>
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of term 5</b>