



Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



Owls and Elm Class Belas Knap Walk

Owls joined up with Elm Class from Oak Hill School yesterday to complete an epic 6 mile walk to the Neolithic burial mound, Belas Knap. Along the way, we discussed how the landscape might have changed over time, hunted for rocks and fossils, which has been a topic of our Science and Geography work this half term and created our own Stone Age artwork using natural materials. On arrival at Belas Knap, we discovered a bit about its history and some is measured by striding it out - approximately 60 metres! All in all it was a great day, learning lots and making new friendships. Well done everyone and many thanks to the parents who accompanied us.



Poppy sales

We will start selling Poppy related gifts on Monday, there will be a £1 minimum donation to purchase an item. Eagle's class will bring the box to classes each afternoon. If you are worried about the £1 please send it in an envelope in the morning named and hand it in to the class teacher.

Safeguarding information – we have none of these books in school

Parent/Carer Information

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.
- We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Plant donations

Mrs Fowler is always working tirelessly to ensure that our gardens and boxes are looking beautiful. If you have any plants that you would like to donate to brighten up the school we would all very much appreciate your donations.

Shoebox Collection

Mary will be collecting the shoeboxes from school on **Monday 3rd November** so please get them into the office by then.

FOGS

🍁 Langley Halloween Cake Sale 🍁

We're trying something new this year — a House Cake Sale Competition!
The House that raises the most money wins 100 house points!

Langley's Halloween-themed sale is on 22nd October.

Please drop off cakes in the hall that morning.

We loved all the crazy hairstyles last Friday! Thank you to all who took part. This raised £52.20 for the school 🙌

Nut Policy

We are a nut free school, this is really important to keep some of our community safe. Can I remind you that this includes pesto which does contain nuts. If staff are aware of something in a lunch box then this may be sent home but we will inform you of this. Thank you for your understanding.

Early Birds

We are able to offer Early Birds from 8am (Please don't try before 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.

Thank you

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 or the office admin@gretton.gloucs.sch.uk

Friends of Gretton School Events 25/26

Welcome back—and a special hello to all new families! We've got lots of great events planned this year and would love your support. Whether joining the PTA or helping at a single event, every bit counts.

Get in touch by emailing friendsofgrettonchose@gmail.com or come say hi!



FRIENDS OF GRETTON SCHOOL PTA

Term	Month	Events
TERM 1	October	03rd - Crazy Hair Day 04th - Gretton Village Apple Rock 22nd - Langley Halloween Cake Sale
TERM 2	November	14th - Movie Night KS1 & KS2 28th or 29th - Wreath Making
	December	27th - Xmas Disco Xmas Cards
TERM 3	January	TBC - Break the Rules Day TBC - Cleve House Colours' Cake Sale
	February	TBC - Movie Night KS1 & KS2 TBC - Starling Valentines Cake Sale
TERM 4	March	TBC - Spring Raffle
TERM 5	April	TBC - Sizzling Easter Cake Sale TBC - Easter Egg Hunt Gretton Village
TERM 6	May	Start of Fortnightly Ice Cream Sales
TERM 7	June	26th - Family Colour Run & BBQ
	July	10th - Summer Disco TBC - Gretton Village Fete Refreshments at the Eagles Show

Easy Fundraising!

1. Buy something - like an apple - that we can sell at school for a profit and give 50%.
2. Organise an activity - like a quiz - and take the profit to school for fundraising.
3. Organise a challenge - like a summer sports festival - and give 50% of the profit to school for fundraising.

Disco

Movie Nights

BAKE SALE

cake sales

House Point Trophy

In our house points assembly it was very close, but our winning house this week was **Cleeve** and they have also won the half term and will have non uniform day on the first Friday back!

House Name	Previous Total Number of Discs	This Week's Result	Current Total Number of Discs	Current Position
Cleeve	9	1 st	13	1 st
Langley	7	2 nd	10	=2 nd
Stanley	8	3 rd	10	=2 nd
Sudeley	6	4 th	7	4 th

Gold Book Nominations (17.10.25)

Robins

Max M for remaining focussed and trying so hard in drawing club this week

Kingfishers

Year 1 - Izzy for writing a brilliant piece of descriptive writing about how special our earth is. Izzy wrote completely independently, remembering to include thoughtful adjectives, capital letters and full stops.

Year 2 - Freddie for putting in fantastic effort in all lessons! Freddie's work is always incredibly neat and completed to the best of his ability. Keep it up Freddie!

Owls

The whole of Year 3 and 4 for their amazing attitude during the walk yesterday - we walked approximately six miles with no complaints. Well done all!

Eagles

Y5 - Belle - Great use of figurative language and a semicolon in her narrative and for showing resilience throughout the week.

Y6 - Will - An excellent narrative based on The Promise, which included great use of figurative language and some ambitious vocabulary.

Gretton Golden rules award – This term the focus is - We try our kind and respectful

Robins – Max H

Kingfishers – Lottie

Owls – Elsie

Eagles – Milo

2025 Diary Dates

Mon 20th Oct – Owls Corinium trip

Weds 22nd Oct – Last Day of Term
- Langley Halloween cake sale

Thurs 23rd Oct – Inset day

Fri 24th Oct – Inset day

Mon 3rd Nov – Start of term 2

Thurs 6th Nov – PQ Football Festival – Y5/Y6 Newent

Mon 10th Nov – Y4 Residential

Tues 11th Nov – Y4 Residential

Weds 12th Nov – Y4 Residential

Fri 14th Nov – Movie night

W/B Mon 17th Nov – Parents Evening Week

Weds 10th Dec – Christmas Lunch

Fri 12th Dec – Xmas disco

Fri 16th Jan – Young Voices Concert