



Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to the new half termly newsletter! At the end of every half term, I will produce a letter that tries to encapsulate what the school has been up to over the half term, what we have to look forward to and where we are on our journey. As many of you are aware we are due to have a visit from Ofsted at some point this academic year, and we are busy preparing to show off the school in the best possible way. I just wanted to say a personal thank you to the school team and FOGS for their tireless dedication and hard work to make the school the wonderful environment for our children that it is. I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of Gretton Primary School and am amazed every day at how

wonderful the community is.

School Development

This half term we have worked with Helen Tate in Robins to support Mrs Patterson in the superb job that she already does. The feedback from Helen, a consultant who works with hundreds of EYFS teachers, was that it had been years since she had seen an environment that was so well planned and supported the children's learning in so many ways. A huge well done to Mrs Patterson.

We also had a visit from Mangotsfield to look at phonics in lower school; there was some really positive feedback about the way the school approaches phonics and the skills across the team. We also had some well received tweaks that we can make to support an even stronger offer.

The Primary Quest maths lead supported both us and Oakhill with a positive staff meeting to allow us to continue to strengthen the teaching of maths across the school. The format of I do, We do and You do is clearly demonstrated across the school and is allowing all children to access a range of reasoning and problem-solving questions across the week.

On top of this there has been lots of investment in training around writing across the school, continuous/enhanced provision, transition and ELSA.



Investment

The school has had a very successful launch of the new orienteering resources, and it has been lovely to see how these have been adapted to incorporate class-specific learning on the playground from the Fire of London to Maths! Thank you, Mrs Sollis.

There has been an injection of new playground equipment which has been wonderful to see at break times and the children continue to be engaged and imaginative in the most wonderful ways.

The addition of more balance bikes has allowed us to offer Robins more sessions and engagement to help with the gross motor skills.

We are also looking at a range of projects across the school to adapt and develop the offer and the environment. An exciting time!

Across the School

Mrs Patterson and Mrs Woolston have been busy with a lovely farm trip and lots of developments in their provision. Mrs Woolston has enjoyed taking the children out on their bikes for balance ability and we have had tadpoles and butterflies growing in the class too. Mrs Patterson welcomed the new parents for a meeting to share the excitement around September where we have 14 new children joining the school.

Mrs Sollis and Mrs Denham have been working hard to get the children ready for their phonics screening in Year 1 and it has been wonderful to see the amazing progress the children are making and how successful reading is in lower school. We have also been lucky enough to have tadpoles in class thanks to Mrs Fowler and it has been amazing to see them grow into frogs. We have also had clay house building with Mrs Denham and Elmer Day.

Miss Tyler, Mrs Fowler and Mrs Claassens have been busy getting Year 4 ready for their Multiplication Check and also have been producing some wonderful writing this term which parents will be able to see at the book look. It has been a real pleasure to see the progress the children are making and how many lovely opportunities they have had.

Well done to our Year 6s who took the SATs week in their stride, and a huge thank you to Mr Stinchcombe and Mrs Phillips who made it a calm week to allow the children to try their best across the week. Eagles also enjoyed a very interesting trip to London and to see the Parliament building.



Parking

The school has been working closely with the Gretton Village Association and has supported parking initiatives and reminders of safe parking around the school. You will have noticed our carefully worded signs and I have appreciated parents trying to support us in this process.



Arbor

We are now in a position that Arbor has replaced our School management system, a big thank you to Mrs d'Arcy as this was an enormous amount of upheaval and time. Mrs d'Arcy has made this process seamless and we are now fully integrated. The next steps are to share the parent app and eventually move over to payments, so watch this space.

Clubs and Sports

We have tried really hard to provide a model for clubs and how they will be arranged this summer. Next year we will be offering a club each evening – this will be with one paid club and potentially another. Thank you for your patience whilst we organised a plan.

Well done to Kieran in Owls whose team won the county cup. Bishops Cleeve won 6-1 which is an outstanding achievement.





Stem Workshop

A huge congratulations to Will and Toby from Eagles who took part in the County Knex Challenge – they finished runners up! As well as doing such a superb job, they were given extra praise for helping another team during the contest. Well done, you represented the school in Aiming High and were an absolute credit. Great job, we are all very proud of you!



Art Workshop

We were very fortunate this half term to have two art workshops – the first was across the school with Charlotte who did rock painting, and the second with Darryl who made the wonderful piece of art below with the help of those children who entered the national art competition.





FOGS

Your FOGS committee has been busy organising ice creams, planning the End of Year Party, and working with the Gretton Village Association on the upcoming Fete on 4th July — it's shaping up to be a fantastic event!

We've also been progressing plans for our ambitious playground refresh.

We're delighted to share that the committee has secured a £500 donation from Centaur Homes and a further £500 from William Gilder towards the playground project, with more funding applications currently pending, so fingers crossed for more secured funding!

Dates for your diary:

- 12th June – Non-Uniform Day for bottles, bears or books
- 15th June – FOGS Meeting, 7:30pm @ The Royal Oak
- 4th July – Gretton Village Fete 2pm
- 10th July – End of Year Disco, 5.30pm
- Frozen Fridays every Friday until 3rd July

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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 and Payments

We are able to offer Early Birds from 8am (please don't try before 8am) to 8:30am every morning. Please pay £3 in advance for all sessions via ParentPay. There is no need to pre-book, just feel free to bring your child along on any day you need to. Can I remind you that lunches and Early Birds must be paid in advance.

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

Mr Sallis and the Gretton Team



2026 Diary Dates

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| Monday 1 st June | First day of Term 6 Y6 Bikeability Week |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | Y4 Multiplication check Y3 Eastnor Castle visit Y4 Multiplication check Final swimming session |
| Wednesday 3 rd June | Science Festival – whole school |
| Friday 5 th June | RSE PSHE drop in 2pm |
| Tuesday 9 th June | Phonics screening check |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Phonics screening check |
| Friday 12 th June | FOGS non school uniform day (see poster below) |
| Thursday 25 th June | Sports Day |
| Tuesday 30 th June | Y5 Winchcombe School taster day Y6 Cotswold School transition day |
| Wednesday 1 st July | Y5 Winchcombe School taster day |
| Thursday 2 nd July | Y6 Winchcombe School transition day |
| Friday 3 rd July | Y6 Winchcombe School transition day |
| Thursday 9 th July | Reserve Sports Day |
| Friday 10 th July | FOGS disco |
| Monday 13 th July | PQ Y6 Event |
| Friday 17 th July | Last day of Term 6 |



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GRETTON VILLAGE
SUMMER FETE
@ VILLAGE HALL/ PLAYING FIELD
SATURDAY, JULY 4TH 2:00PM TILL 5:30PM **FREE ENTRY**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

FANCY DRESS PARADE - LIVE BAND 'KICKBACK' - SHEEP SHEARING - BBQ & BAR - CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY - FAMILY RACES / TUG OF WAR - INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE & BOUNCY CASTLE - RAFFLE - LOCAL ORGANISATION STALLS - FUN STALLS - WORLD CUP ACTIVITIES & MORE...

ALL PROCEEDS TO GRETTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION & FRIENDS OF GRETTON SCHOOL

GVA Fete July

Friends of Gretton School

NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 12th June

Children can come to school in non uniform in exchange for

a donations for our BOTTLE TOMBOLA
Or
PRE-LOVED BEARS AND BOOKS STALL

Bottles can be alcoholic drinks, soft drinks or even toiletries

FOGS

End of Year Party

WITH DNA KIDS

JULY 10
5.30 PM - 6.30 PM
GRETTON VILLAGE HALL

Tickets £6 - cash payments to the office in an envelope with your child's name, class and any dietary requirements or pay online using the QR code

Unlimited drinks, snack and take home treat included