



17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to the half termly newsletter! We say it every year, but how quickly this year has gone! It has been a wonderful year at Gretton; we have had some changes but these have all been seamless, and everybody has worked incredibly hard. I'd like to thank you for your wonderful support this year. There have been so many successes and positive developments this year and it is exciting to start planning for even more next year.

Goodbye

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Claassens. It has been a wonderful year and Mrs Claassens has been supportive across the school with both adults and children. She has had a warm and sunny impact, so a big thank you from all of us and good luck with the future.

Barney

Thanks to your wonderful support we were able to raise £600 for Barney's family and a huge thank you to Miss Tyler for organising. As a staff we have also put together some things from the school that we feel Barney will love. It is wonderful to see the whole community pull together and we hear that Barney is making amazing progress through his determination and can-do attitude. All of us send our thoughts to Barney and his family.

Staffing

Next year will remain the same staff allocation apart from a couple of PPA tweaks -

Robins

Mrs Patterson - Teacher Monday – Wednesday and Friday

Mr Bridges – Teacher Thursday morning for Forest School

Mrs Woolston – TA Monday – Friday mornings

PPA – Mr Sallis Thursday pm



Kingfishers

Mrs Sollis – Teacher Monday - Friday

Mrs Denham – TA Monday - Friday mornings

PPA – Mr Sallis Monday pm

Owls

Miss Tyler – Teacher Monday - Friday

Mrs Fowler – TA Monday - Friday mornings

PPA – Mr Sallis Tuesday pm

Eagles

Mr Stinchcombe – Teacher Monday - Friday

Mrs Phillips – TA Monday - Thursday morning and three afternoons

Mrs Fowler – TA Two afternoons

PPA – Mr Bridges Thursday pm (Forest school across school)

All TAs will be working some afternoons across the school for interventions as well as Mrs Phillips, Mrs Woolston and Mrs Denham having ELSA afternoons.

SENDCo – Mrs Dodd – Wednesday and Thursday (a change from Wednesday and Friday)

School Development

This half term we have worked with Helen Tate again in both Robins and Kingfishers to support the provision we provide, and also to identify successes and gaps and how this looks as children move through KS1.

We have completed further work with PQ Trust maths leads to strengthen our offer, and have signed up as a school to Early Years Mastery and whole school Mastery from GLOW maths. This is a 2-year programme of instruction and support which will elevate our teaching and results alongside the already superb support from PQ. In school this will be led by Mrs Sollis.

Miss Tyler and Mrs Patterson will share the English responsibility across the school; there are big plans to develop the way writing is taught and to bring more success to the children. It is very exciting and I know will strengthen our teaching even more.



Mrs Woolston and Mrs Denham have completed their ELSA training which is a fantastic achievement. Along with Mrs Phillips and managed by Mrs Dodd, this allows us to support a wide range of mental health needs across the school.

Investment

A huge thank you to FOGS and the rotary club who have donated £14,000 to develop our playground. This has been a huge amount of work for the FOGS team and I cannot tell you how much we all appreciate it at school and how excited we are to see the children's faces in September when they return! FOGS are also funding the decoration of our Eagles staircase which needs TLC and will look more inviting in line with the new entrance hall.

We are looking at building adaptations for the future, as well as heat proofing and will be constantly looking for opportunities to develop the Elliot building.

Obviously, we have invested in Arbor and the app. A huge thank you to Mrs d'Arcy for persevering and managing to get you all on the app. We are hoping that starting next year this will support communication and bookings across the school, which would give parents one place to get all details!

Year 6

Our year 6 pupils as ever have had an emotional few weeks. They were absolutely amazing in the play which was hilarious and acted with such confidence and gusto. We presented them with their Gretton teddies at our leavers' assembly alongside some lovely words from Mr Stinchcombe. A huge congratulations for their achievement in SATs, they worked so hard and really tried their best all week. We are very proud of them and know that they have an amazing future ahead of them! Good luck.

Science Festival

The whole school went to Cheltenham Science Festival. In Eagles class, we first went to the Discovery Zone, where we went round many companies that had set up stalls within an enormous tent. We went round with our friends, in groups, completing fun activities and challenges all to do with science. We collected stickers, badges and pens along the way! Shortly after, we had lunch, then made our way over to the Queen's Hotel where our main activity was being held: Adventures in Cyberland. We had to compete to get the most points during a mission to track down an internet superstar who had committed a cyber-crime. We did this by reading codes, looking at profiles and even reading word wheels! The winning team was Cloud and they each won a bag of goodies. After this we got our coach back to Gretton. I think it's safe to say that everyone had a brilliant time and it was a fantastic trip. Penelope (Y5)



Clubs

In the new year, all staff will be offering clubs which will be focussed on upcoming sporting tournaments, together with more craft base offers. Please look out for the letter in September and at some point the new way to book through Arbor.

FOGS

The FOGS Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your amazing support this year. From cake sales and movie nights to discos and more, it's been a busy and brilliant first year for our new committee.

A special thank you to all of our parent and teacher volunteers – we couldn't run these events without your time, energy and support.

The GVA Fete was a real highlight, and it was fantastic to see so many families there. The children loved queuing up to "Soak Mr Sallis" – what a great sport our Head Teacher is!

We're excited for the school to share what's happening this summer...

Finally, we'd like to wish all of our Year 6 children and families the very best of luck for the next chapter.

Thank you

Thank you for all of your support, we couldn't do the job we do and have the wonderful children that we have without you and your wider families. Have a great summer!

Mr Sallis and the Gretton Team

Autumn 2026 Diary Dates

1 st September	Inset Day
7 th September	Owls class meeting
8 th September	Kingfishers class meeting
10 th September	Eagles class meeting
11 th September	Robins class meeting
24 th - 30 th September	Book fair
15 th October	Literature Festival KS2
16 th October	Literature Festival – EYFS and Kingfishers
19 th October	Parents' evening week
22 nd and 23 rd October	Inset Days
26 th October	Half term week