Gretton Primary School

SEND & Wellbeing Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Mrs Dodd's note

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year and the children have all settled really well. It's been lovely to see so many parents attending parents' meetings and SENDCo Surgery sessions this half term too. Sharing My Plans before meetings has been well received and has helped make our conversations more meaningful and productive. Staff will continue working on these My Plan targets with the children over the next half term and these will be reviewed again in January.

Thank you for your continued support over this half term. I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy some quality time together. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on 2nd November.

Chunking information

Reducing cognitive load is important for everyone. Processing lots of information at once can sometimes feel overwhelming, particularly for children with SEND. One strategy that we use in school is 'chunking' information by breaking tasks and instructions into smaller, manageable steps.

At home, this could mean giving one instruction at a time, using a checklist or breaking homework into short tasks with regular breaks. These small adjustments can make a real difference.

Spotlight on...



Independent Speech & Language Therapy

We are fortunate to have an independent Speech and Language Therapist working regularly in school. Laura Brown, from Cotswold Speech and Language Therapy, specialises in supporting school-aged children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN), including children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.

Laura also has extensive experience working with pre-school children who have delayed language development and speech sound difficulties. She understands the importance of making therapy sessions fun, engaging and tailored to each child's interests, helping to maximise their progress and confidence.

Working alongside the school team, Laura carries out initial assessments and provides regular therapy sessions for children. Strategies and recommendations are then shared with parents and staff to ensure a consistent approach and effective support across both home and school environments.
If you would like to discuss support for your child, please visit her website here or contact her directly by email at cotswoldslt@gmail.com.

Spread some kindness

Friday 13th November is World Kindness Day and as being kind and respectful is one of our Golden Rules, we will be celebrating acts of kindness throughout November. These can be simple gestures, such as holding a door open for someone, or thoughtful acts like writing a thank you card; no act of kindness is too small!

We have included a kindness calendar that you may like to discuss with your child/ren so they can see how many acts of kindness they can complete throughout the month of November.





Parent Carer Feedback

Gloucestershire Parent Carer Survey 2026

The Gloucestershire Parent Carer Survey 2026 is now open. Parents and carers of children and young people aged 0–25 with SEND are invited to provide their feedback to help shape and improve local SEND services across Gloucestershire.

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