



19th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



It was a privilege to welcome OFSTED into school and showcase the positive, nurturing community that we are proud to be part of. The parent survey received particularly positive feedback, with the inspector commenting that it was among the most favourable responses they had seen during their many years of inspecting schools. Thank you to everyone who contributed and took the opportunity to celebrate the many strengths of our wonderful school.

This term has already provided a wealth of exciting opportunities for our children, including visits to the Literature Festival, the introduction of violin lessons in Kingfishers, and a highly successful Book Fair.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for their support during Parents' Evening. The school remains committed to offering 15-minute appointments because we believe they enable more productive discussions and help strengthen the important partnership between home and school.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support in promoting excellent attendance. We have seen a real collective effort in this area, and I am delighted that our attendance currently stands at **96.1%**, comfortably above our target of **95%**. This achievement is a testament to the commitment of our families and provides our children with the best possible opportunity to succeed.

OFSTED

Please find 2 links that you may find useful -

Parentview - <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/24749/18>

Report card - <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/137854>



End of school

I have loved watching our community make use of the outside area after school and do not want to stop the fun, but if I could ask that the playground is vacated by 3:30pm please. This allows after school clubs to start and for teachers to be free to get on with other tasks. Thank you for your understanding.

House Winners

This term's house winners and non-school uniform for the Friday back after half term are – **Sudeley!** Well done to the yellow house!

Cross country

A huge congratulations to the children that have taken part in cross country at the Vineyards in Tewkesbury this term. All children have improved over the 3 meets and we have had some great results and resilience on display throughout. Well done to – Jack B, Jasper G, Harry S, Noah S, Jude P, Holy M, Aubrie W-K, Tilly E, Emma S, and Juno S-W. A special recognition to Kieran A who won the event for the overall boys at the last meet. We are all very proud of all of your achievements!

School Development

The new playground development has had an enormous impact on the outside space and the behaviours at break and lunchtime. The playground now has clear zones and it has been wonderful to see the different areas used in different ways, and for the children to interact with each other and the equipment. We have still to add the different height moveable blocks and again, this will add another interactive element to the playground.

We have currently got two bids in for government funding – one for the Elliot building to be replaced and one for new heating in the school. These are major undertakings to collate all the necessary paperwork, and we would like to thank Primary Quest for their ongoing support with trying to improve the school physically. We will of course keep you updated with any successes.



Literature Festival

Our pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Cheltenham Literature Festival, where they had the opportunity to be inspired by some outstanding authors and poets. Robins and Kingfishers attended an engaging session based on the much-loved *Little People, BIG DREAMS* series, encouraging children to explore the lives and achievements of inspirational figures from around the world. Owls were delighted to hear from celebrated Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, who shared his passion for poetry, storytelling and creativity. Meanwhile, Eagles took part in an exciting poetry workshop led by Katherine Rundell, where they explored language, imagination and the craft of writing. The festival was a wonderful experience for all involved, fostering a love of reading, writing and literature across the school.

Poppy Appeal

As part of our support for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, we will be selling a range of poppy-themed items in school from Monday 2nd November. Children will have the opportunity to purchase poppies and other commemorative items, with a suggested donation of £1 per item. Every contribution, no matter how small, helps to support serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families. We are grateful for your generosity and support as we come together to remember and honour those who have served.

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 half term break!

Mr Sallis and the Gretton Team

Autumn 2026 Diary Dates

22nd and 23rd October – Inset days
26th - 30 October – Half term
2nd November – Whole school flu vaccinations
4th & 11th November – Prospective new YR Open Mornings
13th November – Children in Need
16th – 18th November – Y4 Viney Hill residential
20th November – Individual & sibling photos
3rd December – YR & Y6 Height & Weight screening
9th December – Christmas lunch