



13th September 2024

Executive Head

It has been really enjoyable this week, hearing and seeing the children outside playing respectfully with each other, although it has definitely seemed like autumn this week with the cooler weather! I have been treated to many conversations with children this week about their learning, I hope they have begun sharing their new topics with you too.

Next week we are really looking forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate the start of year with us officially on 19th September at 9.00am. Once you have dropped your children off please head to reception.

Skylarks

Skylarks have had a fantastic first week back! Well done to Reception for settling in so quickly and a big well done to year 1 and 2 for setting such a good example of our learning behaviours and working incredibly hard to ensure that new reception children feel settled and welcome.

This term our science topic is 'our bodies', this week's lesson focused on drawing around members of the class, adding details and labelling parts of the body. Our geography topic this term is 'hot and cold climates', we discussed and sorted images of hot and cold places in the world and thought about the significance of the equator. Our PE topic is 'team building' we have had lots of fun co-operating with partners to complete challenges as well as thinking about the skills we we need in order to work well alongside others. Have a fantastic weekend all!

Mallards

What a great start to the new year Mallards have had.

In English, we have been looking at The King of the Fishes. This is a wishing story and we are getting ready to write our own stories. We have been looking at comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000 in Maths. We have also begun practicing quickly recalling our times tables.

In Geography this term, we are learning all about climate zones and how a countries position on the globe determines the type of weather they may have.

In music, we have begun looking at a country and western style song. We have enjoyed playing along on the glockenspiel.

Swans

This week has flown by in Swans. The children have really engaged with our new topics and come back ready to learn. This week we looked at the causes of World War 2, we investigated the properties of materials and did detailed drawings of fruit and vegetables. Please can the children remember that it is PE on Monday and Thursday this year.

School Prayer



Mighty God from up high,

You are the Lord of the earth and sky,

We know we sometimes get things wrong,

We're sorry for those things we've done.

We thank you for our families, friends and school, We thank you for loving us all.

Please can you let our lights shine, In all our work, including mine.

Amen

Helpful Information

School Website - <https://www.gillingham.dneat.org/>

School Meals - <https://www.gillingham.dneat.org/our-school/school-meals/>

School Calendar - <https://www.gillingham.dneat.org/calendar/>

Term dates 2024 / 2025- <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38151>

Term dates 2025/2026 - <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/57134/Term-dates-and-school-holidays-2025-2026>

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App for School Communications - <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 10/09 - Hobart visiting Y5
- **19/09 - 9am Start of year blessing - Parents invited**
- **25/09 - Dental Screening* Moved to 27/09**
- **27/09 - Dental Screening Whole School**
- **01/10 - School Meals price increase**
- **03/10 - Y6 to SJL for Arts Day**
- 08/10 - NSPCC Workshop Y2, Y5, Y6
- **16/10 - Tempest individual & sibling photos**
- **24/10 - Harvest Service**
- **01/11 - Bikeability Level 1 Y3 & Y4* Moved to December**
- **04/11 - Flu Vaccination Programme**
- **20/11 - Y6 & Reception NCMP**
- **20/11 - Reception hearing & vision screening**
- **24/10 - Last day of Autumn Term 1**
- **04/11 - First day of Autumn Term 2**
- **09/12 - 01/11 - Bikeability Level 1 Y3 & Y4**
- **20/12 - Last day of Autumn Term 2**
- **07/01 - First Day of Spring Term 1**

Club Open Evenings



On Wednesday 4th & 11th September we are holding Open Evenings. Why not pop down, see where we play, what a session looks like, and meet some of the players and club volunteers.

6.00-7.00pm for children age 5+

7.30-8.30pm aged 16 years +

at East Point Academy Astro.



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