



17 March 2023

# Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

**Message from our Executive Head** Thank you for your support with Comic Relief, and thank you to our school council to organise our support of this National Charity appeal. I am always impressed by the way that children show the value of friendship and compassion to others both in school and beyond. **Mrs Brand**

**SKYLARKS** This week we have planted lots of different seeds in Science, we are testing how seeds grow depending on their depth in the soil and their orientations. In D.T. we used different tools such as knives, graters and peelers to prepare different fruit and vegetables. In R.E. we sampled hot cross buns as we learnt about why Christians traditionally eat them on Good Friday. In Music we sang a song called 'Hey friends' using a score and used our voices as instruments to make sounds to the music. Finally, as well as comic relief on Friday it was also national Science week so we became nature detectives and looked around the school grounds for signs of animal life! **Mrs Carroll**

**MALLARDS** This week we celebrated science week and were engineers. The children were challenged to make the strongest bridge they could out of a single sheet of paper. They were amazed at how sturdy they could make their bridges and the most successful managed to hold over 60 multilink blocks spanning a gap of 20 cm.

In swimming this week, the children have been working hard to achieve their skills certificates. Many children are into the deep end now and have improved all four strokes and can even tread water for 30 seconds. The children have been working really hard with fractions in maths, and have successfully added and subtracted a range of different fractions. **Mrs Munro**

**SWANS** This week year 6 have been doing their last mock tests until their SATs week in May. They have approached these responsibly and all tried very hard. I'm very proud of them. The classroom was filled with the tasty scent of muffins on Monday. The children worked very well to produce the muffins they had designed, we hoped you enjoyed tasting them at home. In PE this week we started Rock and Roll with kicks and flicks and the hand jive, it took us back to the 1950s. In basketball we worked on defending and communication. This week is British Science week and the theme is communication. We predicted how we might communicate with each other in 100 years time. We also created food chains and food webs and considered what we could do as humans to protect food webs. **Mrs Sherwood**

**ATTENDANCE** Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure is **95.54%**.



With **Skylarks** winning our Attendance Teddy with their class attendance of **98.61%**.

**Congratulations**  
TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:  
KINGFISHER WINGS READING - SWANS



## OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS HERE AT SCHOOL:

JustGiving

# Number Day 2023

The children had a great day and we raised an amazing £65 for the NSPCC. Thanks for all your support!



We had a fun Bake Sale today and raised a fantastic £53 to spend on seeds and plants for our classroom areas! Thank you to all our families for your support, and we'll keep you updated with our purchases!!



## COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY 2023



We have raised an amazing £73 for Comic Relief today and everyone's crazy hair looks brilliant!!  
(.....photo's to follow)  
If you would still like to donate to our JustGiving page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gillingham-st-michael-s-primary-academy5>

## EASTER FAMILY BINGO \* SATURDAY 25 MARCH

We have not sold many tickets for the Easter BINGO that will be held at school on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 18:00-20:00. Tickets need to be purchased on Parentmail prior to the event. We are really keen for the event to go ahead as we have had lots of wonderful donations for prizes and we used to hold regular BINGO evenings which were always great fun. If you are thinking of coming to the BINGO, please could you purchase tickets by Monday, if possible. Anyone who has a ticket by Monday will be put into a special draw to win this delicious sweet pizza. We will draw the ticket for this on Monday at 13:00 and the pizza will go home with the winner at the end of school.





## UPCOMING EASTER EVENTS HERE AT SCHOOL:



Gillingham St Michaels Movie Night

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

3.15-4.50pm

Peter Rabbit 2



Donut and Squash provided

£1 per child

All proceeds going to the Bishops  
Lent Appeal 2023

The Bishop's Lent Appeal 2023 will help to raise money for the new Priscilla Bacon Lodge hospice building, which will increase capacity for end-of-life specialist care in Norfolk and Waveney.



Dear God, thank you for the fun we have been able to have as part of comic relief. Help us to live out the values of compassion and friendship, as we think about and care for others. Amen

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

### March

- 17: Mothers Day Messages in the Beccles & Bungay Journal.
- 24: Peter Rabbit 2 Movie Night at School – *all proceeds to the Bishops Lent Appeal.*
- 25: Easter Family Bingo 6-8pm in the School Hall.
- 28: Skylarks Trip to Adventure Island.
- 29: 2.30pm Easter Crafts with Parents here at school.
- 30: Y5 & Y6 to SJHLS Music Concert.
- 31: Friends Easter Egg Hunt for all the children.
- 31: 2.30pm Easter Service at school – *all families welcome!*
- 31: **Last Day of Spring Term 2!**

### April

- 18: **First Day of Summer Term 1!**
- 21: Reception Road Safety in the classroom.
- 21: Y2 Road Safety out of school.
- 27: Reception NCMP, Vision & Hearing.

### May:

- 1: **Bank Holiday.**
- 2: Mallards Class Bikeability Level 1
- 8: **Bank Holiday for His Majesty's Coronation.**
- 23: Y6 to Crucial Crew at The Space, Norwich.
- 26: **Last Day of Summer Term 1!**
- 31: Horstead full payment deadline.

### June:

- 5: **First Day of Summer Term 2!**
- 5&6: Mallards on Ringsfield Residential.
- 14: Y6 Safe Travel Transition Prep with Sarah.

### July:

- 3-5: Swan Class on Horstead Residential.
- 21: **Last Day of School Year!**

All future dates can be viewed on our school calendar via our website: <http://www.gillingham.dneat.org/calendar/>

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## EASTER FAMILY BINGO

**Saturday 25th  
March**

6-8pm at Gillingham School

£5 per ticket, this includes 6  
bingo games.

Special Golden Bingo available on the night £1 per  
ticket.

**All welcome! Plenty of Prizes!!!**

Tickets available on  
ParentMail. Limited  
spaces so book soon to  
avoid disappointment!

All proceeds to Gillingham School

Refreshments and a raffle will be available

### EASTER CRAFTS WITH PARENTS

All parents are invited to join us for  
Easter Crafts in our House Teams on  
Wednesday 29 March at 2.30pm.

