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# Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



**Message from our Executive Head** It's hard to believe that we are at the end of March and the end of the Spring term. My thanks to all on our school community for the support and hard work these past two terms. I am hugely grateful to our staff for the care and commitment to ensuring that all of our children are able to shine. Thanks to all our volunteers who give up their valuable time to support activities in school and to raise much needed funds. Thank you to our families for the support you provide. Finally, thank you to the children for the joy they bring us every day with the efforts they put into their learning. I hope you all find time to have a good break over the Easter Holidays. **Mrs Brand**

**SKYLARKS** What a busy last week it's been! Skylarks had an amazing time at Adventure Island on Tuesday, we played lots of language games including a 'Spelling Tag' game on the giant play area! We have finished off many of our topics this week, looking at Easter Sunday in R.E. and creating a PowerPoint recipe book in computing. Have a wonderful holiday and A well earned rest, I can't wait to hear what you have all been up to when we are back in the SUMMER term! A quick reminder that Skylarks P.E. days will be on Mondays and Wednesdays when we are back. **Mrs Carroll**

**MALLARDS** Wow. What a fantastic end to this term. Mallards have worked so hard, and enjoyed their class reward with a fun and games afternoon earlier on in the week. We had great fun playing bingo and a beetle drive. It was been wonderful to watch the progress all the children have made in swimming this term. Many more children are confident with swimming in deeper water now. We enjoyed a non-stop cricket taster session in PE on Thursday with Mr King. I was really impressed with the children's batting, bowling and fielding skills. We rounded up some of our science experiments this week. We loved watching our chrysanthemums drink up the blue water this past week, but were surprised that the flowers in the black water hadn't really changed colour. We have no idea why? PE next term will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Have a lovely holiday everyone and we'll see you in the summer term. **Mrs Munro**

**SWANS** This week in Swans PSHE we created a community to improve our collaboration and cooperation skills. We looked at working together and completed challenges as a tribe. We earned 100 Euros for attitudes to learning and behaviour so we made Easter cakes as a reward. It has been a busy term and we have all earned a great break. **Mrs Sherwood**

**ATTENDANCE** Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure is **96.07%**.



With **Skylarks** winning our Attendance Teddy with their class attendance of **96.53%**.

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



# MASSIVE THANK YOU'S TO.....

..... everyone who came or supported our Easter BINGO and raffle last weekend. We raised an incredible **£577!!!** A special thank you to Lesley Porter for being our expert Bingo Caller and to the following local businesses that supported our event with raffle prize donations: the Wherry Inn, the Locks Inn, Three Rivers Camping, Tescos, Waveney Valley Leisure Centre, Mandy's Pickles, Walberswick River Trips and Absolute Beauty, Beccles.



....our Friends who have organised an Easter egg hunt and provided Easter eggs for all the children this afternoon!

*(Have a lovely Easter everyone!!)*



*Oh Father God,  
You created our wonderful world  
and everything in it.  
Teach us to look after it.  
You fill our school with happiness,  
fun and learning.  
Guide us to be the best we can be.  
You put friends, family and  
teachers around us.*

*Help us to be kind and caring towards them.  
You give us a light in our hearts and our heads.  
Let us shine brightly for all to see.  
Amen*

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

### 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.**
- 9:** Y6 SATs Week (Tues 9 to Fri 12).
- 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.
- 7:** Y6 Leavers to Pleasurewood Hills.
- 21:** **Last Day of School Year!**