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# Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



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**Message from our Executive Head** Well done to our Y6 pupils who have spent the week completing their SATs test, we know that you have all tried your very best. We are very proud of all the ways that you shine.

I do hope all enjoyed their bank holiday weekend. It was a pleasure to join our key stage 2 singers who went to St Mary's in Bungay to Sing for the King. They performed brilliantly, many thanks to those that came to support them, I hope you enjoyed joining in too!

As part of the coronation celebrations last week, there was a focus on volunteering. We are very grateful at school to all those who give up their time to support us with ensuring that all can shine at school. Thank you. **Mrs Brand**

**SKYLARKS** Last Friday we had a lovely afternoon last week celebrating the coronation by making lots of different crafts. In computing this week, we learnt how to capitalise letters, we played a great game to help us get quicker at typing called 'Keyboard Climber 2'. In Geography we used gridlines on maps of the world to solve puzzles. We have begun to look at time in Year 2 in maths and year 1 and reception are learning about fractions. **Mrs Carroll**

**MALLARDS** Thank you Mallards for your continued hard work as we go through this term. What a lot we have achieved in four days! This week, we finished our Quest stories. Wow! Every one of you wrote an amazing story filled with tension that really engaged me as a reader. In science, we loved finding out the different ways plants dispersed their seeds, and you created your own plant and thought about which method it was going to use to ensure as many new plants as possible were able to germinate.

Mrs Pipe has been so impressed with your artwork this week. You have been continuing to look at the art work of Matisse, and this week you created artwork with positive and negative images.

We have also been keen to learn about the importance of pilgrimage to different faiths. This week, we loved looking at how special the River Ganges is to Hindus, and you thought about the important items that a Hindu child might take if they went on this special pilgrimage. **Mrs Munro**

**SWANS** A huge well done to all of year 6 who have done themselves and the school proud this week throughout their National SATS tests. They have all worked incredibly hard in all the tests and their hard work and attitudes to learning have really impressed us. Well done everyone. Year 5 have also been incredibly mature and well behaved this week and have also worked very hard. In maths they have been working well with co-ordinates and translating shapes. In English they have completed different activities on our text Elf Wood. In geography this week we have looked at human features of the UK and found out some fascinating facts about Buckingham Palace, Stonehenge and Castles in the UK. In science this week we compared the gestation period of different mammals and were amazed by some of the data. Today they will be bringing home their summer play parts for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', so I know they will be excited to get learning. **Mrs Sherwood**

## Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:

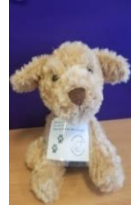
KINGFISHER WINGS READING - SKYLARKS

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS - MALLARDS



**ATTENDANCE** Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure is **96.43%**.

With **Skylarks** winning our Attendance Teddy with their class attendance of **100%**.



Please can we remind everyone that black flat shoes of a design suitable for school should be worn with school uniform. Trainers should only be worn on PE days. Thank you!



Dear Lord,  
Thank you for all the people who serve us in our community. Give us opportunities to show our appreciation so that they know their work is really valued by us.  
Amen

### Gillingham St Michaels Movie night!



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 3.15- 4.50pm

Doughnuts, sweets and squash included

£2 per child



All proceeds going to the Friends of Gillingham St Michaels!

To book, please bring £2 in an envelope with your child's name on to the School Office – thanks 😊

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

#### May:

- 19: 'Friends' Movie Night after school – Puss in Boots, doughnuts, sweets and squash!
- 23: Y6 to Crucial Crew at The Space, Norwich.
- 26: Skylarks to Time & Tide Museum, GY.
- 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.
- 27: KS2 Play Performance.

#### July:

- 3-5: Swan Class on Horstead Residential.
- 7: Y6 Leavers to Pleasurewood Hills.
- 14: Sports Day.
- 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/>