



15 March 2024

Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



Message from our Executive Head This half term always surprises me by just how much we manage to fit in. It is a very short half term, but there are so many opportunities for the children to shine. This week I have seen some fantastic writing, heard some excellent reading, admired artwork in process, marvelled at the resilience of Y6 completing assessments and heard about brilliant efforts in sport. Well, done everyone, keep up the hard work. This half term we are learning about the value of Justice in collective worship, part of that is understanding difference and being aware of and offering challenge or support to disadvantage; engaging in things such as a Comic Relief helps us to raise awareness in a fun way. Thank you for your support. **Mrs Brand**

SKYLARKS A big shout out to all the amazing costumes last week for world book day, we learnt about lots of different fairy tales and made up our own! We especially enjoyed making our own gingerbread creatures! Skylarks had a great trip to time and tide this week, we thought about how children long ago didn't have as many toys and needed to often make their own. In art we continued learning about Yayoi Kusama and we have been re-creating some of her artwork using dots and lines, and warm and cool colours to create contrast. **Mrs Carroll**

MALLARDS What another busy week. We have been learning how to write instructions in English and ensuring that these are very detailed so the reader knows exactly what to do. In Maths, we have been looking at how to read and construct bar charts and pictograms. We have learned to make sure that we read the scales accurately! We have had a fantastic time in Science. We learnt about the different types of teeth that we have and their functions. We used this knowledge to predict whether different animals were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores by looking at their teeth. We then went on to learn about how food chains work. We all agreed that it is better to be at the top of the food chain! **Mrs Munro**

SWANS This week in Swans Year 6 have all tried hard to show the amazing progress they are making in their grammar, reading and Maths. Year 5 have been finding out about inspirational women and produced some wonderful information in posters. In Geography this week we planned a day trip to Athens using maps and a holiday vlogger. In our PHSE work we have looked at Ramadan and been learning an Indian dance, celebrating diversity in our Country. **Mrs Sherwood**

ATTENDANCE

Many thanks for your support with attendance. Our year-to-date attendance figure is **93.4%**. With **Skylarks** winning this weeks Attendance Teddy.



Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:
KINGFISHER WINGS READING - MALLARDS





Dear God

*It is not always easy to know what to do when we see things that we think are unfair. Help us to have the courage to share problems with others so that together we are able to help all to shine.
Amen.*

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

March

- 15:** World Book Day Photos in Beccles & Bungay Journal.
- 21:** World Down Syndrome Day - our theme: 'Shining Bright'.
- 22:** Easter Service at 2.30pm, Geldeston Church, families welcome.
- 22:** 6-8pm Friends Easter Bingo, everyone welcome!
- 26:** Y3 & Y4 to Adventure Island.
- 27:** Y5 to Sir John Leman HS Concert.
- 27:** **Last Day of Spring Term 2!**

April

- 15:** **First Day of Summer Term 1!**
- 16:** Reception 2024 Pupil Offer Letters from NCC.
- 26:** Y6 Forensic Science Day at Hobart HS.

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

FRIENDS OF GILLINGHAM
ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY

EASTER FAMILY BINGO

Friday 22nd March

Doors open at 17:50
18:00-20:00 at
Gillingham Primary School

£5 entry - includes 6 BINGO games.

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

All welcome! Bring your friends and family
Plenty of prizes!!!

All proceeds will go towards new Playground equipment

Refreshments and a raffle will be available

SUMMER TERM 1 CLUBS

Available now for booking on ParentMail

Gillingham St Michael's C of E Primary Academy		CLUBS Summer Term 1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
Morning Club 08:00 to 08:45 ➤ £2.50 per day ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	Morning Club 08:00 to 08:45 ➤ £2.50 per day ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	Morning Club 08:00 to 08:45 ➤ £2.50 per day ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	Morning Club 08:00 to 08:45 ➤ £2.50 per day ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	Morning Club 08:00 to 08:45 ➤ £2.50 per day ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	Morning Club 08:00 to 08:45 ➤ £2.50 per day ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	
After School Club 15:15 to 16:15 ➤ Activity: Multi-Sports ➤ Premier Education ➤ 20 spaces available ➤ Open to: All Years ➤ Cost: £4/session* ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	After School Club 15:15 to 16:15 ➤ Activity: Tennis ➤ Mrs White ➤ 20 spaces available ➤ Open to: All Years ➤ Cost: £4/session* ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	After School Club 15:15 to 16:15 ➤ Activity: Gardening ➤ Mrs Wilson ➤ 20 spaces available ➤ Open to: All Years ➤ Cost: £4/session* ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	After School Club 15:15 to 16:15 ➤ Activity: Football ➤ Darell Sibbons (BTFEC) ➤ 20 spaces available ➤ Open to: Years 2-6 ➤ Cost: £4/session* ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail	After School Club 15:15 to 16:15 ➤ Activity: Crafts, Lego, Junk Modelling & Games ➤ Mrs Wilson ➤ 20 spaces available ➤ Open to: All Years ➤ Cost: £4/session* ➤ Pre-book via ParentMail		

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