GILLINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

27th November 2026

Class Updates

Skylarks

Play practice is in full swing this week! A big thank you to everyone who has been helping with learning lines at home – it is really starting to come together nicely, and we are so excited to see it all take shape! In R.E., we have been exploring the Bible story of The Lost Sheep and thinking about what Christians might learn about God through this story. In History, we have been looking at local First World War memorials and learning about the Cenotaph in London, considering why these memorials are so important. In P.E., we have made the most of the opportunity to get outside and enjoy some simple striking and fielding games. Well done, everyone, for another busy and productive week!

Swans

A huge well done to all the children who have now finished writing some truly amazing stories. Years 3 and 4 have been writing stories about the Man on the Moon, whilst Years 5 and 6 have been creating imaginative portal stories set in a circus. The children have worked incredibly hard to incorporate a range of writing techniques, ambitious vocabulary and descriptive language to engage their readers. They should all be very proud of their achievements.

In PE, the children have continued to develop their hockey skills, with some great improvements in passing, defending and working together as a team.

There have been some wonderfully creative ideas in DT, where the children have been designing creatures that will use pneumatics to create movement. We are looking forward to seeing these designs come to life!

In History, we have been exploring the impact of the Second World War on the lives of men, women and children. The children have considered how people's roles, responsibilities and everyday lives changed during the war and how many of these changes continued long after the war had ended.

Attendance Award

Current Week

Swans

Whole School Attendance

94.85%

E-mails

It has come to our attention that emails are frequently landing in your spam or junk folders. Arbor has created a helpful guide to address this issue: **CLICK HERE**

Cold Weather

As the weather is finally getting colder/wetter please could you make sure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing.



Free School Meals

You may qualify for free school meals (FSM) and other help if you receive certain benefits or support. You must apply for free school meals. From September 2026, there are two types of entitlement:

- Targeted: you receive Universal Credit and earn under £7,400 a year or another qualifying benefit: your children are entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- Expanded: you receive Universal Credit and earn above £7,400: your children are entitled to FSM only

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Family Voice

Click here for this weeks Family voice Newsletter

Family First Newsletter

Click here for this months Family First Newsletter

Is my child too ill for school?



Click here for resource

Christmas Jumpers

As the festive season approaches, we are would like to host a Christmas clothes swap! If your children have outgrown any Christmas jumpers, party outfits, warm hats, or gloves, we would greatly appreciate your donations to the school. Parents are welcome to swap, donate, or collect these items.

Second-Hand Uniform Available

Additionally, we have a collection of second-hand uniforms. If you need any free uniform items, please don't hesitate to contact the school office, and we will be more than happy to assist you!

Useful Information

Calendar	Click Here
Telephone Number	01502 713 425
E-mail address	office.gillingham@kingfisher.dneat.org
Term Dates 2026-27	Click Here
Support Resources	Click Here

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

Date	Event
02/12/2026	Parent Share - All Years @ 2.00pm
04/12/2026	Non-Uniform - Chocolate Donations for Tombola
10/12/2026	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
11/12/2026	"Friends" Christmas Fayre @ 2.30pm
11/12/2026	Skylarks "Prickly Hay Nativity Play" @1.15pm
18/12/2026	Carol Service @ Geldeston Church @ 2.15pm
18/12/2026	Last Day of Term
05/01/2027	First Day of Spring Term

Community

















