



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



12th September 2025



Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and fun-filled summer. As always, it's been a real joy to see the school come alive again with the sound of excited chatter, laughter, and learning.



The children have made an *extremely positive start* to the term, throwing themselves into new challenges and routines with great enthusiasm. It's wonderful to see their energy and curiosity shining through, even as the weather can't quite seem to make up its mind between sunshine and showers!

We have lots to look forward to this year, with a host of exciting opportunities and events on the horizon. I'm confident that, together, we can make this year a truly memorable one for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

Chris Butler
Headteacher



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A Warm Welcome for Our New Parents

It was wonderful to see so many new faces at our recent coffee morning for parents of children who have just joined the Girton Glebe community. For those who were able to come along, it was a lovely opportunity to pause and reflect together after the excitement - and, for some, the emotions - of that very first day of school.

There was a fantastic turnout, with plenty of conversation, shared stories, and lots of laughter over a cup of coffee. It was a reminder of how important it is to take a moment to connect with others during these early days of a new school journey.



We are already looking forward to our next opportunity to gather as a community at our Harvest Assembly on Friday 3rd October. On this special day, we'll be welcoming Ash Class parents, along with all new families, to celebrate the season and come together in appreciation of the children's hard work so far this term.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning, we can't wait to see you all again soon!



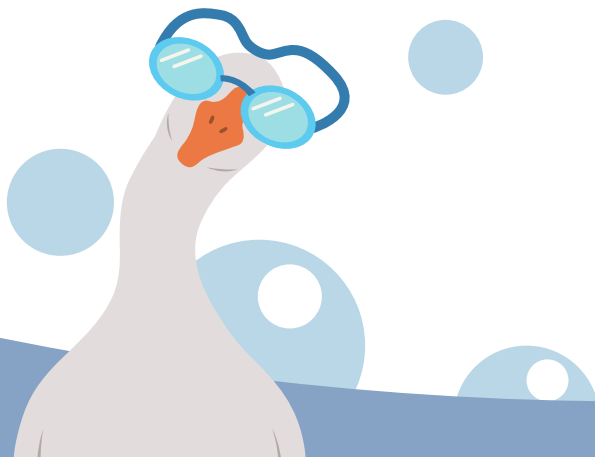
Celebrating Pool Success this Summer!

One of the real highlights of the summer was seeing our school pool open and being enjoyed by families and members of the community. It was fantastic to witness so many smiling faces – children splashing happily, parents relaxing poolside, and friends gathering to make the most of the sunshine (when it appeared!).

We offered a variety of sessions over the holidays, including public swims and private hires, which were both very well received. Many parents shared how much they valued having this facility available over the summer, particularly as a safe and familiar space for their children to play, swim, and build confidence in the water.

The positive feedback has been incredibly encouraging, and we are excited about the future possibilities for the pool. Looking ahead, we're exploring ways to expand access for our wider community, with plans to launch a broader range of sessions starting from Easter 2026.

A big thank you to everyone, especially Girton Parish Council and ELA Active, for supporting and taking part in our summer swim sessions – we look forward to building on this success in the years ahead!



New classroom set-up

The start of a new school year always brings a buzz of excitement – and this year has been no different! Over the past week, the children have been busy exploring their freshly prepared classrooms, which have been thoughtfully set up to inspire curiosity and a love of learning.



It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new routines and spaces. From bright displays to well-organised learning areas, each classroom is ready to support a year full of creativity, challenge, and discovery.



We are so proud of how confidently the children have embraced the start of the term and can't wait to see all the brilliant learning that will take place in the weeks ahead



Celebrating our Pupils' achievements

We're thrilled to share some fantastic news from our recent assessments!

- For KS2 SATS: 13% achieved the higher standard in Reading, Writing, and Maths - placing us in the top 20% nationally!
- In the Multiplication Tables Check, 41% of pupils scored full marks, again above the national average.
- 80% of Y1s passed the Phonics Screening Check.

These results reflect the hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm of our pupils — and the brilliant support from our staff and families. We're proud of every child's achievement and excited to keep building on this success!



FOGG dates for your diary...

- **AGM: September: 17.9.25**
- **Jumble Sale: 27.9.25**
- **Autumn Disco: October, 16.10.25**
- **The George Seasonal Market: 14/15.11.25**
- **Film Afternoon: 16.11.25**
- **Christmas Fair: 6.12.25**
- **Christmas Tree Shred: 4.1.26**
- **Ceilidh: 23.1.26**



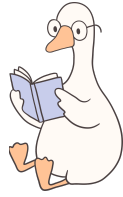
Cambridge City Food Bank

On 18th July, at the end of the last academic year, we were absolutely blown away by the generosity shown during our Cambridge City Food Bank Drive. The incredible response inspired us to make a commitment to holding similar collections before the end of each term, alongside our traditional Harvest collection. Our next Food Bank Drive will take place as part of our Harvest Celebration on 3rd October 2025, and we look forward to coming together once again to support this important cause.





Introducing Our New Writing Curriculum: Writing Roots



This term, Girton Glebe is excited to be adopting Writing Roots, a brand-new writing curriculum from Literacy Tree. Writing Roots is designed to develop children's creativity, vocabulary, and writing skills through engaging, high-quality texts, giving every pupil a strong foundation to become confident writers.

Across the school this autumn, children are exploring a wonderful range of books as part of the curriculum. Some of the titles we're using include:

- **Reception:** Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- **Year 1:** Naughty Bus by Jan Oke
- **Year 2:** Bear Under the Stairs by Helen Cooper
- **Year 3:** Wilderness by Steve McCarthy
- **Year 4:** Baker by the Sea by Paula White
- **Year 5:** Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman
- **Year 6:** The Arrival by Shaun Tan

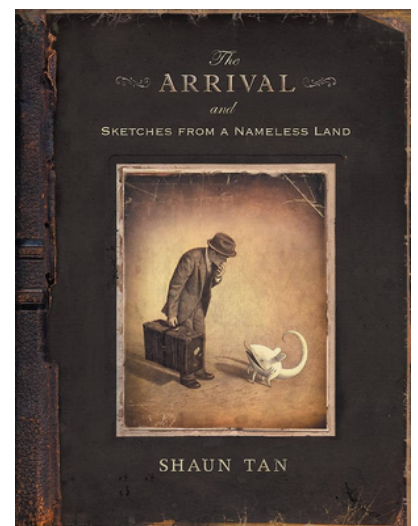
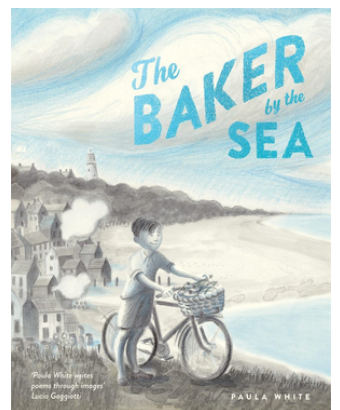
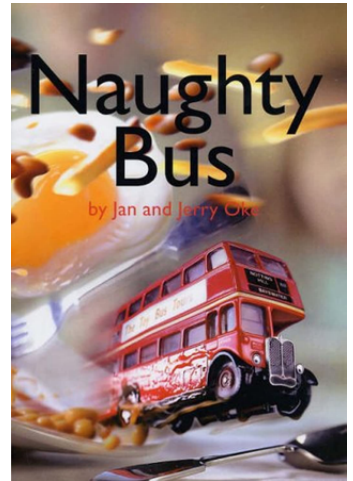
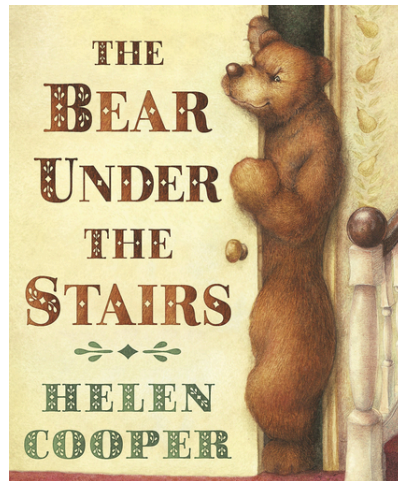
Through these texts, children are not only enjoying captivating stories but also learning to develop character, setting, and plot in their own writing. Writing Roots encourages them to take risks, experiment with language, and become thoughtful, confident writers across all year groups.

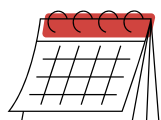
We're excited to see the children's writing flourish as the term progresses and can't wait to share their creative work with you in future newsletters.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK





Upcoming Dates

8th September

After-School Clubs begin

15th-18th September

Y6 Bikeability

17th September

Meet the Teacher

24th-25th September

Y5 Norfolk Residential

28th September

FOGG Jumble Sale

2nd October

Travelling by Tuba

3rd October

Harvest Assembly

6th October

Y3 Flag Fen Trip

7th October

Open Afternoon

13th October

Black History Week

15th October

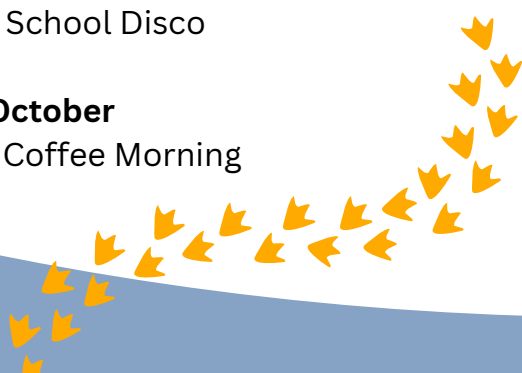
Y2 Whipple Museum Trip

16th October

FOGG School Disco

21st October

SEND Coffee Morning



Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of the pupils who were presented with a Celebration Certificate last week.



This week's certificate winners are:

Maple: Alastair & Elly

Birch: Eliza & Ali

Lime: Navya & Giorgio & Eden

Cherry: Darcey & Penny

Willow: Ruby & Liam

Oak: Brooklyn & Ted



Reminder: Our Celebration Assembly is a special time for children to share and celebrate their achievements, both in and out of school, whether it's earning a first swimming badge or achieving a black belt in karate - no accomplishment is too small! We also showcase the school's musical talents, with children invited to play instruments as the rest of the school enters and exits the hall, creating a welcoming atmosphere. If your child would like to take part, please speak to their class teacher or Mr. Butler. We look forward to celebrating the hard work, determination, and talents of all our pupils this year!



Girton Glebe
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Open Day

Tuesday, 7th October 2025

1.30pm - 3.00pm

**All new and existing families
welcome**

