



What a fantastic, fun-filled, and inquisitive couple of weeks we have had here at Girton! The children never fail to impress me with their enthusiasm and the dedication they bring to their learning. I have thoroughly enjoyed walking around the school and popping into lessons; there is a wonderful buzz in every classroom, and the children's passion for learning truly shines through.



As the days grow darker and colder, we are beginning to look ahead to Christmas. Ash Class and Maple Class are busy learning songs, lines, and dance routines for their upcoming performance of "The Twinkly Nativity". The songs already sound fantastic, and I am very much looking forward to another memorable Girton production. We are also preparing for our Christmas Concert on 10th December—further details can be found in this newsletter.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended our Open Class Sessions. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity to step into the classroom and take part in your children's learning. Our first two sessions were a great success, and the remaining classes look forward to welcoming you later in the academic year.

For now, I hope you enjoy this issue and catching up on everything we have been doing recently.

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Year 5 and 6 Open Class Rooms

It has been a delight to welcome parents into our Open Classroom sessions this half term. Both Year 5 and Year 6 have enjoyed sharing their learning experiences with parents and carers over the past couple of weeks.

Year 5 were delighted to welcome parents into our open classroom on Thursday last week to observe an English lesson as we began exploring our new text, 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. Together, we discussed what it means to be "lost," shared experiences of losing things, and began thinking about the idea of belongings and the sense of belonging we feel within a group.

The children also enjoyed listening closely to the film trailer based on the book, using the clues they spotted to make predictions about the story and its themes. It was a lively and thoughtful session, and the class seemed happy to have their parents involved.

A big thank you to all the parents who took time out of their day to come and join us — your support is greatly appreciated.

The rest of our classes look forward to welcoming you for their Open Class sessions on:

Year 4 (Cherry): Thursday 15th January
Year 3 (Lime): Thursday 29th January
Year 2 (Birch): Thursday 23rd April
Year 1 (Maple): Thursday 30th April
EYFS (Ash): Thursday 25th June

Sessions start at 09:05.



Children in Need and Pudsey

On Friday 14th November, the whole school came together to raise money for Children in Need. To mark the occasion, pupils were invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for a small donation. We are delighted to share that we raised an impressive £271.25 for this wonderful charity. This contribution will help support the incredible work Children in Need does for children and young people facing difficult times.

We were also thrilled to welcome the one-and-only Pudsey to Girton during the week! Pudsey visited us on Wednesday 12th November, spending time with both children and staff. He greeted pupils on the playground after lunch before making his way around the school to visit each classroom.



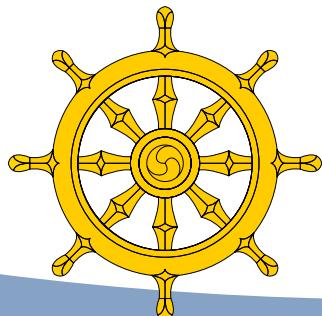


Year 4 Trip to The Buddhist Centre

Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Cambridge Buddhist Centre this week. The children were warmly welcomed and had the opportunity to explore the beautiful shrine, learning about the significance of the special objects kept there and their role in Buddhist practice.

Throughout the visit, the pupils showed great curiosity, asking thoughtful and insightful questions that truly impressed our hosts. They gained a much deeper understanding of how Buddhism is practised in everyday life, helping them build on and consolidate their learning from our classroom lessons.

It was a fascinating and memorable experience, and Year 4 returned brimming with enthusiasm and new insight!



Christmas Concert



We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a festive concert on Wednesday 10th December at 5:30pm, and we warmly invite you to join us.

Please come along to the school hall to enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas music performed by our school choir. Many of our talented musicians will also take to the stage to share festive pieces on a range of instruments.

Seasonal refreshments will be available to purchase, with all proceeds supporting FOGG. Money raised from this event will contribute towards another whole-school performance day.

To ensure fairness, tickets are limited to four per family—this includes any children who are not taking part in the choir or musical performances. Please complete the online form (link below) to request your tickets by Friday 5th December. Any remaining tickets will be available on request from the school office after this date.

[Christmas Concert- Wednesday 10th December 2025](#)

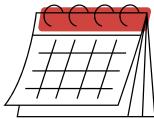
We suggest a donation of £2 per ticket, which can be paid either in school (in a clearly labelled envelope) or online at the link below:
<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/27407>

If your child plays a musical instrument outside of school and would like to sing or play in the concert, please contact Mrs Knowler.





Upcoming Dates



December

3rd December: KS2 Cross Country
9th December: Christmas Carols in the church
10th December: Christmas Lunch
10th December: Christmas Concert
11th December: EYFS and Y1 Nativity
12th December: Santa Dash
12th December: Last day of term

January

5th January: First day of Spring Term
12th January: EYFS and Year 6 Height and Weight check
15th January: Y3 Bike Ability
15th January (09:05): Year 4 Open Class Session
28th January: Year 5 Whipple Museum Trip
29th January (09:05): Year 3 Open Class Session

February

9th – 13th February: Mental Health Awareness Week
16th – 20th February: Half Term
24th February: Young Voices at The O2
26th February: Year 3 Sedgwick Museum Trip

March

5th March: World Book Day
17th March: Year 6 Duxford Trip
17th March: Parent's Evening
19th March: Parent's Evening
25th March (2pm): Year 2 and 3 Production
30th March: Easter Holidays Start

Celebration Assembly

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



Last week's (21st November) certificate winners are:

Ash: Adrien & Genevieve
Maple: Kyr & George
Birch: Margot & Alba
Lime: Shreyan
Cherry: Feranmi & Ella
Willow: Arthur Wi & Yesenia
Oak: Bethany, Teddy & Grace



This week's (28th November) certificate winners are:

Ash: Lily Rose & Samuel
Maple: Temi & Philip
Birch: Sierra & Teddy
Lime: Mika & Ilyas
Cherry: Emma & Zachary
Willow: Michaella & Nico
Oak: Shiloh & Masha



FOGG dates for your diary...

- Christmas Fair: 6.12.25**
- Christmas Tree Shred: 4.1.26**
- Ceilidh: 23.1.26**





House Points

Congratulations to this week's House of The Fortnight: **RED HOUSE**



Here are this fortnight's totals:



547



434



405



282



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