



A Busy and Brilliant Few Weeks at Girton Glebe



The past couple of weeks at Girton Glebe have been wonderfully full on, with so much to celebrate across the school.

Our World Book Day celebrations were a real highlight and it was fantastic to see such enthusiasm for reading from both children and staff. The Breakfast Book Swap was particularly special, with so many families joining us to share books and start the day together. We have had lots of lovely feedback from parents, which we are incredibly grateful for.



Pupils across the school have also taken part in a series of virtual author visits, which have been hugely inspiring and a brilliant way to connect children with real writers and storytellers.

Our West End in Schools drama workshops have added yet another dimension to the last few weeks, with children embracing the opportunity to perform, build confidence and enjoy being creative together.



It has been one of those periods where there is a real buzz around the school, with so much going on and so many opportunities for children to learn beyond the classroom.



As we begin to see the first signs of spring and enjoy the lighter evenings, it feels like a really positive moment in the school year. We are now very much looking forward to the rest of the term as we begin our countdown to Easter.

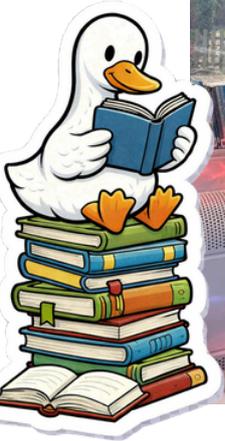


Chris Butler
 Headteacher



World Book day @ Girton Glebe

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5 MARCH 2026



World Book Day at Girton Glebe was a huge success and a real celebration of reading, writing and imagination!

It was wonderful to see children buddying up across the school to share stories throughout the day. Our Villains Reimagined theme brought fantastic creativity, with everything from Poison Ivy to wicked witches and Big Bad Wolves on display.

We were also incredibly impressed with the entries to our writing competition. The quality was outstanding and it was clear how much thought and imagination had gone into each piece. You can read our winning entry at the end of this newsletter. Second and third place entries will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

Alongside this, children have been enjoying a series of virtual author visits, which have been a brilliant source of inspiration.

A huge well done to everyone for making it such a memorable day!





A Sweet Start with Our Breakfast Book Swap!



On Friday the 13th, families joined us for an early start in our school library for our Breakfast Book Swap and, luckily for us, the only thing spooky about the morning was how quickly the donuts disappeared!

Children arrived to find beautifully wrapped books, adding an extra sense of excitement and surprise to the event. There was a real buzz in the room as families unwrapped stories, shared books and enjoyed some quality time together.



It was wonderful to see so many parents and children enjoying books side by side. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it such a special event. We are already looking forward to doing it all again next year!

Miss Giraldo-Perez
English Lead



Virtual Author Visits

We were delighted to kick off our series of virtual author visits with a wonderful session from Rashmi Sirdeshpande. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about Dadaji's Paintbrush and were full of thoughtful questions, showing real curiosity and engagement.

It was a brilliant opportunity to connect with a real author and deepen our love of stories. We are already looking forward to more author visits as we move through the rest of the Spring term!





Bringing Stories to Life Through Sensory

Storytelling

It was such a pleasure to lead a sensory storytelling session this half term, inspired by *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

The children were fantastic throughout the session; they loved exploring the story through a range of sensory experiences, including smelling different fruits and interacting with a variety of textures and props. While no one quite felt brave enough to taste the fruit, there was plenty of interest and exploration and even a little lick of strawberry jam!



Mrs Fitch
SENDCo



Some of the highlights included the excitement of the party poppers, the calm and cosy moment of wrapping up as cocoons and the delight of catching floating butterfly feathers. It was wonderful to see the children so immersed in the story, responding in their own ways and making meaningful connections.

Sensory storytelling is such a powerful way to bring stories to life and support engagement, communication and enjoyment for all learners.

I am already looking forward to the next session!





Year 6 Step Back in Time at IWM Duxford!

On Tuesday 17th, Oak Class enjoyed a fantastic visit to IWM Duxford, where they spent the day exploring the hangars and immersing themselves in history.

The children focused particularly on World War II, helping to build their knowledge and understanding in preparation for our topic next term. It was brilliant to see them making connections and asking thoughtful questions as they explored the different exhibits.

A real highlight of the day was seeing Spitfires taking off and landing. This brought their learning to life in a truly memorable way and was a moment the children will not forget!

The children were a real credit to the school throughout the visit, showing great curiosity, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. We were incredibly proud of the way they represented Girton Glebe.



**Mr Gunyon
Y6 Teacher**





A Wonderful Week of Science at Girton Glebe!



There has been a real buzz around science across the school during Science Week and it has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm from all of our pupils!

In Year 1, the children loved carrying out the Skittles rainbow experiment. There were lots of “wow” moments as they watched the colours spread and mix, sparking great discussion and curiosity.

Year 2 took their learning even further by extracting DNA from strawberries as part of their work on genes and inheritance. The children were fascinated to see DNA with their own eyes and it was a brilliant hands on experience that really brought their learning to life.

In Year 4, children became inventors, designing creative solutions to everyday problems. It was wonderful to see such imaginative thinking, with pupils carefully labelling their ideas and explaining how their inventions would work.

Science Week has been a fantastic celebration of curiosity, creativity and discovery. It has been a joy to see children so engaged, asking thoughtful questions and thinking like scientists.

Well done to all of our young scientists!



**Miss Roddy
Science Lead**





WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN MAPLE CLASS!

Miss Roddy
Y1 Teacher



Hello Maple families!

We have had a really fun and busy couple of weeks in Maple Class! We loved dressing up for World Book Day and sharing stories with our reading buddies. It was so fun to read together and see everyone's amazing costumes!

We also had a virtual author visit with Rashmi Sirdeshpande. She told us about Dadaji's Paintbrush and we asked her lots of questions. It was very exciting!

We also did a Jack and the Beanstalk workshop where we got to act out the story. It was so much fun!



For Science Week, we did lots of experiments. We were very curious and asked lots of "why" questions. It made us feel like real scientists!

In Maths, we have been learning about measuring. We have been using rulers and comparing different objects to see which are longer, shorter, heavier or lighter.

We have also been getting ready to use our maths and inquiry learning in Forest School with Mr Smart, where we will be making soup using natural ingredients. We are very excited to use what we have learned in real life!

We have loved all our learning and we are very proud of what we have done!





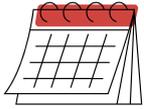
Spreading the word about our Cambridge Festival Family Open Day on Sat 21 March

“Meet researchers working in robotics and try programming your own mini robot car. Take a virtual tour of the Dawn supercomputer or make music with code. Tackle the logic puzzles that will stop an evil hacker deleting the internet or test how good you are at our Computer Science 'Taskmaster' challenge. These are just some of the activities that will be available to visitors at our Cambridge Festival Family Open Day on Saturday 21 March 2026

Every year we open our doors during the Cambridge Festival and invite the public in. In 2026, visitors can enter the Prorok Lab to see how researchers are using the human voice to programme swarms of robots to work together. They'll also be able to try out 'Pirate'- and 'Hacker'-themed Escape Rooms. Children can make binary bracelets spelling out their names in binary code, the language of computers. They can go on a scavenger hunt to find the colourful ‘computer bugs’ hidden around the building or solve the puzzles that will unlock the doors of Captain Jessie’s spaceship and allow her to pilot it to her home planet.

Visitors can also meet researchers using AI to create digital tools for our wellbeing, or to help us make the best decisions to protect the environment. Plus, there’ll be a live demo, and a hands-on workshop, on making music with Sonic Pi software. And researchers here will discuss the new secure messaging technology they developed that is helping whistle-blowers contact Guardian journalists safely. See all the Computer Science activities that will be taking place on the day in the Cambridge Festival programme. Plus, many other departments across West Cambridge – including the new Cavendish Laboratory, and the Vet School – will also be open on the same day to visit.”





Upcoming Dates

13th April

First day of Summer Term

14th April

Scoutability starts (Year 1)

15th April

Reception Trip to Wimpole Farm

24th April

Maple Class Cake Sale

30th April

Year 1 Open Morning
Reception Class Vision Screening

4th May

Early May Bank Holiday

15th May

Ash Class Cake Sale

20th May

Piano Assembly

21st May

Y4/Y5 Spring Production @9:30

22nd May

Last day of Summer 1

Half term

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of the pupils who earned a Celebration Certificate this week and last week. We always love to celebrate achievements chosen by our pupils, from in and out of school!



Last week's certificate winners were:

Ash: Tessa & Jackson

Maple: Ted & Eddy

Birch: Margot & Alba

Lime: Ted & Nim

Cherry: Finley & Claudia

Willow: Arthur Willis & Defbe

Oak: Bethany, Shiloh & Liam



This week's certificate winners are:

Ash: Jack & Arthur

Maple: Temi & Immy

Birch: Sierra & Teddy

Lime: Gibson & Eleanor

Cherry: Kodi, Orla, Bella & Alexander

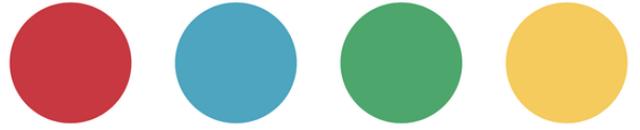
Willow: Mia & Liam

Oak: Harriet & Peter Camargo-Trickey

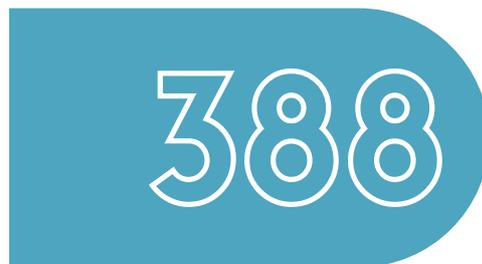
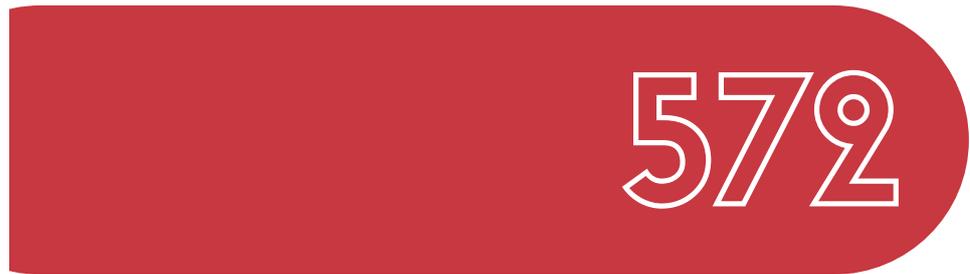


House Points

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



Here are this fortnight's totals:



LIME & BIRCH PRESENT

ROCK POOL

Year 2 and 3 invite you to our
claw-some Spring production,
Rock Pool - crab your seats
now!



Afternoon Show
Weds 25th March
@ 2pm

Morning Show
Thurs 26th March
@ 9am



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Breakfast and After School Club Schedule

Our breakfast club sessions are held from 7:30 a.m. until the school day begins, while our after school clubs continue until 6:00 p.m.

During each session, we provide options for a delicious breakfast during the breakfast club and a tasty snack during the after school club.



If you would like to book a tour of our setting and speak to one of our playleaders, please email us and we can arrange a date to meet you and your child. In the mean time you can check out our website and follow us on facebook to see what we get up to.



We look forward to meeting you!

