

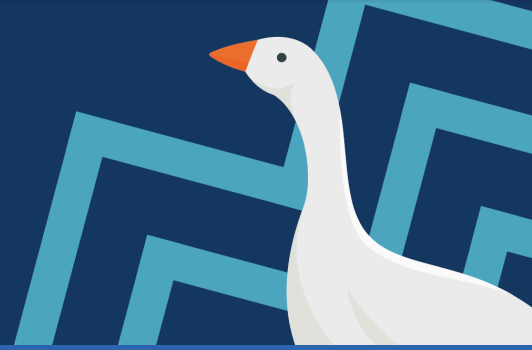


Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



24th April 2026



Welcome back to school after the Easter holiday! I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed some well-earned time with family and friends. It has been fantastic to see the children return with such energy and enthusiasm – the school feels complete again with their smiles, chatter and curiosity filling the classrooms.

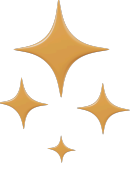
We've had a brilliant start to the summer term. It's been lovely to hear classes buzzing with inquisitive questions as pupils dive into their new whole-school topic, How We Organise Ourselves. Children are already exploring a wide range of ideas – from how our country is structured, to how decisions made during times of crisis can impact people and the environment. Year 4 are taking a particularly exciting route, investigating how power struggles shape societies as they delve into Viking raids and invasions.

Behind the scenes, we are also busy preparing for the opening of the school pool, with swimming lessons due to begin very soon. Keep an eye out for further updates and information.

We've already had so many successes this term – and we're only two weeks in! Read on to discover the wonderful things that have been happening across the school and to see what else we have to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Look Ahead to the Term



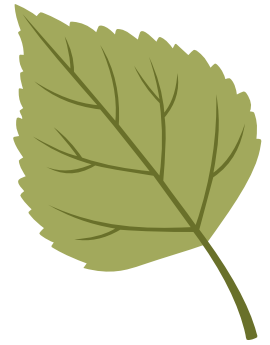
What a fun-filled term we have to look forward to! With the warmer weather on its way, it's wonderful to see classes making the most of it by planning trips to outdoor spaces. After their very successful visit to Wimpole, Ash Class will be heading to Wicken Fen at the start of the term. Next half term, Maple Class will be packing their buckets and spades for a seaside adventure in Hunstanton, while Birch Class are busy preparing for their trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park. Please check the school calendar for trip dates, and speak to your child's class teacher if you are interested in helping as a parent volunteer. More details will be shared by class teachers soon.

Oak Class have an exciting May ahead. Once their SATs are completed, they will be heading through the tunnel for a week in France, enjoying a wonderful cultural experience. We are delighted to be able to offer this residential again – it's always a favourite for both staff and children.

Sports Day is scheduled for Thursday 4th June, and we're hoping for sunshine to help make the day full of teamwork, energy and friendly competition. If the weather doesn't cooperate, our backup date is Thursday 18th June.



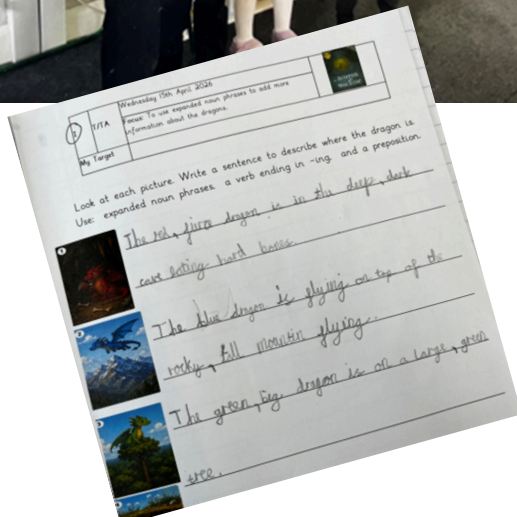
Hello from Birch Class!



This half term, Birch Class have thrown themselves enthusiastically into their new inquiry unit, "Who has Power and How Is It Shared?" Working together, the children explored the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and proudly shared their findings in small group presentations. They discovered key facts such as populations, capital cities and national flags – and even learnt a few words in Welsh, which they were very excited about.



Our new class book, The Dragon Machine, has been a huge hit. The children are fully embracing their roles as budding dragonologists! They have been working hard to describe dragons using powerful adjectives and expanded noun phrases, as well as practising prepositions to explain where dragons might be hiding. Their curiosity has really shone through as they research dragon facts and begin writing their own non-chronological reports.



We are also delighted to welcome a trainee teacher, Mr Alex Phillips, from the Faculty of Education. He will be with us until the beginning of July, completing his final teaching placement. Birch Class have shown him a wonderfully warm welcome and have helped him settle into life at Girton, proudly showing him what makes our school such a special place. We feel very fortunate to have such a calm, enthusiastic trainee teacher working with us this term.



Cherry Class visit Grafham Water!

Cherry Class had a fantastic day at Grafham Water, taking part in a range of exciting outdoor activities.

The visit linked closely to our geography learning, giving the children the chance to experience the importance of water and the natural environment first-hand.

Throughout the day, the children enjoyed canoeing, raft building and a trip on the electric boat. Raft building was a particular favourite, as it encouraged the children to work together, solve problems and show perseverance. It was lovely to see them supporting one another and growing in confidence as the day went on.

The trip was a great opportunity for the children to develop their teamwork skills, challenge themselves and learn outside the classroom. They represented Cherry Class brilliantly with their enthusiasm, sensible behaviour and positive attitudes throughout the day.

We were very proud of them all and I am sure the day will be one they remember for a long time.



The Great Tommy Sleep Out!

On the 28th of March, the 10th Cambridge (Girton) Scouts and Cubs took on The Great Tommy Sleep Out - right on the Girton Glebe Sports Field!

We spent the night outdoors to raise funds for RBVE (Royal British Veterans Enterprise) and to shine a light on the challenges faced by homeless ex-servicemen and women. The RBVE set the Sleep Out challenge for March to help people experience, in a small way, the harsh conditions that many veterans have to endure. And believe me... it was cold. On Sunday morning, we all found ourselves scraping ice off the tents!

Despite the freezing temperatures, the 10th Scout Group smashed it and raised £170 for the Veterans. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who supported us and helped us exceed our target.

A huge thank you as well to Girton Glebe for letting us use the field for our camp - it was absolutely brilliant.

~The Leaders, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers of the 10th Cambridge (Girton) Scouts Group.



Boys' Football Tournament Success

On Thursday 26th March, our boys' football team competed in a tournament at Swavesey Village College, taking on 10 teams from across Cambridge. The team performed brilliantly in the group stages, finishing second in their group, narrowly missing out on top spot by goal difference.

They progressed to the semi-finals, where they were unfortunately beaten by a golden goal in a closely fought match. The team then went on to play Bar Hill Primary in the third-place play-off, finishing with a draw and securing an impressive 3rd place overall.

The boys were excellent throughout the tournament – playing with skill, working together as a team, and showing fantastic sportsmanship. We are very proud of their efforts!



A Rock Steady Performance

Girton Glebe celebrated an exciting event at the end of last term with our very first Rock Steady Band performances.

The children had been working incredibly hard, not only learning their instruments but also collaborating as bands to rehearse and perfect their songs. The hall was buzzing with energy and anticipation as parents and pupils alike gathered to enjoy the show.

Every performance was fantastic, showcasing the children's dedication and teamwork. The event ended on a high note with a surprise appearance from staff members in their band, Gertie and the Broken Pencils, which brought smiles and applause from the whole audience!



A Splashing Success: Rock Pool takes the stage

Last half term, our Year 2 and 3 pupils put on a wonderful production of Rock Pool, showcasing their hard work, talent and enthusiasm. The children dedicated themselves to learning lines, songs and dance routines, and all that effort shone through in two fantastic performances. They sang, danced and acted beautifully, bringing the story to life with confidence and joy.

The costumes – lovingly created by parents and carers – were absolutely incredible and added so much colour and character to the show. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the performances, and an extra-special thank you to the parents who helped design and build the set. It looked amazing and made the production feel truly magical.



Ash Class visit Wimpole

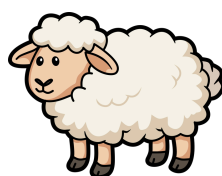
Ash Class had a wonderful day at Wimpole Farm on 15th April. The children were fantastic ambassadors for Girton Glebe, showing great resilience and positivity as they walked all the way to the farm and back, carrying their own lunches and waterproofs with pride.

During our visit, we explored a range of old farming machinery and practices, including traditional milking, and compared these with the modern equipment we've been learning about in class. We also enjoyed meeting all the animals – with pig-feeding time being a particularly memorable (and noisy!) highlight.

In the walled garden, the children had a lovely time creating journey sticks, collecting fallen tulip petals and other natural treasures along the way.

A huge thank you to all our volunteer helpers who joined us – your support makes these trips possible.

We're already looking forward to our next adventure on 6th May.



Smartphone Free Survey

There has been a lot in the press recently about children going phone-free and how best to support them to navigate smartphones and social media. As a school community, we want to take a thoughtful and supportive approach to this.

To help guide our plans for moving towards being smartphone-free from September, we would really value hearing the views of parents and carers. We're keen to understand how everyone is thinking and what feels most helpful for supporting our children through this change.

Please take a few minutes to complete this short, anonymous survey. It takes around five minutes and will really help inform the school's approach.

You can access the survey here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/T1nGNhg7yK>

Within the survey, it mentions 'The Parent Pack'. The Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact is a way to band together with other parents in your area to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14, and social media until 16. More information can be found about this here: [Sign the Parent Pact](#)

The survey is open until Friday 8th May.

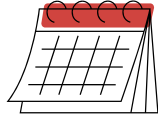
Thank you so much for your time and support.

QR Code linking you to the form:





Upcoming Dates



April

- 23rd April** : Lime trip to Classical Archaeology
- 24th April**: Maple Class Cake Sale
- 30th April, 09:10-10:00**: Maple Open Class
- 30th April**: Ash Class Vision Screening

May

- 4th May**: Bank Holiday, school closed
- 6th May**: Ash Class to Wicken Fen
- 11th – 15th May**: Oak SATS week
- 14th May, 09:00**: Drumming Assembly
- 15th May, 09:30 – 11:30**: Oak Party in the Park
- 15th May**: Ash Class Cake sale
- 20th May, 14:00**: Cherry and Willow Production
- 21st May, 09:30**: Cherry and Willow Production
- 21st May, 15:30**: Oak Class France Residential Information Evening
- 25th – 29th May**: May Half Term

June

- 1st – 5th June**: Cherry Multiplication Times table Check
- 2nd June, 16:00**: New Parent Information session
- 4th June**: Sports Day
- 8th – 12th June**: Maple Phonics Screening Check
- 8th – 12th June**: Oak Residential to France
- 10th June**: Birch Class trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park
- 16th June**: Maple trip to Hunstanton
- 17th June**: Cherry class trip to Sutton Hoo
- 18th June**: Back Up Sports Day
- 23rd June**: Class Photos
- 25th June, 10:00 -14:30**: Lime and Cherry Dynamos Cricket

Upcoming Dates cont.

July

- 2nd July**: Move Up Morning
- 9th July**: Oak Production Day
- 10th July**: Reports Home
- 14th July, 15:30 – 16:30**: Reports Drop In
- 17th July, 09:00**: Oak Class Leavers Assembly
- 17th July**: Last Day of Term

Celebration Assembly

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



Last week's (17th April) certificate winners are:

- Ash**: Lily-Rose
- Maple**: Amelia and Isla
- Birch**: Charlie and Eliza
- Cherry**: Honey
- Willow**: Alissa and Harley
- Oak**: Emaya and Ted



This week's (24th April) certificate winners are:

- Ash**: Samuel, Tillie and Adrien
- Maple**: Seth and Vishagan
- Birch**: Amelia
- Lime**: Reuben, Iona and Adhu
- Cherry**: Emma and Zachary
- Willow**: Michaela
- Oak**: Brooklyn and Bethany





House Points

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



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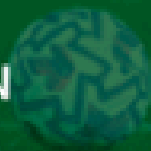
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14th February

14th March

11th April

9th May

13th June

11th July

No market in August

12th September

10th October

14th November

12th December

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Every Wednesday
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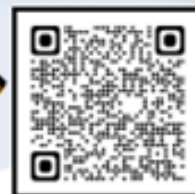


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You can also gain skills for volunteering or working with children.

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Day: Wednesday

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End Date: 8/7/26

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

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