

### Congratulations to this week's

#### Values Cup Winners



#### GEM Power Winners



#### Good Work Winners



Mr Millington awards a certificate to the class with the highest attendance each Friday in our Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to **Owls** for the best class attendance last week with 94.5%! **Well done!**

### Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Class	Time
22/01/2025	Reading Cafe	OWLS	8:45
29/01/2025	Reading Café	RABBITS	8:45
5/02/2025	Reading Cafe	FOXCUBS	8:45
5/02/2025	CLASS PHOTOS	All	am
12/02/2025	Reading Café	HEDGEHOGS	8:45
14/02/2025	Share a Story	All	3pm
17-21/02/2025	HALF TERM	All	-
24/02/2025	Inset Day – school closed for staff training	All	-
14/03/2025	Silly Science Workshop	All	-
18/03/2025	We The Curious	Y2	All day
11/04/2025	Last day, early finish	All	1:15
14-25/04/2025	EASTER HOLIDAY	All	-
28/04/2025	BACK TO SCHOOL	All	8:45

### Attendance Counts

It is really important that you contact us if your child is absent. **If we do not hear from you by voicemail, phone or email, the absence will be marked as unauthorised.** If you have five days of unauthorised absences, you may receive a 'Notice to Improve' letter from Gloucester County Council. This means that your child's attendance will be closely monitored by GCC, and **if you any further unauthorised absences in this time, you may receive a fine.**

If you haven't done so already, please take the time to familiarise yourself with the new attendance laws that came into effect on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-attendance-and-exclusions-and-welfare/>

## Hedgehogs

We had a very exciting first week back last week. Our story of the week in Drawing Club was The Gingerbread Man and we enjoyed making gingerbread men with scented playdoh, making bridges to help him cross the river and practicing to write CVC words. We also enjoyed some Chinese dancing where we used traditional props and learnt about Chinese New Year.



## Owls

As artists, we have been exploring a range of tools. A tool is an object which you can hold in your hand to help you with a job. We used cotton buds, paintbrushes, 3D shapes and toothbrushes to see what we could do. To inspire us, we looked at some of the paintings by Kandinsky. We created colourful lines and shapes just like him!

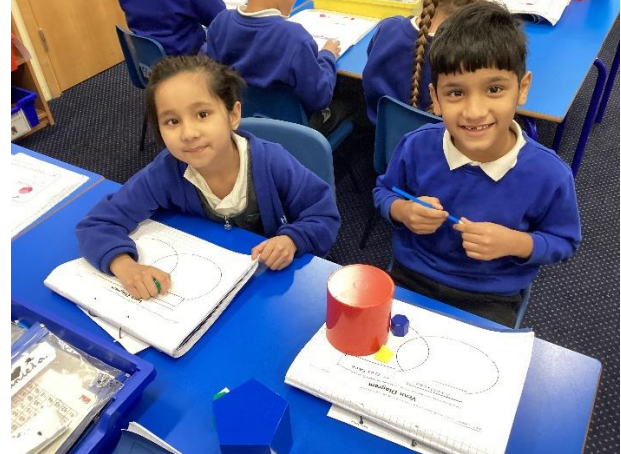


## Rabbits

This term, Rabbits really enjoyed learning some of the traditions that are celebrated at lunar new year. They loved doing the dragon parade and learning a peacock dance.

## Squirrels

In Squirrels, we have had a great first week back! We were delighted to be joined by a Chinese Dance teacher on Wednesday as we look forward to the Chinese New Year; take a look at some of our fantastic photos! We have also started our geometry (shape) unit in Maths. This has given us a great chance to be practical and use the 3D shapes. Who knew that sorting shapes could be so much fun?



### Extra holiday day

School will be closed on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb for staff training (INSET).



### School Ping

We use 'School Ping' to send out important information to parents, such as Star Award invitations, school closures and absences. If you have not yet logged on to school ping, please download the app and contact Mrs Thelwell for your login details.

