

### 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 **Squirrels** for the best class last week with 93.33%!  
**Well done!**

### Dates for the Diary

Date	Event	Class/Year	Time
8/01/23	Inset Day (no children)	Whole School	NA
8/02/24	Cake Sale	Whole School	After school
5/02-9/02	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole School	
9/02/24	Last day of term – wear yellow	Whole School	3:15 Finish
12-16/02	Half Term	Whole School	8:45am
19/02/24	Back to School	Whole School	8:45am
29/02/24	Movie Night	Whole School	TBC
6/03/24	Height, weight and vision	Reception	All day
11/03/24	Parent Consultations	Whole School	3:50-5:50
13/03/24	Parent Consultations	Whole School	3:50-5:50
15/03/24	Red Nose Day	Whole School	All day
21/03/24	Easter Assembly	Whole School	TBC
22/03/24	Last day of term	Whole School	1:15 finish
25/03-5/04	Easter Holidays	Whole School	
8/04/24	Back to School (no inset)	Whole School	8:45am

**Introducing Mrs Jones** – Mrs Heather Jones has been given a new job across the Hatherley/St James' Federation as Engagement Co-ordinator. This role will allow the school to support as many children and families as possible across the two schools in many different areas, especially your children's education. Mrs Jones has been a teacher in Gloucester for over 30 years and until recently has been teaching at St James'. She will be at HIS every other Wednesday and every Thursday. Please look out for her on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day; she will be happy to meet you.

## Holiday Vouchers for FSM Pupils

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for **February 2024 Half-Term** will be open **until midday on 30 January**. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing **5 February**.

If you have not received their vouchers by 7 February, please email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child. To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

**Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for February 2024 holiday vouchers.** Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases).

## January Makaton signs

### Singing 'Happy Birthday'



Happy



Birthday

to



you

In **Nursery** the children are very excited to be back and we have welcomed new children this term too. They have all been exploring the new areas and changes to the nursery provision with their friends. They are particularly enjoying the new mark making area and are extending their ideas and imaginations in the role play area.

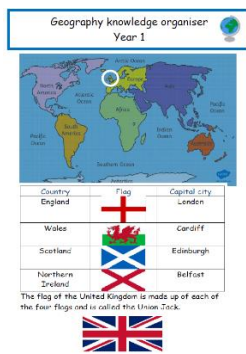
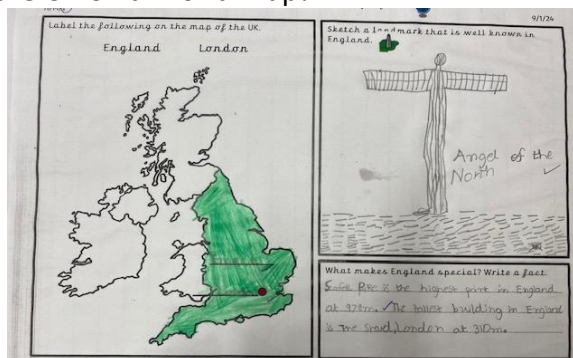




This week in **Hedgehogs** we have been beginning to learn the story of The Gingerbread Man. As a treat for filling our treat jar, we made gingerbread men! We had lots of fun measuring out the ingredients and mixing them all together. Mrs Layton took them home to bake then she bought them back we could decorate them. We had lots of fun and they were delicious!



In **Owls**, as geographers, we will be learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom, as well as the surrounding seas. Last week, we learnt about the largest country of the UK which is England. Did you know that the capital city of England is London? We have looked at what makes England special, including a range of landmarks, such as Angel of the North, Stonehenge and the Houses of Parliament. You might like to find the UK on a World Map!



**Badgers** have been busy during their first week back at school. We have been using arrays in Maths to get to grips with multiplication and division. We have also been learning about sculptor Jason Decaires and honing our skills in preparation of making our own sculptures.



In **Squirrels**, we have enjoyed starting our new units recently. Our art is now about creating sculptures. Last week, we used playdough to practice the skill of rolling as we aim to make sculptures like Jason deCaires Taylor.

In our computing, we are undertaking our 'making music' unit. This has involved us using 3 notes to create a musical sequence. We explored the tempo and used a range of instruments. Why don't you try asking your child if they can tell you what tempo means?



### Healthy Packed Lunches

If you provide a packed lunch for your child, please ensure that it is balanced (eg sandwich/pasta and yogurt and fresh fruit/vegetables). We recommend that you limit the amount of processed food you are offering them (pre-packed biscuits/crisps) and politely request that you peel and prepare fresh fruit where possible. Can we remind you that:

- We are a nut free school, which makes us consistent with advice from the LA. This means no nuts in cakes/etc.
- We do not allow chocolate bars.
- Please cut grapes in half, as whole grapes pose a serious choking hazard.

Please follow this link for advice and ideas for fun and healthy packed lunches.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.



### Language of the Month

The children and staff enjoyed learning Polish last month. This January, the Language of the Month is Urdu! Why not ask your child what they have learnt?



**FREE\***

\*subject to eligibility

# **ENGLISH CLASSES**

## **BEGINNERS – ESOL Entry 3**

for adults who speak some or no English

For **information**, come to

Adult Education in  
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4-6 Commercial Road  
Gloucester,  
GL1 2EA



**Fridays**  
**10:00 – 11:30 am**

Bartongate Children's  
Centre, next to Widden  
Primary School,  
Sinope Street,  
Gloucester GL1 4AW



**Fridays**  
**08:45 – 09:30**  
**07436 649 713**

Online appointment via Zoom on Thursday evenings



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email: [learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/aeig/courses/esol/>

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passport or ID card**