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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.

Value of the month for October:

THANKFULNESS



Dear parents/carers,

Three warm welcomes this week to new members of staff. Ruth Riley will be supporting children across KS2 each Tuesday and Wednesday as a teaching assistant on a temporary basis and Claire Tooth will be joined by Tracey Sanford (our two minibus drivers) in supporting children in our WAC (Wrap Around Club) each day after school. These roles will commence once Tracey and Claire return to school after each minibus run. This will, in turn, free up teaching staff to more easily deliver after-school clubs and to plan, mark and assess pupils' work more freely than is currently the case. Welcome to all three.

Thank you if you were able to join us on Monday for our annual walk to St Edith's. Almost eighty pupils (including Little Acorns) and as many as forty or so adults joined us on the walk, and at the church for the harvest service. Our thanks to the Friends' Group for the cake and drink on arrival and to the team at St. Edith's for their typically warm welcome. It's a wonderful school event and one I hope continues for many years to come.

On Tuesday, Gretton Class attended the Y3/4 cross country event at Carding Mill Valley. The children competed fantastically well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A special mention to Rose Seager who finished in a very impressive second place in the year 3 girls' race. In addition, on Wednesday, Ticklerton visited a wind turbine on land belonging to one of our school governors and KS2 Lawley pupils attended the nearby Nant Valley where children unravelled mason bee cells to remove pupae for safe keeping from the Houdini Fly (you learn something new every day in school)!

This week in class, Ticklerton have learnt about places around the UK and then looked at maps of our local area in Geography; the children used their sense of touch to describe a variety of items from the materials box; in English Y1 and 2 have been listing different features of a diary entry whilst Reception have been sequencing the story of The Tiger Who Came To Tea and in DT they have learnt about structures by walking to a local wind turbine. Gretton have worked as archaeologists to see how historians interpret findings from the past; completed observations and dissections of plants; worked on using addresses in Spanish; completed written work on 'Jim and the Beanstalk' in English; worked on place value and Roman numerals in Maths and learnt about the promise God made to Abraham in RE. Stanway wrote collaborative poems with the title 'Wonder Is..', after taking part in National Poetry Day; researched and compared organisms of the riparian biome of the Grand Canyon and those around Rushbury as well as practicing their shooting skills in netball.

Just a reminder that there is still a space available in the after-school drumming club, which still has six weeks to run. If interested, please contact the drumming teacher (Alan Wickett) directly.

Finally, please do take a look at some of the fantastic photographs later, showing the wide range of activities that our children have been participating in this week.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.
Steve Morris

HOUSE POINTS

The children have had another busy week collecting house points. The current position is shown below:

Callow 212
Ragleth 182
Lawley 157
Caradoc 118



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- **Ticklerton** – Angus J for having lots of good questions, especially on our walk
- **Ticklerton** – Cassian M for producing an excellent stained-glass window
- **Gretton** – Amelie D for her consistent willingness to always help and consider others
- **Gretton** – Clemmie R for impressive determination and good work across the curriculum
- **Stanway** – Ellis J for great enthusiasm while working with mason bee pupae
- **Stanway** – Vi W for excellent contributions to discussions



HEADTEACHER'S SPORTS AWARD

Riley T – for a string of excellent penalty saves!

PHOTOS SHOWING A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK



BBC COMPETITION – ENCOURAGING WRITING



GET YOUR CLASS WRITING WITH 500 WORDS!

Teachers, get ready to let your students' imaginations run wild! **500 Words is back**, and Beano is delighted to be an official partner of this year's competition.

From **Tuesday 29 September**, children aged **5–11** can write a story they would love to read, in 500 words or fewer. There's no pressure to reach the word limit, and stories can be about anything! They'll be judged on **characterisation, plot, originality, language and enjoyment** - not spelling, punctuation or grammar.

Get creative with Beano!

To help children turn their ideas into stories, our very own **Directors of Mischief and Mayhem, Mike Stirling and Craig Graham**, have created a fun guide to the **CIMOC method**.

What's CIMOC? It's a comic... backwards! Children can draw their characters, settings and story ideas first, then use their creations to inspire their writing. It's a fun way to flip the usual writing process on its head.

[Watch the video and explore the CIMOC tips with your class here.](#)

And there are some brilliant prizes!

Gold, silver and bronze winners in both age categories will receive **£75, £50 or £25 National Book Tokens**, respectively. Gold winners' schools will also receive 500 books for their school library.

Every winning story will also receive a framed illustrated cover created by a top children's illustrator, with all winning stories and illustrations featuring in a special 500 Words winners' book.

Plus, eligible schools with 50% or more pupils receiving free school meals will receive a £75 National Book Token for entering.

There's also a handy, mobile-friendly **parent pack** with everything they need to know about 500 Words, including key dates, how to enter, prizes, a submission checklist and FAQs that teachers can share with parents [here](#).

Competition closes 9pm Friday 6 November 2026. For more details and to read the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Notices go to bbc.co.uk/500words.



OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

Every class (from Year 1 to Year 6), elects their own class school councillors for the year. This group meets regularly to discuss current school related issues, reporting the views of their class (as well as their own!). Our staff team take it in turns to chair these meetings and they prove an excellent way of hearing things that the children love about school but also ensuring their voices are heard when there are issues.

Elections have now taken place and the following children are our councillors for this year:

Year 1 – Freddie R

Year 2 – Josh C

Year 3 – Henry K

Year 4 – Olive H

Year 5 – Joe L

Year 6 – Clara B

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES!

It seems that most of our parents did label their child's new school uniform at the beginning of term but some of the felt tip markers have now faded and we have an increasing pile of unnamed uniform. Please can we ask you to check and re-label as necessary?



CHILD'S PRAYER

Dear Lord

I wish for peace and no wars.

I wish for no bad and corrupt people.

I wish for a peaceful world for all.

Amen

Gabriel L



LAWLEY'S KS2 ENRICHMENT OUTING TO THE NANT VALLEY



YEAR 3 AND 4 – CROSS COUNTRY AT CARDING MILL VALLEY



	<u>KEY DIARY DATES</u>
Wednesday 7th October	Year 5 & 6, Cross Country at Rectory Woods (1pm start)
Wednesday 14th October	Year 1 and 2 Parents in school (2-3pm) for an activity afternoon
Tuesday 20th October	Morning trip for Ticklerton to Stokesay Castle (packed lunches)
Tuesday 20th October	Reception Parents in school (2-3pm) for an activity afternoon
Wednesday 21st October	School Open Afternoon
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day – School closed to children
Half Term	w/c 26th October 2026



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School Open Afternoon
Wednesday 21st October | 1.15pm – 3.15pm

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