



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your comments about our Ofsted report.

This is a message from June Gould, our Chair of Governors, in response to the report:

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE GOVERNORS

What an amazing Ofsted report! It clearly reflects how everyone at Galleywood Infants strives to ensure the children, their success and well-being, are at the heart of the school.

Some of the highlights of the report –

- *A culture of mutual respect flows through the school*
- *Pupils are happy, safe and successful.*
- *The school has a relentless approach to providing pupils with a high-quality education.*
- *Pupils' attitudes to work are superb.*
- *The school has constructed the curriculum for each subject carefully*

There are so many more superb comments written in the report. It is clear that the inspection team were very impressed with what they saw during their short time at the school.

The Governors want to extend their congratulations and thanks to all the staff for their continued, unrelenting hard-work. To the children we would like to say how proud we all are of you! You are all amazing!

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Pick and Miss Parker to our Early Years staff. We hope they will be very happy working in the Galleywood team.



One World Many Colours

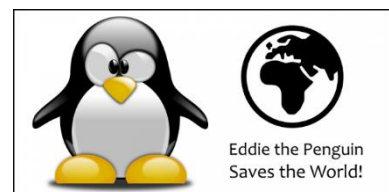
I hope you have been hearing about your child's learning, which across the school is linked to White. Although we have only had a few snow flurries children have explored ice and have been learning about the landscapes in the arctic and Antarctic. For more information see the learning plan for Spring 1:

[One World Many Colours - White](#)

Infant Music Festival

Some of you will remember the lovely Leavers' Assembly performance of Eddie the Penguin Saves the World, given by our Yr2 children last July. This musical operetta has been chosen for the Chelmsford Infant Music Festival 2024, which takes place over 4 days in March and involves 30 schools. Rabbits and Squirrels classes will begin learning the songs this week and on Tuesday 13th March all the children will travel by coach to Christ Church in New London Road, Chelmsford to take part in a workshop followed by a performance.

Parents wishing to attend the performance can buy tickets from the school office- the performance begins at 2:45pm and ends at 3:30pm.





Curriculum and coffee session

It was great to see lots of parents attending the Curriculum and Coffee session last week to find out about how we teach Personal, Social and Emotional Development in the Early Years. Parents and Carers heard how the learning journey starts in Foxes and Badgers, and is built upon in Year 1 and Year 2.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th March from 9-10am, when parents have asked for the focus to be physical development and how we keep your children fit and active indoors and outside. Please come if you can!

Attendance letters

Thank you for continuing to make attendance and prompt arrival at school a priority. We are hoping that the period of winter illnesses is almost over and pleased that attendance is now 95.6% for the whole school.

Teacher led after school clubs

We will be offering a range of teacher led clubs to children in Year 1 and Year 2 on 4 Thursday afternoons, Feb 29th, March 7th, 14th and 21st.

The clubs will run from 3:15-4pm and there will be a place for every child who wishes to attend, with clubs allocated on a first come first served basis.

Our School and class councils are discussing and making suggestions for clubs they would like- we will offer 6 clubs this term and depending on the popularity of each idea we may offer the same or different club choices in the summer term.

Look out for a Microsoft form from the school office next Monday 5th Feb to make your choices!

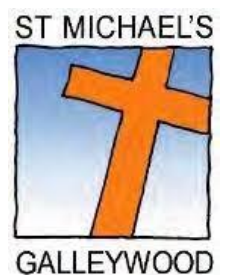


Easter Service

We have set the date and time for our Easter Service at St Michael's Church on Galleywood Common: Tuesday 26th March at 10am. The service will last for approx 30 mins. We shall leave school in class groups between 9:15-9:30 for the walk to the church and expect to be back at school by 11am.

Parents and carers are very welcome to accompany us, or to drive to the church, where there is limited parking. Younger siblings will be welcome too.

The service will be led by Reverend David Cattle, who led our Christmas Carol Service. Please speak to us if you have any concerns or questions. We hope you can join us!



Wear a Hat Day

On the last day of this term, Thursday 28th March we are asking children and staff to wear a hat and bring a donation for Brain Tumour Research. This can be a novelty hat, or a hat they have made. The work of the charity is very important to our school and St Michael's Junior School as we remember Mr Jonathan, our site manager, who we lost to this cruel disease in December 2021. Please help us make a difference.

Head Bump Forms

It is our practice to notify parents of any injury your child may receive to the head or face. The notification is normally completed by the member of staff who gave first aid and is brought to your child's classroom so that it can be handed over in person at pick up time.

We have recently moved to a new format for these head bump notifications. To assist parents and carers we have added information to our website about what to look out for following a head bump and when to seek medical advice.

Remaining Diary Dates for this term:

Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th Feb	Parent consultations for children in Foxes and Badgers classes
Friday 16 th February 3:15pm	School closes for the half term break
Monday 26 th February 8:45am	School opens for Spring Term 2
Thursday 29 th February 3:15-4pm	First of 4 wks of teacher led clubs
(Teacher led clubs continue for children in Yr1 and Yr2 on Thursday 7 th , 14 th and 21 st March)	
Thursday 7 th March 9-10am	Foundation Stage Curriculum and Coffee
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day celebrations- details to follow
Tuesday 12 th March 1-3:30	Infant Music Festival for children in Year 2
Friday 15 th March 9:30	M&M Productions performance of Jungle Book
Friday 15 th March	Children in Yr1 and Yr2 bring home reports
Thursday 21 st March 3:15-4pm	Final teacher led club for spring term
Mon 25 th & Tue 26 th March 3:30-6pm	Parent consultations for children in Yr1 and Yr2
Tuesday 26 th March 10am	Easter Service at St Michael's Church
Thursday 28 th March	Wear a Hat day for Brain Tumour Research
Thursday 28 th March 3:15pm	School closes for the Easter break