Galleywood Infant School

Tuesday 27th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term often whizzes by quickly- we have almost seven weeks before the end of the school year. Please see below for key dates from our school diary.



Good Luck and Farewell Mrs Dennis!

We held a special assembly on Friday 23rd May for the children, staff and governors to say farewell and thank you to Faye Dennis for all that she has done for our school and families over almost 7 years as Finance Officer.
We wish Faye every happiness and success in her new role 😊

Our final curriculum theme across the school for this year is How high will you fly?

It is inspired by the book The Skies Above my Eyes, part of a brilliant series we have in our library.



Children will be learning about the life of Amelia Earhart and her pioneering flight across the world, learning more about the birds that visit our school grounds as well as walking to Galleywood Common for a bird watch!



Let's go fly a kite!
We are planning a workshop on **Thursday 10th July, 9:15-10:45,** inviting a family member or friend to join each child to make and then fly a kite. This is a lot of fun- we hope you can come!

Smarties challenge



Once again, we are asking families to support the Smarties Challenge! Lots of you will have taken part in this before and be familiar with your child first emptying the Smarties tube (the easy bit) and then asking family and friends for coins in exchange for little jobs to refill the tube. All UK coins are welcome- once the tubes are returned, classes will have the task of sorting and counting the coins towards GIPA's trim trail project. Thank you for supporting us 😊

Thank you for donating bird feeders that you no longer need. We have quite a few, but would welcome any more that might be gathering dust in a shed or cupboard to add to our Bird Café! Feathers around our school grounds, as well as regular sightings, confirm that pigeons, robins and magpies are regular visitors; in addition, we would like to attract birds such as green finches, gold finches, blue tits, long tailed tits and sparrows by feeding different kinds of seeds and fat balls in our various feeders.





I wonder what we will see when we visit Galleywood Common?

Save the date: Saturday 21st June for Galleyfest!





Thank you for your colour donations- the boxes are already looking very inviting! The GIPA committee met on Thursday 22nd May and we have a few requests to help us get organised ahead of the event. GIPA would be very pleased to receive donations of the following to the office:

Tattoos-Transfers & Glitter tattoos
Face-paints and sponges
Nail polish- any colours
Bubble solution- large or small bottles please
A few more white, pink and orange raffle prizes



Thank you for supporting Happy Bags- the collection on Thursday 22nd May raised £197 for the school! Brilliant!

Volunteer Gardeners

We were pleased to welcome two volunteers as part of Chubb Week of Giving last Monday 19th May. They worked very hard on a warm day to completely clear our overgrown vegetable area of weeds. It is our plan over the summer to restore some wooden edging so that we can plant and grow vegetables with the children.



Would you and your children like to gave a go at growing vegetables and flowers from seed? Check out **Roots Allotments** website, where a whole community of enthusiastic gardeners will encourage families to get started with growing food.



There is lots of evidence that being outdoors is beneficial, and that children who participate in gardening are prepared to taste the fruits and vegetables they have grown. We have 100 packs to give away, donated by Roots Allotments, each pack containing 10 packets of seeds. Many can be grown in pots or containers if you do not have much space. I will talk to the children in assembly and invite families to come and collect a pack of seeds to grow at home- one for every family!

You might want to enquire about an allotment (or share one) at Galleywood Meadow.
https://www.rootsallotments.com/prereg/galleywood-meadow







PE days from 3rd June-18th July

- Foxes and Badgers: Outdoor PE on Tuesday and Forest Fun on Wednesday
- Hedgehogs and Owls: Outdoor PE on Mondays, dance on Thursdays
- Squirrels and Rabbits: Gymnastics on Weds and outdoor PE on Friday (also Tue 8 & 15 July when we have whole school class changeover)

Summer Term dates:

Tue 3rd June	8:40am School opens
Thur 5th June	Foxes and Badgers walk to Galleywood Common
Friday 6th June	3:30-5pm Mr Frostie's Magic Show, GIPA event
Tue 10th June	Year 2 trip to Cudmore Grove
Tue 10th June	Yr1 parent lunch at 12 noon
Tue 17th June	Year 1 trip to Cudmore Grove
Tue 17th June	EYFS parent lunch at 12 noon
Sat 21st June	Galleyfest 11:30-3pm
Tue 24th June	9:15-10:45am Sports morning
Thur 26th June	EYFS parent lunch at 12 noon
Mon 30th June	Year 2 to mini-games at Chelmsford Stadium, 9:30-12
Tue 1st July	Owls and Hedgehogs walk to Galleywood Common
Wed 2nd July	Rabbits and Squirrels walk to Galleywood Common
(Thur 3rd July	Reserve sports morning if needed)
Fri 4th July	Reports and summary reports home to all classes
Tue 8th and 15th July	Class change afternoons for EYFS and Yr1 children
Wed 9th July	Yr2 parents meeting at St Michael's, 4pm
Thur 10th July	Make a kite workshops, all classes 9:15-10:45am
Thur 10th July	Open Eve to see work and meet teachers, all classes, 4-6pm
Mon 14th July	Year 2 classes spend morning at St Michael's Junior School
Tue 15th July	3:30-5pm Leavers' Disco, Rabbits and Squirrels classes
Thur 17th July	10am Yr2 Leavers' Assembly, Yr2 families welcome
Fri 18th July	3:15 School closes for summer break