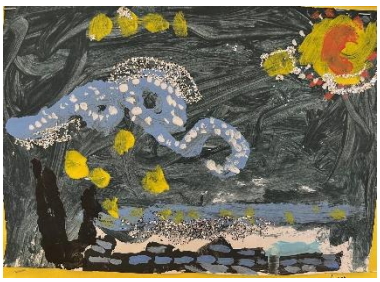
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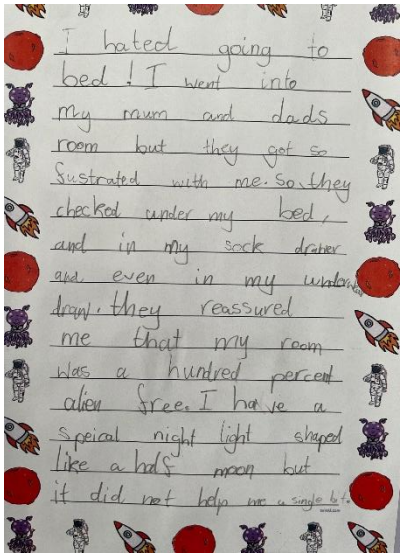
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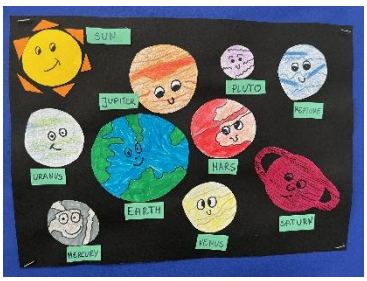
Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to celebrate the amazing learning in all year groups with the theme The Earth and Beyond. In addition to their classroom learning, we were hugely impressed by the range and extent of homework activities, both to launch the theme and continuing to arrive as children's interests grew.











Year 2 writing inspired by the life of Neil Armstrong, and art work inspired by Van Gogh's Starry Night

Parent Governor

On behalf of the Governors, our clerk, Karen Redmond and our staff team I would like to welcome James Hunter to the role of parent governor at our school. James will serve a three-year term of office.
James has a long-standing family connection to the school. His oldest daughter attended our school for 3 years, his second child and nephew are current pupils, and his youngest will join in the future.
James has a background in financial services, and is keen to bring his knowledge and experience to Galleywood Infant School Governing Body. We look forward to working with you, James.

Christmas Presentation Photos



Thank you for your orders for Christmas Presentation photos, and to Laura Ray for her work coaxing groups of little people to look in the same direction and smile! The photos are beautiful and we were hoping to have them ready for the end of term, but almost 100 photos need to be reprinted due to colour issues. This has been done, all are in frames and ready for collection at the start of term. A few people still need to pay via the Parent Pay app.



Carol Service

We had a sunny morning on Tuesday 16th December for the walk to St Michael's Church. Thank you to all the children for their reading, acting, prayers and art work. Thank you too to Rev David Cattle and the team at St Michael's, who always make us feel so welcome.
Christmas services at St Michael's Church: Christingle service at 4pm on Christmas Eve, Communion at 11:15 and a service on Christmas Day at 10am.

Batteries

Our classes were inspired to collect batteries for recycling in response to a visit from Firefighter Charlie Foster, who told Rabbits and Squirrels classes about his experience of attending fires on landfill sites caused by batteries not being disposed of correctly.

Some of the school Council helped to count the batteries for 12th December Duracell Big Battery Hunt, and we were able to send **1,240** batteries for recycling! Amazing effort, thank you to everyone involved. Schools nationally have collected **323,736** batteries for recycling in 2025! I am sure we will do this again in the spring. Until then, please either take your batteries to recycling points in major supermarkets or save them towards our next total.

Christmas Dinner

On the very last day of a long term, Mrs Bond and her kitchen team produced another wonderful and delicious Christmas dinner for the whole school! Children and staff ate together looking festive and chatting excitedly about their Christmas plans. Thank you, Lesley 😊







Village Carol Singing and Christmas Lights

Thank you to everyone who supported us by bringing their children and families to Galleywood shops/ library area on Thursday 4th December for the Parish Council Christmas lights ceremony. We had over 40 children on stage to sing 3 songs from our Christmas presentation. We are grateful to Galleywood laundry, who generously provided a chocolate selection box for the singers.



Kindness Cards and letters

Once again Galleywood Infant School was approached to make cards or write letters to contribute to gifts that are taken to elderly people in hospital over Christmas.



Squirrels and Rabbits classes wrote some lovely letters, sending warm, festive greetings to the recipients.

St Michael's Choir

We were thrilled to have a visit on Thursday morning from Jenifer Abe and the choir from St Michael's. They sang a wonderful medley of Christmas songs, many of which our children and staff were able to join in. The choir looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers, antlers and flashing lights. Thank you St Michael's!



Spring Term PE days

School re-opens on Monday 5th January at 8:40am.

Our PE days for January and February will be:

Foxes and Badgers: PE on Tuesdays and Forest Fun on Wednesdays

Owls and Hedgehogs: Outdoor PE on Wednesdays and dance on Thursdays

Squirrels and Rabbits: Gymnastics on Mondays and outdoor PE on Fridays

Term dates for Essex schools for 2026-7 attached, non-pupil days to be added as soon as possible in conjunction with St Michael's Church of England Junior School.

We send everyone our very best wishes for a lovely Christmas and a happy 2026.

