



Class Reference Information:

Reception
Robin and Wren
(EYFS/Foundation Stage)

Key Stage 1 (KS1)
Year 1: Swift, Nightingale
Year 2: Woodpecker and Kingfisher

Lower Key Stage (LKS2)
Year 3: Osprey, Falcon,
Year 4: Buzzard and Skylark

Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)
Year 5: Kestrel, Red Kite
Year 6: Owl and Eagle

We are really excited to have our own preschool opening: **Gamlingay Village Preschool**. Over the past few weeks parents and children have been visiting their new preschool and they officially start on Monday! We are really excited to be a part of the children of Gamlingay's educational journeys from such an early age. Over the next few weeks, the more permanent home for our preschool will be taking shape. Children are enjoying watching the machinery onsite. Our Junior Travel Ambassadors won a visit from a **Gritter**, which will be with us soon. A Road Safety Officer and a Gritter Driver will talk about large vehicles and the problems drivers of large vehicles can have with seeing little people.

As you know, ensuring that children are safe is a priority for us. We have sought advice about what to do when children are wearing earrings and it is PE. Over the years the guidance has changed. Previously, covering with a plaster was considered a way of reducing the risk. This is no longer considered best practice. Our policy is that children should remove piercings and watches and have hair tied back. If children cannot remove their **earrings** independently, they should not wear earrings that day. If children cannot remove earrings, independently or because they are newly pierced, in lessons where the earrings are a risk (eg some contact games lessons or gymnastics lessons) they may be asked to participate in a non-active role.

We were pleased to be able to host the Gamlingay Village Show on our school field last weekend. As you know, we are hoping to do some work on the field to make it safer for sports. This will hopefully take place soon so that children can use it in the not too distant future. We are growing trees at the bottom of the field to expand our **Forest School** area, a valuable part of our curriculum which children enjoy.

World Food Day is in October. We have invited the Reverend Hilary in to lead an assembly a few weeks before. Farming communities traditionally celebrate the harvest with a Harvest Thanksgiving service. The local churches are celebrating in the next few weeks. As part of the local community, you may want to be part of the celebration by donating food which will go to **The Food Project** in Gamlingay. Tinned and dried foods are really appreciated. Please send food in with your child next week and we will send it to the Food Project on Friday.

Governors wanted! As a member of the West Village Partnership, our governors work as a team with governors from Offord Primary School and Everton Heath Primary School. One of the Cam Academy Trust's core values is *local*. What do governors do? The role of the Governing Body is a strategic one and its key functions are to:

- set the aims and objectives for each school
- set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- approve Trust targets for academic achievement
- monitor and evaluate the progress each school is making
- be a source of challenge and support to the headteacher (a critical friend)

Do you have skills and expertise that you could offer to help make our school the best it could be? Join our team of Gamlingay governors! If you are interested, please email: office@gamlingayvp.org to find out more.

Reminders:

If you have moved house, if you have different phone numbers or different priority contacts, please get in touch with the office so that we can **update your details** on our school system.

Reading books:

Reading is one of the most valuable things that we can teach our children. Make reading a part of your daily routine as a family and introduce your children to a world of books!

Remember to sign **reading records!**

Coming up

- Monday 25th Sept.:** Yom Kippur Assembly
- Wednesday 27th Sept.:** Year 5 teambuilding day
- Friday 29th Sept.:** Food Collection for the Food Project
- Tuesday 3rd Oct.:** Assembly with Rev. Hilary
- Wednesday 4th Oct.:** Year 5 & 6 Careers Convention
- Wednesday 4th Oct.:** Year 4 teambuilding day
- Friday 6th Oct.:** Gritter visit
- Monday 16th Oct.:** Individual photos
- Monday 16th Oct.:** BMX Assembly
- Friday 20th Oct.:** Last day of first half of Autumn Term