



Class Reference Information:

Reception

Robin & Wren
(EYFS/Foundation Stage)

Key Stage 1 (KS1)

Year 1: Swift & Nightingale, Year 2: Woodpecker & Kingfisher

Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2)

Year 3: Osprey & Falcon, Year 4: Buzzard & Skylark

Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)

Year 5: Kestrel & Red Kite
Year 6: Owl & Eagle

It is lovely to feel a bit of warmth in the air and the happy sound of children playing outside. Unfortunately, some of the late winter bugs have caused illness with our staff. Hopefully, they are on the mend. Thank you for your patience, if anything has been delayed or overlooked in their absence.

Maths in the World

As a country, we need to get more positive about maths. Many people in our society happily claim they are bad at maths, yet the modern, digital world is driven by maths and data. Confidence in using maths to analyse and interpret data and understand finances is crucial for everyone, empowering people to make informed decisions. Currently, many people are not confident to use maths and data in their life and work. This limits their opportunities and reduces their potential. (NCETM)

At Gamlingay Village Primary we believe that Maths is for everyone! It is so common to hear it said, 'Maths isn't my thing!' Maths is our thing. To help us inspire our learners, we would love to hear how you use maths. Do you use maths in your everyday job? If so and you would be happy to share about your job in a school assembly, please email office@gamlingayvp.org

Maths Pig's Challenge

'Keep Calm and Love Maths; it is the only subject that counts!'
A cinema screening starts at 14:35. The movie lasts for 2 hours, 32 r... 23 minutes of adverts. It took 20 minutes to get to the cinema. What time should you tell your family that you'll be home?



Focus on Gamlingay Pre-School Little Ducklings

It's hard to believe pre-school is coming towards the end of its second term. The provision has grown massively over this time, from our initial 6 children in our temporary home of the small hall, to our current 16 children in the newly installed purpose-built building. What hasn't changed is the staff's commitment to provide exciting learning opportunities and first hand experiences for our youngest children.

Our Pre-School team are working closely with the reception team. Staff have received regular training from Mrs Halawa, our EYFS lead, to ensure that the children's move across to reception will be as seamless as possible. We are busy planning lots of exciting transition events for next term for our pre-schoolers too!

As the weather improves, children are spending more time in their extensive outside area and staff are working hard to enhance this area of provision. They have recently planted a willow tunnel and dome and are looking forward to seeing it sprout and grow over the next few weeks and months. If you have any items off their wish list of ideas that was recently shared via Parent Hub, please let us know.

Gamlingay Pre-School takes children from their third birthday, with children being able to be added to the waiting list from their second birthday. We have full-time spaces available for September, as well as availability for some sessions from after Easter. Please email gam-preschool@gamlingayvp.org for more information or to be added to the waiting list.

Governor Call

The support that governors can offer a school is invaluable. If you would be interested in being a school governor, please fill in the attached paperwork and send to office@gamlingayvp.org by the 28th March.

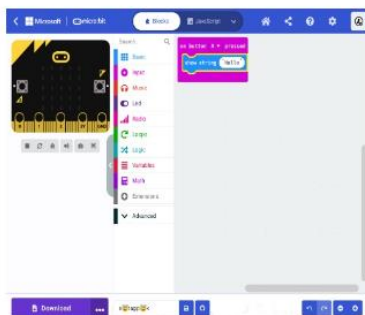
Uniform

Wearing uniform helps gives a sense of belonging which is important in our school community. It can be important for other children that everyone wears the correct uniform. Please check our website: [Uniform - Gamlingay Village Primary \(gamlingayvp.org\)](http://Uniform - Gamlingay Village Primary (gamlingayvp.org))

Digital Leaders

By Year 6 pupils

At our first after school digital leader meeting, we put the microbits together by connecting the battery pack to the microbits. After, we paired the microbits to the ipads by using the microbit app. Then we made the microbits do some cool things like play music and show cool patterns. One of the digital leaders made the microbit show a star like picture and sing a melody at the same time, all by programming the microbit on the app. All the microbits have different names, for example topiv. Also they all have a different colour on a part of them, they could be blue or pink or even yellow, it could be any colour. If you programmed it right, you could make it do something when you shake it. It was a lot of fun assembling the microbits and programming them. We hope to help other children use them soon too.



Meet Miss Slater – Assistant Head



I am head of Phonics and Early Reading.
On a Tuesday you will often find me ... supporting pupils with their phonics learning or completing some Little Wandle Letters and Sounds training.
My favourite book when I was younger was Winnie-the-Pooh. Fun fact, I actually played Winnie-the-Pooh in a school play when I was in Year 1.
When I was at school, I loved all things outdoors! At my primary school we had a nature area which I loved spending time in. This is definitely where my passion for Forest School began.

Family Time

Create a den big enough for the whole family – it could be inside or outside. Get hot chocolates for everyone. Climb inside and retell famous family stories!

Local Grants

A big thank you to Gamlingay Parish Council, who has given us grants to support the development of our kitchen garden and also to support our choir's trip to Wembley. Thank you to Mrs Flowerday for her work in the kitchen garden and to Mrs Van Gruenen and Mrs Champion for all their work with the choir.

World Book Day

This year for World Book Day, we have really zoomed our focus into finding time to enjoy reading. Children were encouraged to talk about where and when they enjoy reading as well as sharing texts that they have cherished over the years. Our book swap was most successful and the children loved sharing their finds with their new friends and family members during our shared reading 'anywhere with anyone'. We are excited for this enthusiasm to continue and so have launched a competition for children to take a picture of them reading (it could be on their own or with others) in an interesting or favourite place. Please send entrants into your year group email by Monday 25th March.

The last few weeks have been busy with lots of different things happening in school – from using balancing scales, to baking bread.

We had GenR8 visit one of our assemblies to tell us what Christians believe about Easter.

Robins and Wrens visited Standalone Farm on World Book Day – they read to some of the animals!

We sent a coach full of children to a cross country competition. We were really proud of them!

Online safety

Here is a link to our website: [Safeguarding & Online Safety - Gamlingay Village Primary \(gamlingayvp.org\)](http://Safeguarding & Online Safety - Gamlingay Village Primary (gamlingayvp.org)) It has lots of downloads for parents; including on supporting children who have been exposed to upsetting images and a parent's guide to Roblox.

Attendance: Attendance matters. We cannot approve any holidays.

Dates for your Diary

19th Mar: Year 3 Learning Café @ 9am

21st Mar: Woodpecker class assembly @ 9am

25th Mar: Easter assembly

26th Mar: Holi assembly

27th Mar: Kingfisher class assembly at 9am

28th Mar: Last day of term – No Roosters after school

15th Apr: INSET day

16th Apr: First day of Summer Term

17th – 19th April: Year 4 residential

30th April: Year 2 Learning Café