

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

We have survived some of the hottest days of the year. Well done to children, staff and parents, especially those who came to join us for open classrooms on Tuesday and Wednesday!

We will be welcoming more parents in next week for other open classrooms. We hope that you have been able to celebrate with your child how they have **grown** throughout the year, in knowledge and skills, as well as other attributes such as resilience and kindness. Throughout this year, we hope that they have grown in **respect** for the school community and in **aspirations** as to what they can achieve in the future. As you read your children's reports in a few weeks' time, hopefully what you have seen in their books will complement and reflect what you read in their reports. A huge thank you to you as parents for what you do at home. It makes all the difference.

Last week, we welcomed new parents to our school community. Those children who will be joining us in September will be visiting the school a few times in the next three weeks to prepare them for going to 'big' school after the holidays.

On Wednesday, at GVP we have had Hispanic Day. Each class learnt about a different Spanish-speaking country. They looked at the geography and culture of the country and learnt a little Spanish through stories and songs. In the afternoon the children learnt about an artist and created their own artwork inspired by the artist.

At GVP, we have a strong SEND team: Mrs Mooring & Miss Vincent are the SENDCos. They are supported by Mrs Redbond and Mrs Olivier. SEND stands for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Our SEND team work incredibly hard with teachers and teaching staff to ensure that children are well cared for and that they can thrive in school. A huge thank you to that team who care so much for those children who can find school incredibly difficult. They often go above and beyond what is expected of them.

Two of our teaching assistants, will be retiring at the end of the year: Mrs Penny Griffiths and Mrs Angela Hall. Mrs Griffiths has worked at Gamlingay Village Primary and Gamlingay First School for over 20 years. Mrs Hall has been supporting children in Gamlingay schools for over 33 years, first at the Village College and now at the Village Primary. They have commented on many happy memories, the privilege of working in schools, the vibrant school community, interesting children, genuine friendship. They are both valued members of staff and we appreciate all that they have done for children over the years. Thank you, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Hall. We wish them a long and happy retirement!

**Focus on Cam Academy Trust**

Gamlingay Village Primary is one of 12 schools which is part of the Cam Academy Trust. We were the first primary school to join the Trust in 2016. The role of the Academy Trust is to ensure Excellence for All. The Trust oversees budgets, changes to premises, leadership and accountability for standards of education.

Claire Heald became the Chief Executive Officer of the Cam Academy Trust this month and she visited Gamlingay Village Primary on her first week.

You can read much more about the Trust on the Cam Academy Trust website: [www.catrust.co.uk](http://www.catrust.co.uk)



## September Ready!

There is still lots to do this term, but staff are already thinking about September!

Over the summer Mrs Hinton is planning to do lots of work to transform the classrooms and corridors into a more inspiring learning environment for the children. Therefore, before the holidays, we want the school to be clean and tidy and so will be dealing with lost property promptly. **Lost property** is at the school office and is always open, so please do visit it if you have lost anything.

We want our classrooms to be tidy, clutter-free spaces. There is limited space for large bags or pencil cases in the classrooms.

For September 2024/25, these are the **expectations**:

**EYFS/KS1: a bookbag**

**LKS2: a small backpack or a bookbag**

**UKS2: stationery provided, but can bring in own, in a small pencil case & small backpack or bookbag**

Bookbags are recommended for keeping books in good condition.

## Parent help!

We believe that there is lots to celebrate at Gamlingay Village Primary. We seek to do our best for all the children.

We are currently updating our school prospectus – we would love to add a few quotes from parents about what you appreciate about the school. If you could help us, please send quotes to [office@gamlingvyp.org](mailto:office@gamlingvyp.org).

It might encourage our staff as well, and help them get through an incredibly exciting but busy time of the school year, with trips, productions, transition activities.

## Families Matter

We know how important families are for our children and how challenging it can sometimes be to be in a family! Mrs Redbond is our family worker, working across the whole school, including the Cabin Nest – she is here to help you. She is a friendly ear who can listen and offer advice. Mrs Redbond runs parenting programmes, that can support with communication and specialist areas such as ADHD & Autism. She has great knowledge of other services available for support to families and can signpost you to them. She also supports the SEND team and offers pastoral support to pupils. Contact Mrs Redbond on [sen@gamlingayvp.org](mailto:sen@gamlingayvp.org)



## Respect

Respect is a value that we hold dear to. We expect there to be a high level of respect shown between staff and parents. We really value your support with expectations of children's behaviour before and after school. Children should not be riding on scooters or bikes or using the school equipment.

## Dates for your Diary

30th June-3rd July: Year 6 Residential

1st July: Year 2 trip

2nd July: Year 3 & 4 trip

4th July: NED assembly

4th July: EYFS open classrooms – 3pm

4th July: Year 3 & 4 open classrooms –

3pm

5th July: Year 1 trip

9th July: Year 5 trip

10th-12th July: Year 6 production

15th July: Rocksteady Summer Concert –

2.30pm

16th July: Sponsored read

18th July: Year 6 leavers assembly

18th July: Year 6 leavers party – 4pm

19th July: Last day of term.

**NED's Mindset Mission** is a character education program that centres around three important messages that have lifelong relevance: Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. During the assembly, students will learn about the importance of these three life skills while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

<http://www.mindsetmission.com/assembly.html>

Yo-yos will be on sale after this.

## Meet Miss Vincent



**Job title:** Buzzard Class Teacher and SENDCo

**At 10am on a Tuesday**, you will probably find me in the office with the SEND team completing referrals, meeting parents, or supporting children around the school.

**My favourite book** when I was at school was anything by Jacqueline Wilson (I even got to meet her!).

**When I was at school**, I loved doing all kinds of sport including netball, football, gymnastics and trampolining.