



Newsletter No. 4

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

Friday 30th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has passed and there has been a wonderful buzz around school. Year two have been busy practicing for their class assembly which they are all very excited about.

In all classes we have seen purposeful learning which has created active discussions and our governors were impressed with how well pupils could articulate their learning.

We held our first Parent Partnership Group meeting this week and it was lovely to meet with you to discuss how we can support the school. It is important for us to hear your feedback so we can work together to make positive change. If you are interested in getting involved, you can let the office know or look out for the date of the next meeting which will take place next month.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Smith



YEAR 4

This week, Mrs Smith, our Head of School, has started working with the Year Four children to help develop their communication and social skills. She has focused on increasing their understanding of each other and how individuals work best when part of a cohesive group. The aim is to equip the pupils of Rowan Class with a greater range of skills and strategies to improve their communication and help them recognise their own needs and strengths, as well as those of others.

In Rowan Class this week, the children showed super focus and creativity when continuing their learning about proportion and composition, in art. They created collages using a range of materials that provided form and texture.

YEAR 3

For our instruction writing unit "My Strong Mind", we followed a set of instructions to create an origami boat to support our Mindfulness. Everyone showed great resilience when things went wrong and supported each other beautifully. We then practised mindful breathing with our boats on our chests.



GMA GOOD NEWS STORY

On **Friday 6th February 2026**, we will be celebrating Number Day. During the day, the children will take part in numerical games, activities and Dress up for Digits while raising money for the NSPCC.

Please send your child in on this day 'dressed for digits' This could be wearing a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice! More info on MCAS.



RECEPTION

Our Reception children love getting creative, and we are building up our craft area with lots of exciting materials to explore. If you have any spare craft resources at home, we would be very grateful for donations.

We are especially looking for items such as: pom poms, buttons, feathers, pipe cleaners, ribbons, beads, wool, tissue paper, wrapping paper and other collage materials.

Donations can be handed to the Office or the Reception team at drop-off or pick-up time. Thank you for helping us provide wonderful creative opportunities for the children! Along with this, donations of toy cars are always welcome! Thank you.

ACORN

In Acorn class this week, as part of the Big Birdwatch, we have used binoculars to look for birds and put out bird feeders to entice them. We talked about being quiet so we did not scare away the birds.



POTTY TRAINING GUIDE

We have a handy potty-training guide available on our website to support families. Please click on the link below if you would like guidance and helpful tips with potty training.

<https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/page/?title=Family+Support&pid=163>

SEN COFFEE MORNING – TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY

We are lucky to have our Mental Health Support Team in attendance, to discuss emotional dysregulation. So, we can prepare for the event, please complete the form by clicking on the link, letting us know if you plan on attending. We would love to have as many of you there as possible.

<https://forms.gle/2vLcMs9rt9qrYqa1A>

YOUNG VOICES

We are thrilled that Year 4 and some Year 3 students will be participating in the Young Voices Concert after half term. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to perform as part of a large choir and experience the joy of singing on a grand stage. Our choir along with 9000 other young voices will perform together to create a truly spectacular concert experience. We hope you all have a fun and memorable day. Look out for more information to follow via MCAS.



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**COFFEE,
CONVERSATIONS,
CARE.**

**INTRODUCING OUR
NEW MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT TEAM.**

Come enjoy a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, learn about the services offered by the mental health support team & emotional regulation, and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

INFORMATION

- 10th February 2026
- Gothic Mede Lower
- 9am

Brought to you by Sandy/Biggleswade
Community Access Service Mental Health
Support Team.

Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Conker	Michael for making great progress using his communication board to share his wants and needs.
Ash	Daisy for her enthusiasm and participation in maths this week, particularly during the mastering number workshop in the hall.
Oak	Dotty for working so hard in our phonics and writing sessions. Dotty wrote a brilliant shopping list for Little Red Riding Hood this week. Well done.
Beech	Mihail for his fantastic effort and enthusiasm in Geography this week when learning about the Amazon rainforest.
Elm	Andre for showing greater independence in Maths. Andre successfully ordered numbers from smallest to greatest.
Willow	Grayson for his positive attitude towards writing during our Great Fire of London topic. He has worked really hard to create some fantastic writing to describe the fire.
Maple	Max for applying different skills confidently during 3D sculpture making.
Chestnut	Nelly for showing resilience and determination in the classroom. Nelly has also been working hard on joining her handwriting.
Sycamore	Esme for working extremely well in Maths. Esme has shown great determination and focus in order to be able to calculate division including remainders.
Rowan	Remi for his effort and perseverance when learning how to use formal written methods for multiplication and division.

CELEBRATIONS

- Hallie (Elm) received a distinction award in her first Prep Ballet Exam, she was awarded with a trophy and certificate
- Grayson (Maple) awarded a swimming certificate for moving up a level
- Ana (Oak) awarded a swimming certificate for moving up a level

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI 6TH FEB	Number Day
FRI 6TH FEB	Year 2 Assembly – 2:30pm
TUE 10TH FEB	SEN Coffee Morning

FROM THE KITCHEN

Please click on the link to view the dinner menu.

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