



Newsletter No. 12

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

Friday 17th April



Dear Parents/ carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful break with your families and are feeling ready for the term ahead.

Summer term often passes by so quickly with trips, assemblies, sports days and so much more. Having listened to your feedback, we have included all the set dates for upcoming events for the term to give you as much notice as possible. Please do look out for any additions over the next few weeks, as we are always looking for opportunities to support pupils wider personal development and may add in some exciting things!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith

ROCK STEADY CONCERT

We are incredibly proud of our Rock Steady bands, who performed to the whole school and parents this week. They have shown fantastic progression and have developed their musical skills with confidence. It was wonderful to see their hard work come together in such great performances - well done to all involved!

BEST MATHS COMPETITION

There is still time to enter our Maths Competition for schools across the trust. Your child has been given a problem to solve, this is not just about getting the answer right, we are looking for:

- **Creative approaches to solving the problem**
- **Clear mathematical thinking and reasoning**
- **Imaginative and engaging presentation of solutions**

We want pupils to take pride in their work – whether that’s through diagrams, models, illustrations, or beautifully structured explanations. The more original and thoughtfully designed, the better!

Deadline for entries: **Friday 24th April**

There will be a winning entry, celebrating both mathematical excellence and creative design. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate mathematics in a way that is both rigorous and inspiring. Let’s see just how creative our young mathematicians can be!

Years 1, 2, 3, 4

Ben has five **different** coins in his pocket.
How much money might he have?

What is the smallest amount of money he could have?
How do you know?

What is the largest amount of money he could have? How
do you know?

Can you find all the possibilities?

How do you know you have found them all?



EYFS

What is your favourite pattern?

Draw, create, build, photograph.

Explain why your pattern is the
BEST



FROM THE KITCHEN

Please click on the link to view the updated Summer Menu. Next week is **WEEK 2** of the menu.
<https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/schoolmeals>

With regards to the pre ordering system on MCAS, we want to be clear that the option is there to pre order for those that want to. It is not a necessity, so please be assured your child can still come and choose their meal as they did before and can benefit from our new wider choice.

DIARY DATES

22 nd – 24 th April	Year 4 PGL
Tuesday 28 th April	Reception Vision Screening
Friday 1 st May	Tea with the Head
Monday 4 th May	May Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 5 th May	Year 1 Woburn Safari Park Trip
Tuesday 12 th May	SEN Coffee Morning
Tuesday 12 th May	Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 13 th May	Class Photos
Thursday 14 th May	Year 2 British School Museum Trip
Wednesday 20 th May	Reception Assembly – parents welcome
25 th – 29 th May	May Half Term
8 th – 12 th June	Arts around the world week
22 nd – 26 th June	World well being week
Tuesday 30 th June	Roman Workshop Year 3
Tuesday 7 th July	Faith Tour Year 3
Thursday 9 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 15 July	Acorn summer party

Uniform Guide 2026 - <https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/uniform>

Please click on the link above to view our 2026 uniform guide. Our uniform provider is Total clothing - <https://www.totalclothing.co.uk/> Please be aware the last date to order to ensure free delivery to school before the end of term is **Wednesday 12th August**.

Handwriting Awards

- Oak: Bonnie-Rose** Bonnie has worked so hard, using the correct letter formation and is now starting and finishing her letters in the right place. Bonnie is even able to talk about how her handwriting has improved and what she now does to make sure she starts in the right place.
- Ash: Harrison** Harrison has been working so hard on developing his pencil grip, applying enough pressure and sitting at his table correctly. He has made fantastic progress and is now writing recognisable letters, many of which are correctly formed.
- Beech: Mila** Mila has made fantastic progress with her handwriting. Her letters are now all correctly formed, smaller and she is consistently using finger spaces between words.
- Elm: Arlo** Arlo has made great progress with his handwriting this term. His writing is smaller and clearer which has made it easier for him to read back his work to check it. He is using finger spaces more frequently and his writing is sitting neatly on the line.
- Maple: Rosie** Rosie has worked hard at joining her letters consistently and she always takes pride in her presentation.
- Willow: Lexi** Lexi has been awarded the handwriting award for her fantastic effort and dedication to improving her writing. She has worked incredibly hard to learn all of her joins and is now consistently applying them with great care. Lexi takes real pride in presenting her work neatly, and her handwriting is becoming increasingly fluent and well-formed. Well done, Lexi!
- Sycamore: Aurelia** Aurelia combines fantastic ideas and strong sentence structure with beautiful cursive handwriting. She has worked hard to neaten up her descenders and make sure that her letters are the same size.
- Chestnut: Quinn** Quinn has worked hard to turn her printed letter formation into handwriting that flows with excellent joins.
- Rowan: Molly** Molly takes great pride in the presentation of her writing. She consistently strives to produce neatly joined, accurately formed letters, in all areas of the curriculum.