GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are one week down and we are off to a busy start! Our pupils have settled straight back into learning, working hard and producing some excellent work.

Autumn term is always where we see our pupils really start to shine. We are looking forward to sharing with you your child's achievements at the upcoming parents evening, both personally and academically.
We have to get the balance right in ensuring teaching and learning is our priority and that productions and performances complement the classroom learning. For our pupils, we know consistency and routine supports regulation and progress which is why we have carefully considered our Christmas arrangements communicated this week.

Over the next few weeks, we will be inviting parents in for Reading and Maths workshops to support you in helping your child at home. These have always been well attended so we hope you are able to take us up on this opportunity. All dates are on the newsletter but please get in touch is you have any questions.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith



Our Year 4 children will be taking part in an exciting Trust-wide competition from 6th–12th November! The challenge is to see which school can be crowned the Best in BEST at TTRS! ⭐
We wish all our Year 4 Rock Stars the very best of luck. Let's get practising, earn those points and show everyone what we can do!

SCHOOL EVENTS



Children In Need

Next Friday, we will be celebrating Children in Need by holding a non-uniform day! Children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes, and we kindly ask families to make a £1 donation via MCAS to support this wonderful cause.
After school, our catering team will also be holding a Children in Need bake sale in the playground.

Winter Canvas Competition

We are inviting children to get creative and take part in our Winter Canvas Competition! Canvases are available to purchase via MCAS for £2.50 each. Children can create their own winter scene using any medium of their choice. There will be one winner selected from each year group. Please ensure completed canvases are returned to school by Friday 11th December.
Good luck, everyone! We look forward to seeing your fantastic winter artwork!



PFGM EVENTS



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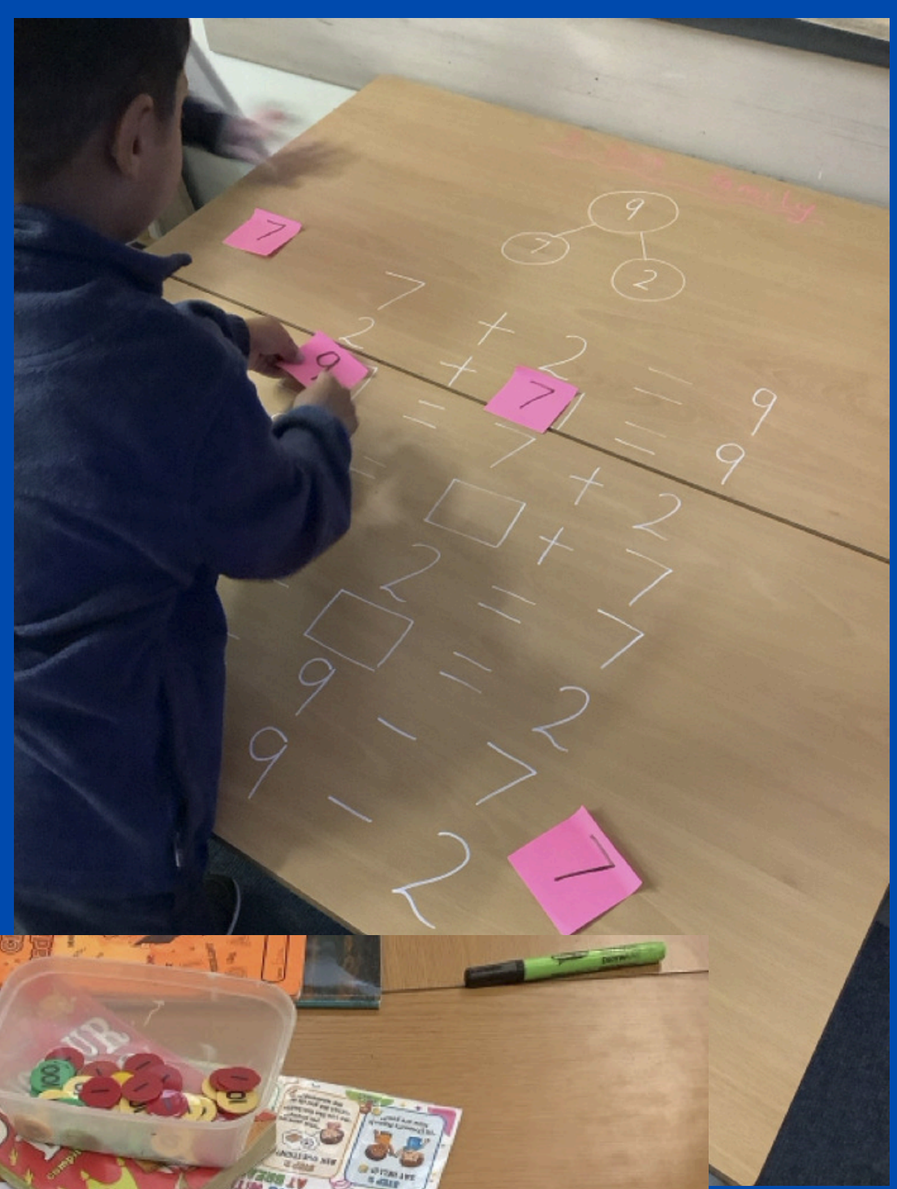
AUTHOR VISIT

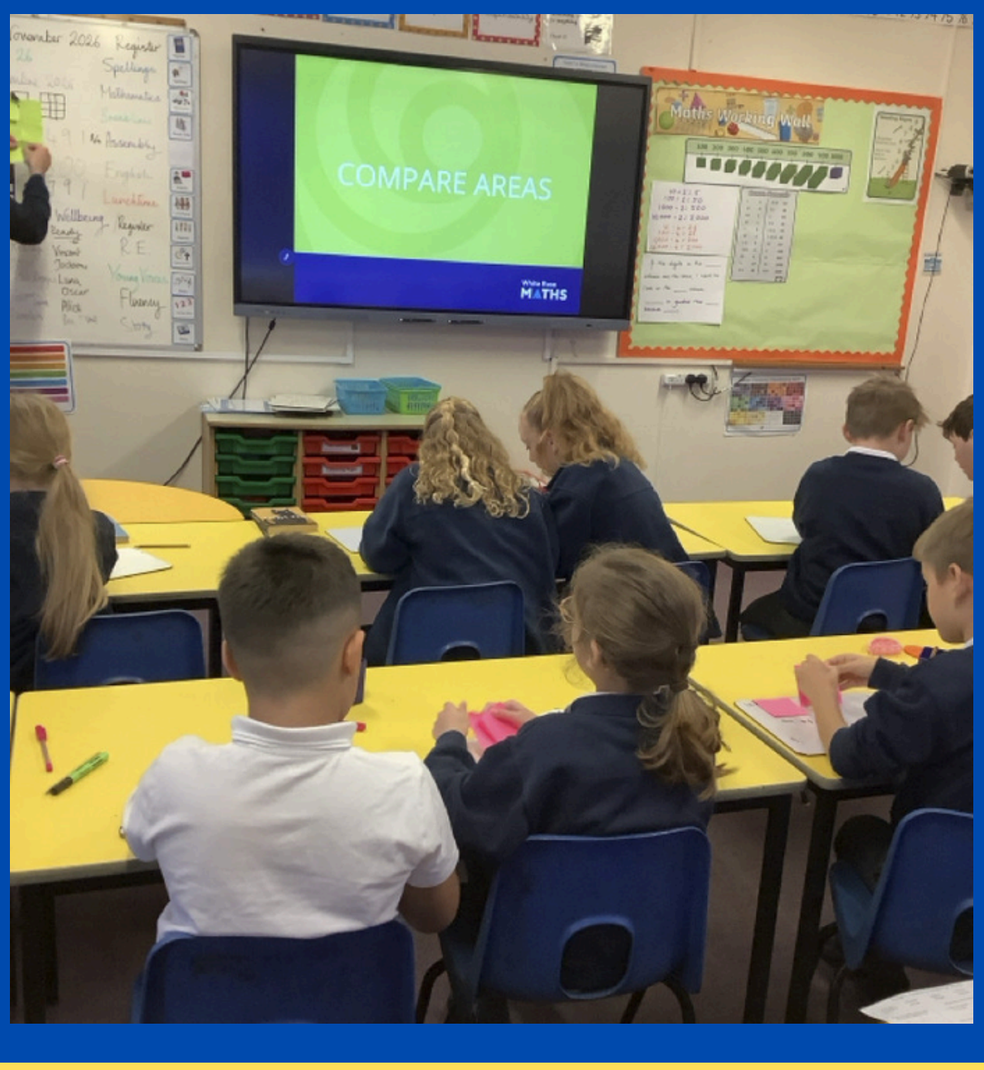
We are excited to announce that on the 9th – 11th November, KS1 and KS2 will have a writing workshop experience with author C. S. Clifford. The children in all year groups will receive a writing challenge followed by class workshops linked to the author's books. Children in Reception will have story time sessions with the author.
At the end of the day, Steve Clifford will be available on the playground for parents/carers to purchase signed copies of books and meet parents and children. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or card payment directly to the author. Why not have a look at his website to see examples of his books: www.csclifford.co.uk

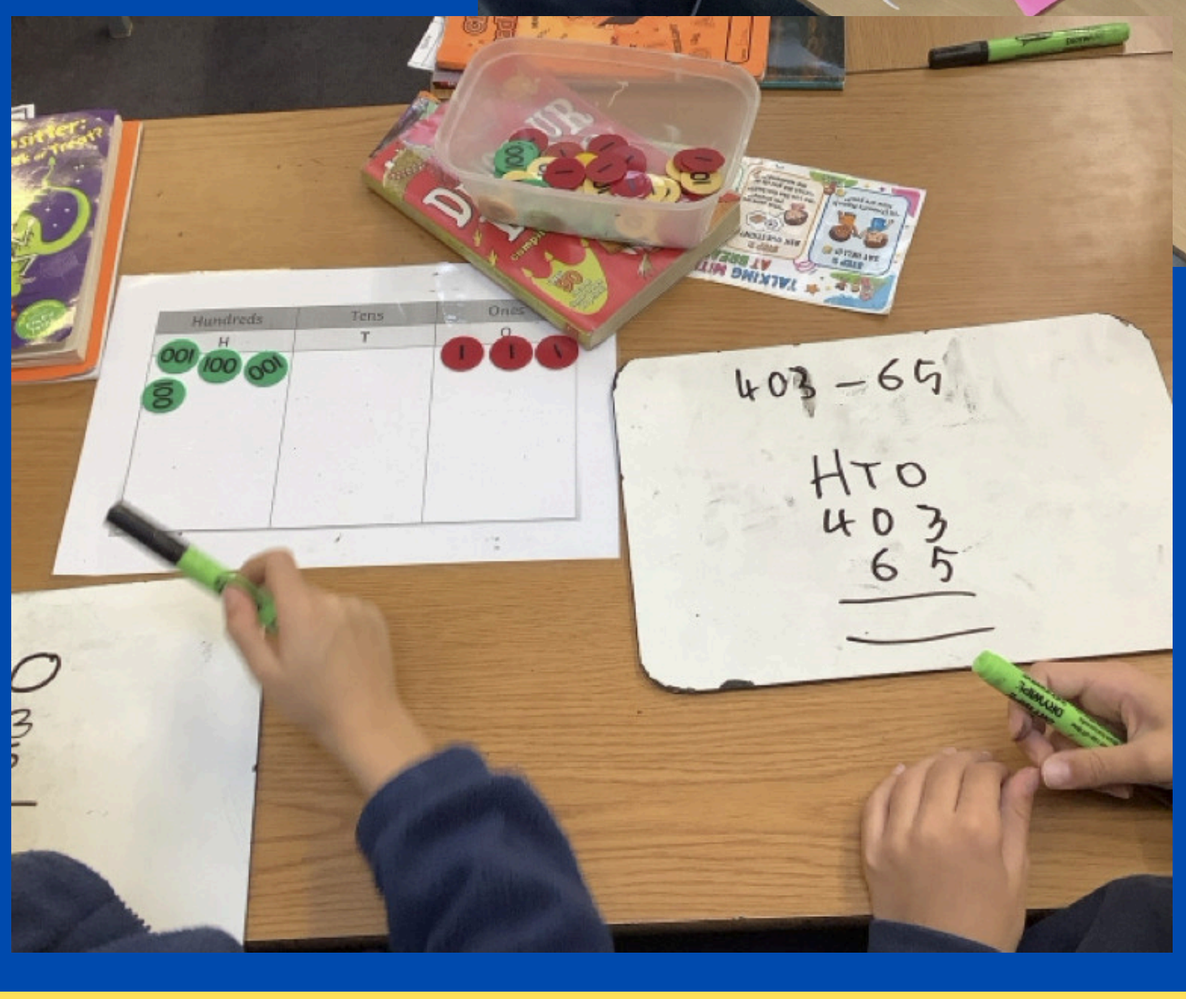


MATHS AT GOTHIC MEDE

There has been lots of fantastic Maths learning taking place across the school this week!
Year 1 have been investigating fact families, exploring the links between addition and subtraction. Year 3 have been developing their understanding of column subtraction, using place value counters to support their learning. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been investigating the area of rectilinear shapes.
We love seeing our children developing their mathematical skills, building confidence and tackling new challenges!







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PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Children are nominated by their teachers for a Principal's Award in recognition of an exceptional achievement or for demonstrating one of our school values.
Award recipients are presented with a certificate during our weekly Celebration Assembly which takes place every Monday. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the hard work, positive attitudes and achievements of our pupils.

ASH	Ayla	for her increased confidence and enthusiasm towards her learning, particularly in phonics.
OAK	Sid	for his enthusiasm during drawing club sessions. Sid had great ideas and wrote his code independently
BEECH	Daisy	for her continuous effort in all areas, and for her positive attitude
ELM	Brooke	for her perseverance in Maths, using a part whole model to solve number sentences
MAPLE	Elijah	for his excellent effort when investigating micro habitats
WILLOW	Charlotte	for her effort in English, working hard to write a verse for a poem.
SYCAMORE	Esme	for showing excellent perseverance in Maths when mastering column addition.
CHESTNUT	Harper	for always being ready to learn and an excellent role model.
ROWAN	Keeley	for her excellent use of description in her recent independent writing.
HAZEL	Isabelle F	for her continuous effort in writing and building her confidence

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Autumn Term Diary Dates

9th - 11th Nov	C S Clifford Author Visit/Workshop
11.11.2026	Remembrance Day - Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies can attend school in their club uniform
13.11.2026	Children in Need - Non uniform day
17.11.2026	Parent Consultations 4:30 - 7:00pm
18.11.2026	Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 4)
19.11.2026	Parent Consultations 4:00 - 6:30pm
20.11.2026	Mastering Numbers Workshop for Reception parents 9:00 - 10:00am
25.11.2026	Acorn Parent Consultations 11:30 - 12:30pm & 4:00 - 6:00pm
25.11.2026	Supporting your child with reading (EYFS/KS1) parent session
01.12.2026	Whole School Pantomime Trip
03.12.2026	Flu Catch Up session
09.12.2026	KS1 Christmas Performance at St Peters Church 10:15am
10.12.2026	Rock Steady Christmas Concert
10.12.2026	Christmas Dinner
16.12.2026	KS2 Christmas Performance at St Peters Church 10:15am
16.12.2026	Reception & Acorn Christmas Performance at GMA 9:00am & 2:30pm
17.12.2026	KS1 & KS2 Carols on the Playground 2:30pm
18.12.26 End of Term	
04.01.2027	Staff training day
05.01.2027	Children return to school

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