



Newsletter 23 – 6th March 2026

DAY	WHAT'S ON
EVERYDAY	Cygnets: bring reading books, reading records, spelling books, water bottles Swans: bring water bottles, a healthy snack Wear PE Kit on Monday and Thursdays
MONDAY 9TH MARCH	- Monday Breakfast and Takeaway Coffee - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up from School - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 10TH MARCH	- Lunchtime Chess Club - ASC with Crafts 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Year 4 - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 12TH MARCH	ASC with Signing 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH	- Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
MONDAY 16TH MARCH	- Monday Breakfast and Takeaway Coffee - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up from School - ASC 3.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH	- Lunchtime Chess Club - Year 5& 6 Mock Trial Cirencester - Year 3& 4 Book Club 3.00-3.30pm - ASC with Crafts 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Year 5 - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 19TH MARCH	- Swans Trip to the Corinium Museum – Packed Lunches - ASC with Signing 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH	- Musical Mania - Year 1&2 Mini Olympics, Kingshill School, 3.45-5.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm

Coming up Year 5&6 Swimming Gala, 25th March Year 4 to see In the Net play at Down Ampney, 26th March, Easter Concert for parents 2.00pm, 27th March Easter Service at 1.00pm, End of Term 1.30pm.

Message from Miss Davies

It has been a busy week in school and I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for your continued effort and positivity. Although it has been a challenging week, particularly with some staff illness, it has been wonderful to see such determination and commitment across our school community.

A real positive for me has been seeing our attendance moving in the right direction. I would especially like to say **well done to the Cygnets**, who achieved **100% attendance this week with no absences or lateness at all**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the great support from families in helping children arrive on time and ready to learn each day. Across the school we have also seen improving attendance overall, which is extremely encouraging. Good attendance makes such a difference to children's confidence, progress and sense of belonging in school, so thank you for your continued support in making this a priority.

We also enjoyed celebrating **World Book Day** this week. Mrs McLellan has organised for a **Mystery Reader** to visit the school each day, which has been a lovely surprise for the children. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading and to share stories together across the school. Events like this remind us how important reading is in opening children's imaginations, building vocabulary and developing a lifelong love of books.

I have also started reading one of our **Book Club** books this week, with the others ready to follow. As a reminder, the current selections are:

- **Year 3 and 4 Book Club:** *The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth* by Eoin Colfer
- **Year 5 and 6 Book Club:** *An Eagle in the Snow* by Michael Morpurgo and *The Eye of the North* by Sinéad O'Hart

Unfortunately, it is now time for me to take a short break to rest and recover. Fingers crossed that whatever germ this is will move on quickly and I will return fighting fit very soon.

Summer Menus

The new Caterlink menus have gone out, if you have not already done so, please return with your choices by the end of term. Thank you.

Swans Visit to the Corinium Museum

The Swans will be going to the Corinium Museum on Thursday 19th March, booking will be available on the Portal from Monday evening. The PTA are kindly paying for the coach but we are asking for a contribution of £4 per child for the entrance ticket. The children will need to bring a packed lunch that day or order one from Caterlink. Please order the packed lunch on the portal by Tuesday 17th March. Thank you.

Panathelon

This week Luna, Leo, Remy, Bonnie and Lyra represented the school at Cirencester for the school Panathelon. We had a very exciting morning trying out a range of different activities organised by the college sports students. We started strong with Luna getting the maximum 4 points on the hit the target game. Bonnie demonstrated good control on the tennis racket hockey slalom. Leo and Lyra used their Maths to get the highest score possible on the bean bag toss and Remy particularly enjoyed the parachute and ball sort activity -although we did make it our own by sitting under the parachute! Inspired by the Winter Olympics, one activity that we hadn't tried before was based on curling but using sliders instead of ice. I was really proud of their can do attitude and great team work. We all went home with a medal and certificate and Luna showed great sporting attitude by congratulating other schools.

Cheese and Cake Tasting

Last week the children in the Swan's class filled their marble jar. Their class reward was cheese and cake tasting. Thank you to all the parents and carers who sent food in to help make it a success - I was quite taken aback my how much cheese one class can eat! Particular highlights included Quinn trying stuffed peppers for the first time, Connie turning a little pink from some unexpected chilli, Freya's beautifully decorated rainbow cakes and Charlotte's KitKat coffee cake! If you would like any cheese recommendations, Aldi's oak smoked cheddar was a particular favorite! Although I was initially quite surprised by the choice of cheese tasting it was great to see the children getting out of their comfort zones and trying new things.....The next marble jar treat is a staff vs children quiz - we're swotting up already.....



What an amazing day we have had! Thank you for all the effort you put into dressing up. Everyone enjoyed sharing their favourite book characters, including the staff who came as characters from Roald Dahl books.

The author Dr Helen Watson was very inspiring and we all enjoyed designing and creating our own living creatures out of play dough.

Thank you to the reading ambassadors who took their role very seriously, making sure everyone was Going All in for Reading, which was the theme of the day.





