



Newsletter 25 - 20th 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 23RD 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 24TH MARCH	- Lunchtime Chess Club - Year 3&4 to Rendcomb College for the Touring Opera - Year 5&6 Book Club 3.00-3.30pm. - ASC with Crafts 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Whole Cygnet Class - Year 4 to see In the Net Internet Safety Play at Down Ampney School - Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala Cirencester Pool 1.30-3.00pm. - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH	- Easter Concert for Parents, 2.00pm in school. - ASC with Signing 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH	- Musical Mania AM - Easter Service in Church at 1.00pm. 1.30pm end of term 4.
	EASTER HOLIDAY
MONDAY 13TH APRIL	- Start of Term 5 - Monday Breakfast and Takeaway Coffee - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up from the field (weather dependent) - ASC 3.15-4.15pm Pick up at 5.15pm from School.
TUESDAY 14TH APRIL	- Lunchtime Chess Club - Line Dancing Club 3.15-4.15pm - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & 4 - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 16TH APRIL	- Cricket Coaching in PE - ASC Cricket Coaching Club 3.15-4.15pm pick up from the field (weather dependent) - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm pick up after 4.15 from School.
FRIDAY 17TH APRIL	- Musical Mania - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm

Stars of the week

Cygnets- April who has been amazing at telling the time.

Swans- Connie for her lovely writing in her assessment.

Message from Miss Davies

We are getting to the point in the term where all the enrichments happen, and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning beyond the classroom. This week, the Year 5 and 6 children competed in the Mock Trial, developing their confidence, teamwork and speaking skills. The Swans have visited the Corinium Museum in Cirencester to enhance their understanding of the Romans and Anglo-Saxons, bringing their history learning to life. This afternoon, a group of KS1 children are heading off to take part in the Mini Olympics.

These opportunities are invaluable in providing hands-on learning experiences, allowing the children to explore, question and deepen their understanding in real and meaningful contexts.

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 children and Mr Jones, who were awarded 3rd place at the Cirencester Mock Trial. Although the concept can seem quite mature and, at times, a little daunting, the children embraced the experience brilliantly. Their enthusiasm and enjoyment were clear to see when they returned, and they should be very proud of their achievement.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to Mr Hicks-Beach and Mrs Penny Duke for the time and support they gave to our children, as well as for their help on the day itself—it was greatly appreciated.

I met with the Year 3 and 4 Book Club on Tuesday. The children reviewed our latest book, *The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth* by Eoin Colfer, which has been the most widely read title we've had so far. It proved extremely popular, with most children scoring it 9/10—and one enthusiastic reader even awarding it an impressive 11/10! We were undecided about our next book, so we have chosen two options for the group to consider.

Year 3 and 4 Book Club options:

- *Toys Go Out* by Emily Jenkins
- *The Case of the Lost Boy* by Dori Butler

The next Year 3&4 Book Club will be on Tuesday 28th April.

I am meeting with Year 5 and 6 next Tuesday, and I have shared the next possible books and dates with them so they can get a head start if they wish.

Year 5 and 6 Book Club options:

- *Tin* by Pádraig Kenny
- *Once* by Morris Gleitzman

The next Year 5&6 Book Club will be on Wednesday 29th April.

Last Friday, I was treated to a wonderful musical performance in the library by a group of children during their Musical Mania session. I also visited the signing club, where another group was rehearsing their song for the Easter Concert. I will be finalising the programme next week. The concert will include performances from both classes, as well as children who receive individual music lessons. This promises to be a wonderful event, and I warmly invite the whole school community to join us in celebrating the children's hard work and musical progress.

Year 3 & 4 Touring Opera Tuesday 24th March

On Tuesday morning Mrs Dawson is taking Year 3&4 to see the Griffin Theatre's performance of their opera Ada and the Code Crusaders. They will be back in time for lunch. Thank you to Mrs Morris for helping by driving the minibus.

Year 5&6 Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 25th March Mr Jones will be taking Year 5 & 6 to Cirencester Pool for the small schools swimming gala. Children not swimming will be supporting and holding the school banner. They will be leaving school after lunch at 12.45pm and returning by approximately 3.30pm.

Year 4 In the Net Play

Mrs McLellan is taking Year 4 to see the internet safety play In the Net at Down Ampney School on Wednesday 25th March. They will leave after lunch and return by 3.15pm.

Year 4-6 Residential

A letter will be sent home next week outlining the payment for the Residential with a kit list.

Caterlink Price Increase & Menu Choices

From 1 April 2026, the school meal price will increase to £2.95 per meal. Gloucestershire remains one of the lower-priced contracts nationally, even as many counties now charge well over £3.00 per meal. GCC has worked extensively with Caterlink to keep this increase as low as possible despite rising food and staffing costs.

If you have not returned your child's menu choices for the new menu, please can you do so by the end of term. Thank you

Save the Date

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June, the school will be opening the wildlife garden as part of the Southrop Open Gardens weekend and we are looking for volunteers on a rota basis to help man the garden between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. If you think you can help, please let us know. The money raised from the weekend is going towards refurbishing the village playground. It is also a great opportunity to show our school the wider community. If you can bake a cake for the teas being held in the Village Hall then please let Mrs Simmons know (27 cakes were used last time!). Thank you.

