## **Paper Copy Recipients**

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## Newsletter 27.3.24

Dear All

With Easter falling so early, we have had a short half term, but there is no doubt that we have packed a lot in both at a class and whole school level. We are very pleased with how our new Nursery children have settled in and with the progress children across the school are making in writing following the introduction of our new programme, Pathways to Write. In the last month, the children have enjoyed World Book Day and Science Day (we will definitely be repeating this next year). Both the music concerts and cross-country events were extremely successful with high participation and standards. Well done children! I was so disappointed not to see the KS2 performance, but have the video to enjoy this afternoon. Many classes also took part in other externally based activities. We have worked out a full programme of events for the summer term, which we will share with you when we get back. Thank you parents and carers for all your contributions that have made this such a successful term.

You will receive dates for the summer term, terms-on-a-page and timetables in the first week back.

Have a great holiday, everyone, and take care

Marc

## Timetable change

We are making a few changes to the Key Stage 1 and 2 timetables after the holidays, bringing assembly into the morning and adjusting some PE times. We will share the timetables with you when we get back. Please note the change to Swallows' and Robins' PE day (Wednesday). We will start Forest School in the first week back (Kingfishers on the first Monday).

## Forest School

For the summer term, I am pleased to tell you that each class will be doing Forest School again. This is an extra that we provide at GVS and is something we value hugely as a rural school both in terms of keeping children in touch with the outdoor and natural world and in terms of its mental health benefits. To get the most out of this, children in Key Stage 2 will do Forest School in two sets of two/three week blocks in which the whole afternoon will be dedicated to Forest School. Early Years and Key Stage 1 will have a weekly Forest School session throughout the term. The children will need to come to school in their Forest School kit (trainers/wellies, long sleeved top, trousers/jeans, waterproof and a jumper). Please can children with long hair tie it back.

Owls: Monday morning weekly

Wrens and Robins: Friday morning weekly

Swallows: Tuesday afternoons on 7, 14, 21 May and 2, 9, 16 July

<u>Bitterns:</u> Tuesday afternoons on 16, 23, 30 April and 11, 25 June <u>Kingfishers:</u> Monday afternoons on 15, 22, 29 April and 3, 10, 17 June <u>Kestrels:</u> Monday afternoons on 13, 20 May, 24 June and 8, 15 July <u>PE</u>

Owls: Wednesday

Wrens and Robins: Tuesday

Swallows and Bitterns: Wednesday

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Kingfishers and Kestrels: Thursday