

GOODERSTONE GAZETTE



WE 6TH MARCH 2026

Team News

Curie
32

Einstein
45



Newton
32



This weeks winners are **Einstein**
Three wins = House team non-uniform day.

Class News

Owls & Goslings

This week we have started our new story 'The tiny seed'. The children have enjoyed learning about the journey that the Tiny seed has taken so far. As part of our RE the children enjoyed making Easter biscuits and thinking about their own Easter traditions and what they enjoy about Easter. We have enjoyed starting our Gratitude journal and thinking about what we are are grateful for each day.

Skylarks

This week we started our new Writing Roots book, The Dragon Machine. We went on a hunt for dragon tails and drew maps to show where we found them. We then wrote sentences with prepositions such as above and next to to say where they were. We also started learning about Mary Anning in history, finding out about the fossils she discovered. Matilda very kindly brought in her Tonies box so we could listen to an interesting non-fiction text about dinosaur fossils. The children have come up with some lovely ideas in their new Gratitude journals and I have been grateful for their enthusiasm in writing these each day!

Kestrels

In Kestrels this week, the children had their No Plan Day and learnt about World War 2. The children learnt about evacuees and the ways in which people helped each other. We also researched unusual animals and classified them as mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds and invertebrates. The children found out about some truly weird and wonderful animals. This week, I am really grateful for how hard the children work. They have been brilliant!

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a
light to my path."

— Psalm 119:105



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Star, Wow and Writer of the week

Owls & Goslings

Wow -Taron, for amazing blending in phonics.

Star - Lottie, for being polite and kind.

Writer - Ralph, for practising number formation independently.

Skylarks

Wow - Matilda, for great contributions in our World Book Day

Philosophy session.

Star - Elliot, for enthusiasm, effort and achievement in his maths test.

Writer - Teddy MH, for improving his sentence structure.

Kestrels

Wow -Lucas for an excellent explanation of a character from our book.

Star - Ivy for always putting so much effort in.

Writer - Toby W for excellent effort with his handwriting.

Diary Dates

Monday 9th March

Year 6 - Crucial Crew

Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th March

Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip

Wednesday 11th March

Kestrels Trip to Norwich Castle

Wednesday 18th March

Church Easter Service and Egg Hunt

Thursday 19th March

Owls & Goslings Gathering 2:30pm

Friday 20th March

Comic Relief

Non-school Uniform- £1 donation

Monday 23rd March

Norfolk Cricket - PE kit please

Friday 27th March

Celebration Assembly 9am

&

FOGS Easter Fete from 3pm

Clubs

Wednesday

Boom whacker, lunchtime

Taekwondo 3:15pm-4:15pm

Years 1 - 6, £2 per session

Thursday

Choir, lunchtime

Mr B Gym & Fitness 3:15pm-4:15pm

Years 3 - 6

Please book via Clubs in Arbor

Attendance Matters

Being in school every day really does matter. Good attendance helps children keep up with their learning, build friendships and feel part of school life.

Did you know? 80% attendance means a child misses the equivalent of around 7 weeks of school in a year. That is a lot of lost learning.

Each week we will now be sharing class attendance figures and the overall school attendance compared with the national average, so we can all work together to keep attendance high.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school every day and on time whenever possible.

Owls: 94%

Skylarks: 96% ★★★★★★ Great Work Skylarks ★★★★★★

Kestrels: 96% ★★★★★★ Great Work Kestrels ★★★★★★

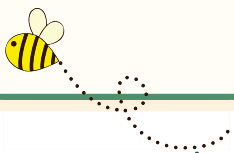
National Average: 95%

Our School: 96%

96% is above the national average, and most of the time our pupils maintain very good attendance. Let's

keep up the great work together and continue to make every day in school count.

Great work everyone.



Re-Wilding Project

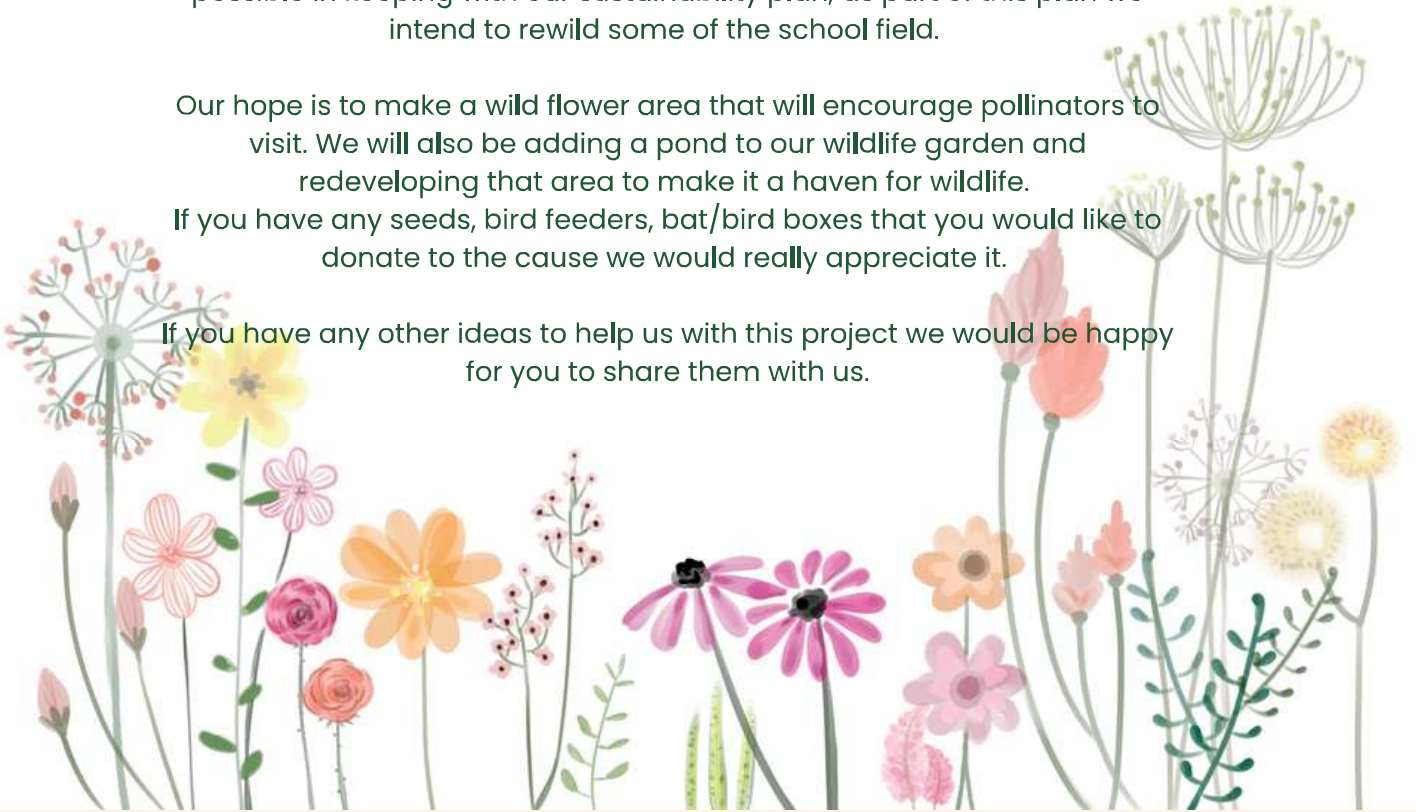


As many of you know we are focussing on being as eco friendly as possible in keeping with our sustainability plan, as part of this plan we intend to rewild some of the school field.

Our hope is to make a wild flower area that will encourage pollinators to visit. We will also be adding a pond to our wildlife garden and redeveloping that area to make it a haven for wildlife.

If you have any seeds, bird feeders, bat/bird boxes that you would like to donate to the cause we would really appreciate it.

If you have any other ideas to help us with this project we would be happy for you to share them with us.



Cake Friday

If you enjoy baking (or buying!) cakes, slices, cupcakes or any other sweet treats, please consider signing up for a week that suits you. Your donation will be raffled, 20p per ticket, with all proceeds towards the school.

Please pop us a message or come in and see us if you'd be willing to volunteer for any of the following dates next half term...

13th March
24th April
8th May

Thanks so much for helping us keep cake Friday delicious!






National Year of Reading







100 books for children to read

What will YOU read this year?

Dyslexia-Friendly Books

-  **Puloma and the Bear**
Jasbinder Bilan & Skylar White
-  **Bobby Bains Plays a Blinder**
Bali Rai & Daniel Duncan
-  **Reek**
Alastair Chisholm & George Caltsoudas
-  **Dance of Resistance**
Catherine Johnson & Katie Hickey
-  **Blitzers**
Alastair Chisholm & Francesca Ficorilli






























Graphic Novels

-  **Pablo and Splash: Frozen in Time**
Sheena Dempsey
-  **Dadbot**
Jack Noel
-  **The Squid Squad**
Aoife Dooley
-  **Donut Squad: Take Over the World**
Neill Cameron
-  **Astrosaurs: Mission to Infinity**
Steve Cole, Tobey Cole & Alex Lopez
-  **Supa Nova**
Chanté Timothy

Shorter Chapter Books

-  **Beastie Bros: The Cabbage Juice Crime**
David O'Connell
-  **Sabotage at the Fete Cake Bake**
Meg McLaren
-  **Cat and Dumpling: Home Sweet Home**
Nicola Kent
-  **Solving Crimes Is NOT My Superpower**
Nathanael Lessore & Simran Diamond Singh
-  **The Appletree Animal Agency**
Katya Balen & Gill Smith
-  **Luna Grace: Girl from Outer Space**
Julie Sykes & Emily Jones
-  **Hotel Flamingo: Frosty Fiesta**
Alex Milway
-  **Traitor Island**
Tim Collins & Steven Wood
-  **The Misadventures of Mina Mahmood: School Trip**
Farhana Islam
-  **The Wood Where Magic Grows**
Andy Shepherd & Ellie Snowdon








Picturebooks







-  **I'm Very Busy: A (Nearly Forgotten) Birthday Book**
Oliver Jeffers
-  **The Cave Explorer**
Kate Winter
-  **The Big Cheese**
Jory John & Pete Oswald
-  **One in a Million**
Smriti Halls & Nila Aye
-  **The Boldest White**
Ibtihaj Muhammad, S. K. Ali & Hatem Aly
-  **The Biggest Breakfast**
Richard Jones
-  **We Are Definitely Human**
X Fang
-  **Bear**
Natalia Shaloshvili
-  **Danny McGee Drinks the Sea**
Andy Stanton & Neal Layton
-  **Wolf in the City**
Rachel Tilda Wolf
-  **The Bear and the Hare and the Fair**
Em Lynas & Matt Hunt
-  **The Girl at the Front of the Class**
Onjali Q. Rauf & Pippa Curnick
-  **Don't Trust Fish!**
Neil Sharpson & Dan Santat
-  **The Glass Heart**
Sally Gardner
-  **Dotty Doughnut: Being Yourself is Fabulous!**
Momoko Abe
-  **Follow the Swallow**
Julia Donaldson & Thomas Docherty
-  **The Wild Robot on the Island**
Peter Brown
-  **Once I Was a Tree**
Eoin McLaughlin & Guilherme Karsten
-  **Our Tree**
Jessica Meserve
-  **Can You See the Stars Tonight?**
Anna Terreros-Martin
-  **The Museum of Shapes**
Sven Volker
-  **The Snow Thief**
Alice Hemming & Nicola Slater
-  **The Coming of the Iron Man**
Ted Hughes & Mini Grey
-  **Super Me**
Charissa Coulthard & Sam Usher
-  **Unity Street School Saves the Planet**
Sheena Davies
-  **Wanda the Warthog who Worried**
Frances Stickley & Chris Chatterton
-  **Lenny Goes to School**
Ken Wilson-Max
-  **The Best Jollof Rice Ever!**
Onyinye Iwu
-  **The Mushroom of Doom!**
Becky Davies & Thomas Elliott



Fact Books

Scan or visit www.booksfortopics.com to browse this list online, and to find lots more booklists by age or topic!











-  **I'm Building a Nest**
Saskia Gwinn & Adam Ming
-  **The Great Pollination Investigation**
Deborah Hocking
-  **We Are All Inventors!**
Kate Pankhurst
-  **Small, Shiny Dung Beetle**
Mary Auld & Hannah Bailey
-  **Get Your Animals in Order**
Michael Bright & Gavin Scott
-  **Six Queens**
Lydia Monks
-  **There Was a Roman in Your Garden**
Bettany Hughes

-  **Wish Upon a Star**
Catherine Ard & Wenjia Tang
-  **Rise and Fall**
Peter Allen
-  **The Greatest Stuff on Earth**
Steve Tomecek & John Devolle
-  **A Day in the Life of Fossils, Fire and Other Fantastic Finds**
Mike Barfield & Jess Bradley
-  **The Secret Lives of Women Spies**
Charlotte Philby
-  **What it was like to be an Ancient Greek**
David Long & Stefano Tambellini

Poetry & Short Story Collections

-  **Blue Jelly and Strawberries**
Attie Lime & Kate Sheppard
-  **Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls**
Various Authors
-  **Words Can Fly**
Donna Ashworth & Eirinn McGuinness
-  **The Amazing Book of World Mythology**
Stella Caldwell
-  **I Hear The Trees**
Zaro Weil & Juni Song

Longer Chapter Books

-  **Speedwheels 3000: The Race Against Crime**
Jenny Pearson, Katie Kear & Nick East
-  **Clem Fatale Has Been Betrayed**
Eve Wersocki Morris & Honie Beam
-  **Under a Fire-Red Sky**
Geraldine McCaughrean
-  **Escape Room: Game Zero**
Christopher Edge
-  **Inkbound: Meticulous Jones and the Skull Tattoo**
Philippa Leathley
-  **Valley of the Vikings**
Liz Kessler
-  **How To Train Your Dragon School: Doom of the Darkwing**
Cressida Cowell
-  **Sandy Fin: Operation Splash Landing**
Martin Stewart & Santy Gutierrez
-  **Diary of a Future Billionaire**
Pamela Butchart
-  **The Great Theatre Rescue**
Judith Eagle

-  **The Snowman Code**
Simon Stephenson & Reggie Brown
-  **My Dog**
Olivia Wakeford & David Litchfield
-  **Hunt for the Golden Scarab**
M.G. Leonard & Manuel Sumberac
-  **My Name is Samim**
Fidan Meikle
-  **Grumpfort**
Jamie Hammond
-  **The Adventures of Rap Kid**
MC Grammar
-  **Cafe Chaos: My Family Is Not a Piece of Cake**
Catherine Wilkins & Katie Abey
-  **People Like Stars**
Patrice Lawrence
-  **Birdie**
J P Rose
-  **Zak Monroe is (not) My Friend**
Simon Packham
-  **The Boy with Big Decisions**
Helen Rutter

-  **Nate Yu's Blast from the Past**
Maisie Chan
-  **Cruise Ship Kid: Thief At Sea!**
Emma Swan
-  **The Unfamous Diaries of Daisy Brewster: The Frenemies**
Jenny Valentine
-  **Small Wonder**
Ross Montgomery
-  **Time Lions and the Chrono-Loop**
Martin Seneviratne & Krystal Sutherland
-  **The Girl Who Raced the World**
Nat Harrison
-  **Dracula & Daughters**
Emma Carroll
-  **Naeli and the Secret Song**
Jasbinder Bilan
-  **Running My Own Race**
Abena Eyeson
-  **Shadow Thieves**
Peter Burns
-  **Land of the Last Wildcat**
Lui Sit & David Dean

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words	5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day
8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today	14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do
15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant	18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels	19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today	21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult	23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are	28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible
29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice	30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life				



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Supporting Dads of Children Under 3

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For Fathers in King's Lynn & West Norfolk

The early years of fatherhood are special – but they can also be exhausting, uncertain and sometimes isolating.

Many dads want to be present and involved... they just don't always have a space where they can talk honestly.

This programme creates relaxed and welcoming environments where fathers can:

- ✓ Build confidence as a dad
- ✓ Strengthen connection with their child
- ✓ Share experiences without judgement
- ✓ Meet other local fathers
- ✓ Access support services if needed.

This is **not a formal parenting course**. Just real conversations, practical ideas and supportive brotherhood.

Why This Matters

Research shows children with engaged fathers develop stronger emotional wellbeing, resilience and long-term life outcomes.

When fathers are supported, families are strengthened.

Wednesdays | 12:00 – 14:00

18 March – Dads & Health
King's Lynn Family Hub

25 March – Dads & Responsibility
King's Lynn Family Hub

1 April – Dads Chat
Costa Coffee, King's Lynn

8 April – Dads & Play
TKG Church Premises

Register or Enquire

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Dads are welcome to attend with or without their child.

SENDco

Please take a look at the Just One Norfolk Website as it contains a wealth of information for support and advice for families and children link below:
<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

SEND Café

Join Danil from SEN Socials and Early Help Community Worker Georgie, and Norfolk and Waverley Autism/ADHD Support Service each month for a cuppa and an informal chat about all things SEND parenting. No diagnosis needed!

Children welcome, and there will be an activity each session provided by Voices Through Art!

Please contact sensocialsdownham@gmail.com for further information or to request a social story and venue walk through.

12th January
9th February
6th March
13th April
11th May
8th June
3rd July
10.30AM-12.30PM

Family Hub, St Augustines Healthy Living Centre
Columbia Way, King's Lynn PE30 2LB

Hop on over for our

EASTER



Fete
Join us on



Friday 27th March
for some egg-citing
fun!

15:00-15:15 Easter Egg Hunt (FREE)

15:15-16:00 Easter Activities

(Bring some pennies)

All welcome

**Bake sale, Name the Bunny,
Lucky Dip, Refreshments
and much more!**

**Golden Ticket Prize
Prize
Winners**

