

# March 2022 NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

What a wonderful Spring term it's been! We've had some lovely events in school, including our OFSTED inspection and, I never thought in my 30 years of teaching I'd be saying that! As previously mentioned it was a tough few days but we are so proud of the children's response and how they loved

showing their learning journals and sharing their knowledge across so many subjects with the Inspector.

**Well done children!**

Again, thank you for your tremendous support for the school. It most certainly made it easier for teachers knowing that you were rooting for them! The report will be with you after the Easter holidays!

It was lovely to see so many of you at Church a couple of weeks ago and we're hoping to have similar numbers at future Services too. Do read Jane Washington's (Church Warden) letter included here. I know we were all thrilled to see so many families at the Church.

We hope you enjoy our Easter photos too. What a lovely week it's been for the Egg Rolling, Easter Bonnets and all things Easter. It's been super seeing the children having fun and enjoying the celebrations in school.

Our Easter Service is always such an important time for us and again, we've really enjoyed working with the children to re-tell the Easter story and what this means for us as a Church school.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter, that we have some sunny days and that you can spend some quality time with your families. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 25th April for the start of the Summer term.

Best wishes,

*Katy Burns* Headteacher

## The Masked Reader

The children (and indeed the staff!) thoroughly enjoyed our whole school game of the Masked Reader. A big thanks to Mrs Page for being a great sport and for putting on the frog costume!



## A Welcome and a Goodbye!

Mr Brian Boundy has joined the Galmpton family. You may well have noticed Brian opening the school gates daily. Brian's joined us as Site Caretaker and is making headway into all the jobs in school.

We are sad to say that Mrs Davidson is leaving Galmpton. Having joined us in 2015, Mrs Davidson has worked throughout the school in classes, as well as looking after the Library and Accelerated Reader activities to name but a couple. This year she's been working with our Y6 class and we know that we're going to miss her a great deal. Good luck from all of us!



# Red for Refugees Day

## Friday 18th March



WOW! A huge £403.08 was raised on the day with all the proceeds being donated to Nightingales Childrens Project Romania. The money donated will be put to fantastic use by the charity in helping to house, feed, clothe and support Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war. We thank you for your generosity



To celebrate our Learning Enquiry about "States of Matter", Y5 visited Brixham College to watch a spectacular science show called, 'Wonderstruck'. Whilst there, we had the chance to watch rockets taking off, teddy bears being blown up and explosions being created through 'combustion'. After the show, Y5 worked in teams to create a rocket and test it out on the field competing against other schools - we finished 1st and 3rd!

# Y5

## Wonderstruck @ Brixham College





# YR Trip to Occombe

Reception class had a wonderful visit to Occombe farm recently. We were looking out for signs of new life, linked to our Learning Enquiry. We spotted buds, seedlings, blossoms and we were very excited to be able to feed some baby lambs. We also saw piglets and were able to try out the brand new straw bale maze. The children were a pleasure to take out of school and we all had a super day.





# WORLD BOOK DAY

We raised a super duper £234.73 for WBD. Thank you so much for your consistent generosity. We had a lot of fun in school and the money will be put to good use buying more books and reading material for our children.



WORLD  
**BOOK**  
DAY





## Open Gardens

Sunday 10th April 2022



Galmpton village are holding an open garden event in aid of Rowcroft Hospice and other local good causes. From country cottage gardens to amazing show gardens, there will be so much to see, and there's a Scarecrow Trail to check out too!

There will be refreshments available at The Village Institute, where the Galmpton History Society will be mounting a display depicting some of the village's history.

Access to the gardens is by way of a 'Garden Passport' priced at **£5 per person** and available now from The Manor Inn and Eric Lloyd & Co. You can also purchase a passport on the day from the Village Hall.

## Queen's Jubilee Plaque Unveiling

Saturday 28th May 2022  
11.00am – 1.00pm

The GRA (Galmpton Residents Association) have organised a plaque to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. The plaque is to be unveiled by the Mayor of Torbay. More details will follow as to the School's participation, but we would invite you to work with your children at home to write a poem about The Queen. The poems will be read on the day and will then be displayed in school.



## Library Relocation



Just before February half term holidays, we moved the library shelving, books and decorations into the Foyer area. Not only has this freed up a much needed space / room for interventions and meetings, but it's a great addition to the reception / foyer area for visitors to Galmpton. I'm sure you'll agree, in addition to the existing décor, it looks fabulous. Y6's were absolute stars during the move, so thank you all.



## Year 6 ParentPay

We would be grateful if you would closely manage Y6 ParentPay accounts, including after school club monies, in advance of leaving at the end of this year. Any credit remaining on the account cannot not be administered until our admin staff return in September.

**We would be grateful if your child finishes on the 26th July with a nil balance.**

Many thanks.



## Gooseberry Pie Fayre

Sunday 3rd July 2022

The Gooseberry Pie Fayre Committee are in the process of arranging the annual Fayre, which will take place in a field next to Manor Farm on Stoke Gabriel Road.

A Prince and Princess will be leading the festivities and the procession on the day - walking from the Barn Chapel to the Manor Farm field. The route will be marshalled for everyone's safety. In the field, there will be stalls and entertainment and it is a family day out to suit all ages.

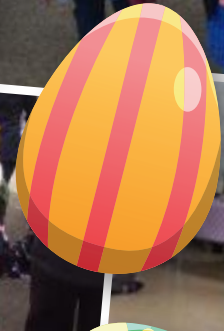




# EASTER CELEBRATION DAY

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL

We've had a fantastic day in school with the children celebrating Easter with our usual traditions – egg rolling (always a riotous event!), teddy and chocolate tombola, beautiful and imaginative egg decorating, card making and Easter bonnets. They have surpassed themselves and it's been a joy. A huge thank you to all our parents for donating items and also to the FROGs and parents who helped during the day.





# Churston Church

Following on from the information in our previous newsletter, the **Churston Church Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on Easter Saturday, which is also being combined with a Ukrainian fundraising day. We are looking forward to seeing lots of our families for a fun filled day.

The Church are proposing to start a **parent / carer baby and toddler group at the Barn Hall**. A link has been sent out for feedback from parents / carers

and also from Galmpton Pre-school parents / carers for the working party to assess. If you have any thoughts or ideas about this, or have time to join us in a working party to get the group up and running, we would be very pleased to hear from you – please get in touch via email [janewashington30@gmail.com](mailto:janewashington30@gmail.com)

We're very sad to announce that Mike Wilkinson recently passed away. Mrs Burns and a handful of children from Y6 attended his funeral service on Tuesday 5th April to represent the school and the after school choir club which he led up until very recently. He was a huge friend of our School and Churston Church.

## Mother's Day Service

What a lovely morning we had! We took part in a beautiful Mothering Sunday Service at Churston Church where Mum's and Carers were celebrated. We had lots of families in attendance and it was lovely to see the Church so full. It's been a long time since we've been able to have a Church celebration, so we definitely made the most of it. The children who participated were fantastic in every way and the church family made us all very welcome as always. Jane Washington sent us in a lovely thank you note for attending the Service.

Dear Mrs Burns, Teachers and Children

Thank you all very much for your wonderful contributions to our Mothering Sunday Service at Churston Church today.

Your pretty flower blessings, beautiful prayers and thoughts about Mothers and carers and the excellent readings were very much appreciated and enjoyed by us all. We also were grateful for all the help handing out the posies and the cakes after the service.

We hope very much that you all enjoyed coming and that your families did too. We certainly enjoyed seeing you all and I am sure that God was very pleased to see his house in Churston so full.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon at the Easter Egg Hunt and at future "Worship for All services" which are always on 4th Sunday of each month at 10.00am.

With our love and blessings from us all at Churston Church.

Jane Washington





# Galmpton Primary School

## Calendar Dates

### 2022

**Fri 8th April:**

**Sun 10th April**

**Mon 11th – Fri 22nd April:**

**Sat 16th April:**

**Mon 9th – Thurs 12th May:**

**Sun 22nd – Fri 27th May:**

**Mon 23rd - Fri 27th May:**

**Sat 28th May:**

**Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June:**

**Mon 6th June – Weds 8th June (inc):**

**9th & 10th June:**

**Tues 14th June:**

**Tues 21st June:**

**Sat 25th June:**

**Weds 6th July:**

**28th June:**

**Tues 26th July:**

**Jubilee Bank Holiday - School Closed**

**Galmpton Open Gardens**

**Easter Holidays**

**Easter Egg Hunt and Ukrainian  
Fundraising Day @ Churston Church**

**Y6 KS2 SATs**

**Y6 Bude Residential Trip**

**Y2 KS1 SATs**

**Queen's Jubilee Plaque Unveiling**

**Half Term Holiday**

**Non-Pupil Days**

**Y1 Phonics Screening**

**YR & Y6 Class Photo's**

**EYFS Intake Parents Meeting  
@ approx. 2.00pm (time TBC)**

**Summer Fayre**

**EYFS Intake, Teddy Bears Picnic  
@ approx. 10.30am (time TBC)**

**Whole School Sports Day  
(19th July Reserve Day in case  
of bad weather)**

**Y6 Leavers Service & End of Term**