

# GBINS



# Weekly Newsletter



## Family Support - Drop-in sessions

Sharon McCormick is our Home/School Liaison Worker. If you are struggling with your child's behaviour; bedtimes, mornings are a nightmare; your child is a fussy eater or struggles to leave you at school time, bereavement or family separation, then Sharon may be able to help.

If she cannot help you personally, then she can refer to more specialised services who will be experts in their field.

Sharon is available Monday - Wednesday between 7.45am-4pm.

You are welcome to email her on [Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk](mailto:Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk).

She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666.

Alternatively, come to one of her drop in sessions in school from 8.30am - 9.30am on one of the following Tuesdays:

10<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> July

## Support for Parents

The websites below have a wealth of information and advice for parents with children that have SEND. I was directed to these resources when I asked for some advice for our families around the issue of 'masking'.

This is an area that an increasing number of parents are asking for support with and poses huge challenges for our children, parents/carers and for school staff.

As part of our participation in the PINS project (see previous newsletters) teachers have had recent training in this area and have a good understanding of how it affects children and families.

<https://parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk/>

<https://www.kids.org.uk/guides/masking/>

## PTFA Fundraising

Thanks to everyone for sending in your raisin boxes filled with donations to the latest PTFA fund raising scheme.

Today was the last day to bring your boxes.

Huge thanks to the PTFA.  
Watch this space for money totals and the winning class!

### EASTER FUN

Watch this space for details of the Easter PTFA Event - save the date:  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## CAN YOU HELP?

Reception classes would be very grateful for any donations of puzzles (suitable for ages 3-5 years).  
Thank you!

## PARENT GOVERNOR NEEDED

Please see the attached Parent Governor Nomination Form.

### Why be a school Governor?

- Make a real impact
- Give back to your community
- Develop valuable skills
- Enhance your CV
- Support school leadership
- Bring your own voice and ideas
- Flexible and rewarding

If you think you might be interested, please let the school office know by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

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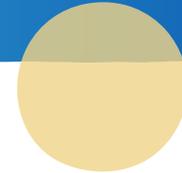


## CELEBRATE!

Well done to this week's Stars of the Week...

Hawk Class - Grant and Daisy  
Eagle Class - Finley and Lilly  
Kestrel Class - Charlotte and Harlie  
Swift Class - Faye and Mmasichukwu  
Owl Class - Charlie and Glory  
Wagtail Class - Arthur and George

Awarded for demonstrating the school values



## CELEBRATE!

Well done to this week's Stars of the Week...

Woodpecker Class - Fiorella and Mabel  
Robin Class - Marie and Iseyra  
Kingfisher Class - Jasmine and Remilekun  
Puffin Class - Henry W, Jude, Hussein

Awarded for demonstrating the school values



## CELEBRATE!

This week's tidiest classroom  
Robin Class AND Owl Class

Highest Attendance Award  
Kingfisher Class with 99.4%

Most Punctual Class  
Robin Class

## STAR WRITERS

There is a display in the school hall celebrating children's efforts and achievements in writing across the school.

The chosen pieces of writing this time belong to:  
Sophia (Kestrel), Katie (Eagle), Grant (Hawk), Kyo (Swift), Ava (Owl), Noah (Wagtail), Phillipa (Woodpecker), Marie (Robin), Nikole (Kingfisher).

Well done everyone!



## WORLD BOOK DAY!

World Book Day this year is part of the National Year of Reading, aiming to inspire children and adults to read for pleasure.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. Everyone is welcome to dress as their favourite book character on this day.

Please do not spend money buying elaborate costumes but do spend time reading the story your child's character is from and making sure they can tell us!

**Diary Dates**

5.3.26	World Book Day	Day
20.3.26	Eagle Class Assembly	9.05am
24.3.26	Reception Concert - Kingfisher and half of Woodpecker	AM
25.3.26	Reception Concert - Robin and half of woodpecker	AM
28.3.26	PTFA Easter Event	AM
30.3.26 - 12.4.26	Easter Holidays	
23.4.26	Governors Meeting	5.30pm
1.5.26	Robin Class Assembly	9.05am
15.5.26	Kingfisher Class Assembly	9.05am
5.6.26	Woodpecker Class Assembly	9.05am