

Friday Newsletter – 22nd October 2026

We have had a fantastic and busy week across the school, featuring Year 5/6's Ancient Greeks assembly, Gold Crest Class's autumn explorations and shape-focused Maths work, Year 1/2's exciting Santa Maria role-play adventure, our spooky Halloween Disco, and an intriguing Prehistoric investigation into hill forts! To top it all off, we are delighted to share that we achieved 100% attendance on two days this week—thank you for your continued support in getting the children to school every day!

Y5/6 Class assembly



On Wednesday, Year 5/6 led a fantastic class assembly showcasing everything they have learnt about the Ancient Greeks. Drawing on their oracy skills, the children spoke clearly and confidently as they presented fascinating facts about the origins of democracy and the ancient Olympic Games. They even shared that yoyos were invented in Ancient Greece—who knew?

It has been a very autumnal week in Gold Crest Class! The children enjoyed a 'Signs of Autumn' walk, using their senses to explore seasonal changes before creating beautiful autumn tree paintings.

In Maths, they focused on circles and triangles, learning to recognise and describe their properties. The children explored shapes through Kandinsky-inspired artwork, play dough creations and shape biscuits.

To finish the week, they did a fantastic job creating pumpkins using triangles for our Halloween Disco! 🎃



Celebration assembly

Thank you to those parents who attended our celebration assembly.

Certificate Winners

Good Work

William, Kir, Haiden

Behaviour for Learning

JJ, Chizurum, Myla, Nelly

Oracy

Vinny, Scarlett, Iris

3Rs

Rocky, Zalanda, Blanka, George



[Voyage of Discovery: Life Aboard the Santa Maria!](#)

Our young Y1/2 explorers recently took part in an exciting role-play adventure, stepping aboard Christopher Columbus' Santa Maria to experience what life was really like at sea!

The children fully immersed themselves in character—working the deck, learning navigation skills and pretending to sample hard-tack sailor rations (don't worry, no real ship's biscuits were consumed!). Their dramatic journey saw them brave imaginary storm clouds and crashing waves, showing great teamwork as they navigated the gale before finally "anchoring" in calm, sunlit waters for a well-earned rest on deck.

It was a brilliant, hands-on activity that brought history and creative storytelling to life!



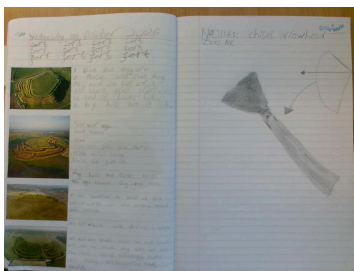
[Halloween disco](#)



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Halloween Disco on Wednesday evening! Despite the heavy rain, we had a wonderful turnout, and it was fantastic to see so many creative and spooky costumes. We hope all the children had a brilliant time dancing and celebrating together.

[School Photo Day](#)

We would like to sincerely apologise once again for the postponement of this week's school photos, which was very frustrating for everyone. Our new date for photo day is **Monday 9th November**. Please be sure to have your children in school on that day, as both individual and sibling photos will be taken.



[Prehistoric investigation!](#)

This week Y3/4 have been exploring Hill Forts, why they were built, who built them, and what we can find out about them based on what artefacts have been uncovered! As part of their learning, they watched a clip from Time Team where they were uncovering a hill fort in the middle of a farm, and sketched one of their finds! We found out that arrows used to be shot with a flat edge, rather than the point!

[Dates for your diary](#)

Thursday 22nd October - School closes for half term
Friday 23rd October - INSET Day
Monday 2nd November - INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd November - School opens for Autumn 2
Monday 9th November - School Photo Day (Individual and Siblings)
Wednesday 11th November - Y5/6 at Remembrance Day Service, 11am
Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day - Spots and/or stripes Day

Best wishes,

Mr Rose (Headteacher)