



Class Reference Information:

Reception
Robin and Wren
(EYFS/Foundation Stage)

Key Stage 1 (KS1)

Year 1: Swift, Nightingale
Year 2: Woodpecker and Kingfisher

Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2)

Year 3: Osprey, Falcon,
Year 4: Buzzard and Skylark

Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)

Year 5: Kestrel, Red Kite
Year 6: Owl and Eagle

It has been a busy couple of weeks at school with children doing all sorts of different activities to enhance their learning.

The children in Reception have been helping their puppet friends to learn how to count this week. They have been using a magic counting wand to practise with the puppets which number to start with and which number we end up with to find the total amount.

This week Year 1 have been learning about St Paul's Cathedral. We experienced what it is like to paint a ceiling by attempting to colour in a pattern that was taped to the underside of a table. It made everyone's arms ache, so we decided it would have been very tricky to have painted the huge ceiling!

Year 2 enjoyed an interactive bridge building workshop run by Tower Bridge. We constructed a variety of bridges and tested them for strength.

The children in Years 4 and 5 have been learning all about positive communication and resilience when trying to complete challenges as part of a team. They had a special team building day.

On Wednesday morning, the Year 5 and 6 pupils went to Bourn Farm to participate in the Network CB23 Year 5 and 6 Careers Convention. There was an exciting range of exhibitors attending this year, from archaeology to medical physics, apprenticeships to engineering, and sustainability to IT. All the exhibitors volunteered their time and were very helpful and willing to answer questions about the various job and career paths in their field for our pupils. The children spent time brainstorming some good questions to ask during the event and enjoyed participating in the interactive stands, filling in their booklets throughout the morning. We also had many happy faces collecting the badges, stickers, and bags on the day! The organiser of the event sent a follow up email to compliment the school on the children's behaviour and their enthusiasm. The teachers were very proud of them.

A successful partnership between parents and school will have a positive impact on children's well-being and learning. At GVP, we aim to work closely with parents so that they know what their children have been learning about and how they can best support them. This is one of the reasons that we do productions and class assemblies – we plan for each year group to do one of these. We also arrange meetings between parents and teachers regularly. Our formal **parent consultations** are coming up immediately after the half-term holidays; some parents are invited in next week. Sign up for these. We have **open classrooms** to inform parents about their child's work. Look out for more information on ParentHub.

At school, we seek to work positively with parents. If you have any concerns, please do ask to meet with class teachers so that we can work together to bring about a resolution.

Reminders:

Between **8:30am and 9:00am** and **3:00pm and 3:30pm**, the school car park is **only** for staff, blue badge holders and taxis. Part of the car park is coned off to allow children to walk safely through the car park – please use the paths and coned off area to keep everyone safe.

Coming Up:

Monday 16 th Oct.:	Individual photos
Monday 16 th Oct.:	BMX Assembly
Monday 16 th Oct.:	EYFS open classrooms
Tuesday 17 th Oct.:	LKS2 open classrooms
Wednesday 18 th Oct.:	KS1 & UKS2 open classrooms
Wednesday 18 th Oct.:	Kestrel Class Assembly
Thursday 19 th Oct.:	Red Kite Class Assembly
Friday 20 th Oct.:	Run for Fun Day
Friday 20 th Oct.:	Last day of Autumn 1
Monday 30 th Oct.:	Return to School
Wednesday 1 st Nov.:	RSE Consultation @ 9am
Wednesday 1 st Nov.:	Parent Consultations
Thursday 2 nd Nov.:	Parent Consultations

Reading Books:

We are very excited to announce that we have a free trial to MyOn. This is an online reading platform for children to access articles, non-fiction and fiction texts on any device. This links to their school Renaissance Accelerated Reader account and any quizzes that are completed will be reflected on their account and work towards their targets which is excellent. Our trial ends on 23rd October and we are hoping to see many children log on and have a go. With many different books available from several different genres there is something for everyone! To log in please follow the instructions below.

Go to <https://www.myon.co.uk> and enter your login information:

School Name: Summer Reads

Username: Emma

Password: SUMR123!