

Dear Gastrells Community,

It's been a fabulous couple of weeks in school as we've welcomed the children back after half term. The classrooms have been full of energy, smiles, and a real sense of enthusiasm for learning — it's been wonderful to see everyone settle back into routines so quickly and so positively.

One of the highlights this week has definitely been our **World Book Day** celebrations. The effort that went into the costumes was fantastic, with children and staff bringing favourite characters to life all around the school. We also enjoyed a day packed with inspiring storytelling and creative writing — from choosing stories to listen to across the school, to our whole-school writing challenge based on *Where the Wild Things Are*.

It has been a brilliant reminder of just how powerful stories can be in sparking imagination and building a love of reading.

Looking ahead, please don't forget our upcoming music events, including drumming and iRock and the next FOG events included the Easter Egg Competition and Bingo.

... and please do help your children to get creative for this years Gloucestershire Photography Competition!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

It's been a wonderful start to the half term, and we're excited for all that's still to come!

## MESSAGE FROM GOVERNORS

# Welcome

We are delighted to inform you that there are three new governors on the Board. They are as follows:

**Nick Bird, Amelia Marks and Bridget Drew-Spyer.**

Whilst governors do not get involved in the day-to-day operational matters of schools, they play a key part in the strategic aspect of school work. I am sure our new governors will support us on our journey towards educational excellence.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

Congratulations to all the children who have received a special award. We are very proud of you.



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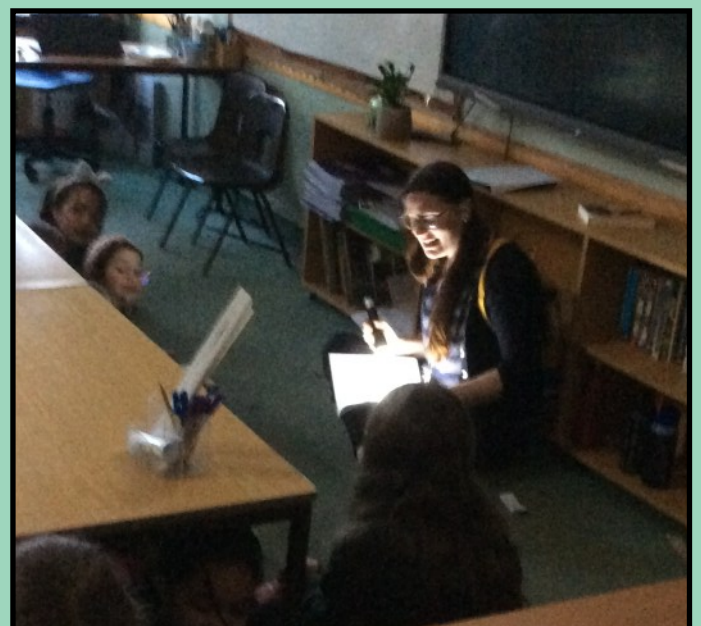
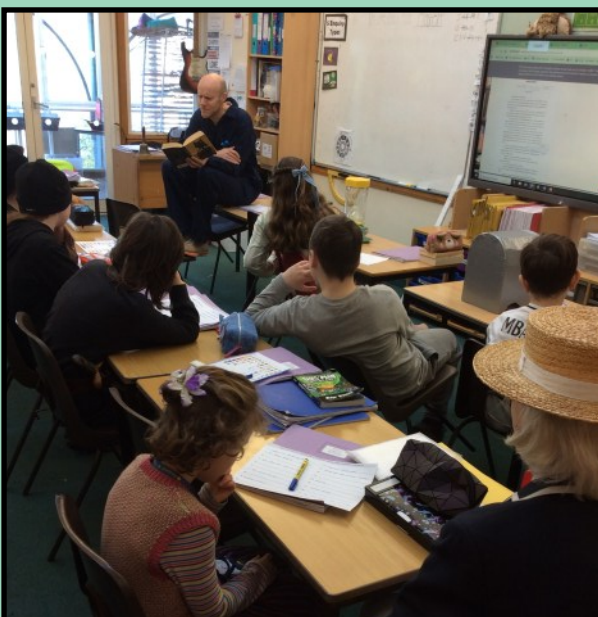
# WORLD BOOK DAY

FOR THE LOVE OF READING...

This year's **World Book Day** was a brilliant celebration of reading, imagination, and the joy that books bring to our school community. From the moment the doors opened, it was clear that everyone had embraced the spirit of the day — with children and staff arriving dressed as their favourite book characters, bringing stories to life in the most colourful and creative way.

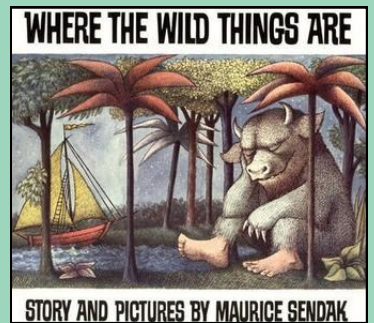


To kick start the day, we turned the entire school into a library. The whole school took part in a special story session where children moved around different classrooms to listen to tales of their choosing. This meant pupils had the chance to hear stories read by teachers and teaching assistants they may not usually be taught by, making it an exciting opportunity to meet new storytellers and discover new favourites.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

After this, we were set a writing task by Mr Lowe, with each class being allocated a section from classic story *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak to base a creative writing unit. More details of this to be shared in the next Newsletter once the unit is complete!



Another standout moment across the school was our animated story challenge, which had everyone in giggles. Teachers disguised their voices (...I'm sure some of us have missed our calling!!) while reading different sections of 'Dragon Post' by Emma Yarlett, accompanied by characters that had their faces animated to our speech. The children then had to use their detective skills to try and figure out who played which part — and it was great fun watching them listen carefully, whisper their guesses, and burst into laughter at some of the unexpected voices!

Throughout the day, classes also embraced their own reading activities including spooky stories, making bookmarks and mini books, deciphering coded book titles and trying to uncover which characters are missing from their covers!



Eagles have also been working hard to capture the covers of their favourite book. They have worked hard to pay particular attention to detail and have created some outstanding pieces. Watch out, the next generation of illustrators are not messing around!

World Book Day was a fantastic reminder of the power of stories to bring us together. A huge thank you to all staff for making the day so special, and to our families for supporting the wonderful costumes and encouraging a love of reading at home.



# NATURE CHALLENGE

## RSPB WILD CHALLENGE

We're delighted to announce that Gastrells is starting the **RSPB Wild Challenge for Schools**—an exciting whole-school project that encourages children to connect with the natural world and learn how to care for it.

As a school, we respect nature and strongly believe that nature studies should form an important part of the curriculum every child receives. Outdoor learning helps children build curiosity, confidence, and care for the world around them—and we are incredibly lucky to be surrounded by such beautiful nature, right on our doorstep.

Led by Miss Mahaffy and Mr Meadows, over the coming weeks, pupils across the whole school will take part in a range of activities in our school grounds as we work towards achieving an official Bronze, Silver, or Gold certificate. Some of the first activities will include: building safe homes for amphibians, identifying tracks and signs of wildlife, creating mini-beast hotels and mapping any micro-habitats we can find around the grounds.

### How you can help

To support the project, we would be very grateful for any donations of: **Compost, flowers or plants, and bird seed**

These donations will help us create and improve habitats, attract wildlife, and give the children even more opportunities to observe and learn from nature.

Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to begin the challenge and share our discoveries as we work!



**Build a Nest Box**



**Wildlife Friendly Planting**



**Habitat Construction**



**Identifying Tracks**



**Pond Dipping**

# IN OTHER NEWS...

## NATURE QUIZ TEAM

Congratulations to the children who have been selected for our Nature Team this year as part of the **Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Nature Quiz**. A huge well done to Maya and Nancy (Year 5) and Vijay and Jake (Year 4) for getting the most correct answers in our nature assembly! We know you will represent the school brilliantly as we shortly head into our first County round of the competition.

(...Miss Mahaffy has also been on her rounds to source some extra activities to help with your learning...what could she possibly be collecting I wonder??)



## HOLI CELEBRATIONS

**Owls have had a truly vibrant week celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi.**

Throughout the week, the children enjoyed learning about the traditions and meaning behind Holi, the Festival of Colour, which celebrates love, joy, and the changing of the seasons. To end the week, the children celebrated in true Holi style and had a wonderful time taking part in the colourful traditions!

Perhaps your child can remember some of the facts they learned?

**Where is Holi celebrated?** India

**Who celebrates Holi?** Hindus

**Why is it celebrated?** To mark the end of winter and the beginning of spring.

**When is it celebrated?** Over two days, after a full moon

**How is it celebrated?** Families spend time together, create beautiful Rangoli patterns, light bonfires, and throw coloured powder in the streets



# IN OTHER NEWS...

## GREEK PLAYS

Eagles class recently brought Ancient Greece to life through their fantastic Greek plays. The children worked hard to write their own plays or adverts inspired by Greek mythology and traditions, before performing them to the rest of the class. Each performance was full of creativity and enthusiasm.

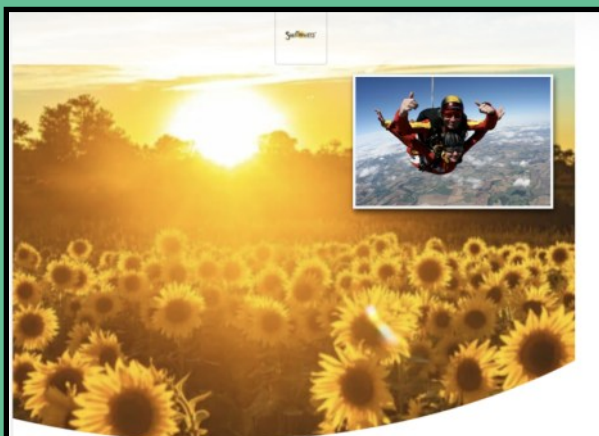
The children showed great courage as they stood up in front of their classmates, and some of their ideas were so funny they had the whole class in stitches.

Well done to everyone in Eagles for their brilliant writing, teamwork and highly entertaining performances.



## MISS WOOLLS CHARITY SKYDIVE!

Miss Woolls is getting ready to take on an exciting charity skydive to raise money for Sunflowers Charity.



### Miss Woolls' Skydive for Sunflowers

Hey everyone!

In September - which is widely recognised as Suicide Prevention Month, I will be taking on a 15,000ft skydive to raise money for **Sunflowers Suicide Support**. It's an incredible charity that's close to my heart, having helped both family and friends bereaved by suicide. I'd love to support them the way they've supported us.

The goal is to raise £750. This money will go directly towards supporting the people who need it. According to recent data, 1 in 4 of people experience suicidal thoughts, meaning the need for charities such as Sunflowers is, unfortunately, at an all time high.

Please donate anything you can - every little helps!

To find out more about the charity, please visit their website: <https://www.sunflowersuicidesupport.org.uk/>



Scan to donate

She is bravely stepping out of her comfort zone to support this wonderful cause, and any sponsorship or donation would be greatly appreciated. Every contribution, big or small, will help raise money for Sunflowers Charity and make a real difference. Thank you

## OWLS MYSTERY READER...



A huge thank you to this week's mystery reader in Owls: George - Aoifes Dad read 'Billy and the Pirates' to a captivated audience!

If anyone would like to put themselves forward for mystery reader of the week, please contact Miss Woolls directly.

(You do not need to be a parent of an Owl's child to do this! Everyone is welcome to get involved...)

# SPORTS

## GYMNASTICS

This term, Gastrells proudly took a team of 15 talented gymnasts to compete in the **Stroud District Gymnastics Competition**. The event required each gymnast to perform independently, showcasing both a floor routine and two vault runs in front of an audience of more than 100 people. Taking part was a fantastic achievement in itself, and all of our children rose to the challenge brilliantly.

Gymnastics is an important part of PE across our school and is revisited throughout each year group to support the progression of key skills such as balance, control, coordination and body awareness, building strong foundations that support not only performance in gymnastics, but across many other sports and physical activities too.

It was wonderful to see these skills on display so clearly at the competition. The Gastrells team performed with confidence, determination and great skill, representing the school superbly. We were incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and the enthusiasm and resilience they showed throughout the event.

A special congratulations goes to our top scorers:

**1st place** – Thea D    **2nd place** – Felix    **3rd place** – Nancy and Yuuki

Well done to all of the gymnasts who took part; you should be extremely proud of yourselves.



## HOCKEY

Gastrells was proud to field two strong squads at the **Stroud District Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament** this week. Both teams played with great determination and teamwork throughout the morning, showing excellent effort, enthusiasm and resilience in every match. It was fantastic to see the children applying their skills so confidently in a competitive setting and supporting one another so well as a team.

One of our squads performed particularly strongly and successfully secured a place in the semi-finals after an impressive series of matches. After a brilliant morning of hockey, Gastrells went on to finish the tournament in 3rd place — an especially exciting achievement as this is our first ever medal at a hockey tournament!

This was a wonderful result and a proud moment for everyone involved.

Well done to all of the children who took part for representing Gastrells so brilliantly.



# Friends of Gastrells (FOG)

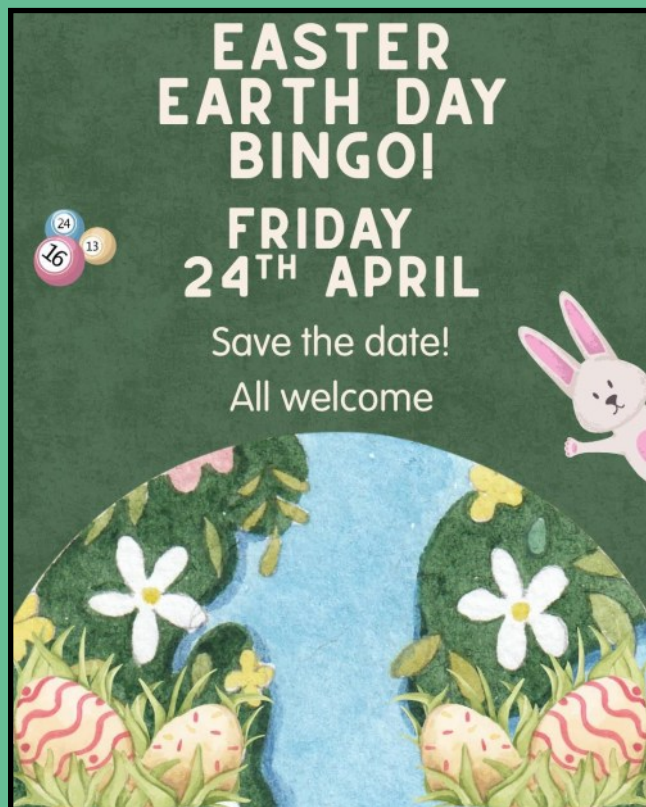
## Save the Date: 'Easter Earth Day Bingo!'

We're excited to share that the next FOG fundraiser and community get-together is on its way — Easter Bingo!

If you came along last time, you'll know just how brilliant it was — a huge success, packed with laughter, friendly competition, and a real community buzz. If you didn't make it, this is the perfect one to join: it's great fun for families, and a lovely way to spend time together while supporting our school.

More details will follow shortly, including timings, ticket information, and how to book your place, but for now, pop it in your diary!

Any donations of Easter Eggs / treats will be greatly appreciated. The box will be under the balcony as usual for you to pop any donations safely into. Many thanks.



## QUIZ ROUND UP...



Thank you to everyone who joined us on the last day of term for the first ever FOG quiz!

Ushma and Ed put together some **fantastic** rounds, including

'behind the scenes' pictures from movies, superstitions, music instrumentals, and ditloids (a firm favourite!).

Congratulations to the winning team who have already promised to return and defend their title next time!....and a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the event so special, and to all the participants who got involved for a bit of end-of-term fun.

A great giggle had by all and much appreciated funds raised for the school.

## EGG-STRAVEGANZA!

### Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Join the creative fun in this year's egg decorating competition!...Some entries last year were genuinely **stunning**.

£1 per egg via Total Giving <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/donate/friends-of-gastrells> deadline **23rd March**. Please include your child's name and year group. One winner + runner-up per year group. Winners announced 26th March.

**'DECORATE AN EGG' COMPETITION!**

£1 PER ENTRY BY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH  
ENTER USING THE QR CODE

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# IN OTHER NEWS...

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

It's that time of year again folks, when our thoughts turn to capturing special moments through a lens. We're delighted to be taking part once more in this wonderful county-wide photography competition, and we'd love as many children as possible to enter.

Each year, more than 65 schools from across the county take part, and it's always inspiring to see the imagination, creativity and careful compositions that children produce. Photographs can be colour or black and white, and the subject matter is completely open—anything from a pet, a family member, a favourite view on a walk, a beautiful snapshot of nature or the business of a market town.

To help spark ideas, here are a few different ways children could experiment with their photography:



**Try different perspectives:** photograph from up high, down low, or even from the side to make everyday objects look new and interesting.



**Get close with macro-style shots:** zoom in or move in close to capture details like leaf veins, bark texture, raindrops, feathers, or petals.



**Go wide angle:** step back and capture the bigger scene—landscapes, skies, or groups of objects.



**Play with light and shadow:** silhouettes, reflections in puddles, or sunlight through trees can be striking.



**Choose colour or black and white:** colour can make a photo feel bright and lively, while black and white can highlight shape, contrast and mood.



**Look for patterns:** repeating shapes (fences, bricks, footprints, waves) can make a simple photo eye-catching.

All submissions must be emailed directly to Miss Mahaffy at [rmahaffy@gastrells.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:rmahaffy@gastrells.gloucs.sch.uk) by **Wednesday 18th March**. She will then submit entries on behalf of the school.

Please do encourage your children to get involved, have a go, and enjoy being creative—we can't wait to see what they capture!

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# STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS!



## FABULOUS FOR RELUCTANT READERS...

I just wanted to recommend 'Choose your Adventure' books for any reluctant readers out there. These books are super at captivating children as they only need to read a page or 2 before they get to choose what happens next. This keeps them engaged and enthusiastic to keep reading, as their choices are integral in the process. There are many different books available to select from depending on your child's interests.

*Miss Mahaffy, Teacher*

## ONWARDS AND UPWARDS!

I'd like to recommend 270 Climbing in Gloucester for a fun local activity. I've taken both my own children and my Cub pack, and the colourful, exciting fun walls are a brilliant and engaging introduction to climbing for all ages and abilities. The instructors are friendly and encouraging, making it a great place for children to build confidence while having lots of fun.

*Mrs Prince, TA*



## THE SUN IS OUT; THAT CAN ONLY MEAN...

With the evenings starting to get a bit lighter and a few sunny days recently, a walk up to Winstones Ice cream Factory across the common is always a winner on a weekend or an afternoon treat after school! They are currently selling a really tasty hot Apple or Rhubarb Crumble with a scoop of their ice cream, as well as their usual yummy choices, so definitely worth a trip if you haven't had the pleasure before!

*Miss Lovesey,*



# DIARY DATES

## SPRING 2 TERM

### FEBRUARY

22	Next Level Exhibition Ends
23	Spring 2 Term Starts

### MARCH

05	World Book Day
16	Class Photos & Y6 Leavers Photos
18	Drumming concert, 1.30pm (parents welcome)
18	Gloucestershire Young Photographer Comp Deadline
19	Owls trip to Stroud Library
TBC	Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz Round 1
23	FOG Easter Egg Competition
26	iRock concert, 1.30pm (parents welcome)
27	End of Term 12.15pm

## SUMMER 1 TERM

### APRIL

13	Summer 1 Term Starts
16-23	Scholastic Book Fayre
24	FOG Easter Bingo!
29-01	Year 4 Residential

### MAY

TBC	FOG Pre-loved Clothing Sale
22	End of Term 3.15pm

We will continue to add events to this page throughout the term.

## TERM DATES 25-26

Term 1	Wed 3rd Sept	-	Fri 24th Oct 2025
Term 2	Tue 4th Nov	-	Fri 19th Dec 2025
Term 3	Mon 5th Jan	-	Fri 13th Feb 2026
Term 4	Mon 23th Feb	-	Fri 27th Mar 2026
Term 5	Mon 13th Apr	-	Fri 22nd May 2026
Term 6	Mon 1st Jun	-	Fri 17th Jul 2026

## INSET DAYS

Mon	1st Sept 2025	Mon	19th Jan 2026
Tue	2nd Sept 2025	Mon	20th July 2026
Mon	3rd Nov 2025		

## ATTENDANCE ACROSS THE SCHOOL (23rd February — 9th March 2026)

Owls	100%
Peregrines	93%
Ospreys	96%
Sparrowhawks	96%
Goshawks	96%
Eagles	88%

# DATES CONT...

## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

2025/26



SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER							
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Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
New Year Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026
Good Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026
Easter Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026

Term 1: Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2025	40 days
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Term 4: Mon 23 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	25 days
Term 5: Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	29 days
Term 6: Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	36 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>195 days*</b>

# SAFEGUARDING

## Staying Safe Online



1 Respect other users. Be kind and polite online.



2 Don't share personal information.



3 Only talk to people you know online.



4 Visit safe websites that a trusted adult has checked first.



5 Tell a trusted adult if something makes you upset or uncomfortable.



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## Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2026

### Rules

1. This Competition is open to pupils attending Gloucestershire Schools only.
2. Each pupil may submit one digital image via a single School Representative, either in colour or monochrome with resolution of 1920px wide x 1080px high.
3. The whole picture must have been photographed by the entrant and therefore be their copyright. AI images are **NOT** allowed. Creative images are allowed but must be the work of the entrant.
4. All entries **must include the name of pupil and the title of the image** and will need to be **submitted by Friday 29th March 2026 - 23.59hrs. UNTITLED work will not be selected**
5. **The photographs will be judged by a panel of three judges chosen by Cheltenham Camera Club.**
6. Winners will be notified by early April, and the results will be published on the Club's website [www.cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk).
7. The Judges' decision is final.
8. Awards will be made for individual photographs, as well as for best overall School entries in Primary and Secondary school categories (see 10. below for details).
9. All selected entries will be projected at the Awards Evening at the Bacon Theatre, Cheltenham on Wednesday 29th April. Booking details will be sent to schools with the results.
10. The prizes will be presented at this Awards Evening. Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed photographs in both the Primary and Secondary categories; other photographs may receive Highly Commended and Commended Certificates. Trophies will be awarded to the Primary and Secondary Schools with the best overall entries.
11. Any photograph entered may be shown on the Club's website, displayed in other exhibitions, and used for publicity purposes by Cheltenham Camera Club, complying with GDPR where appropriate.
12. **A presentation of the selected images with titles and authors names (First and Surname ) will be made available to all participating schools for showing to their pupils. School names will not be displayed alongside photographs but listed in the Presentation.**
13. Whilst every care will be taken, the Club cannot accept responsibility for the infringement of copyright.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## EASTER CAMPS 2026

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on **tech fun**, **iPad creativity**, and **take-home inventions!**

**Example camp activities**

Camp runs 9 am - 1 pm

<b>ROBOT LAB</b>	<b>LEGO Engineering</b>	<b>ELECTRIC INVENTIONS</b>	<b>3D CREATIONS</b>	<b>VIRTUAL REALITY</b>
<b>COOL CIRCUITS</b>	<b>VIDEO GAME DESIGN</b>	<b>MOVIE MAKING</b>	<b>MINECRAFT REDSTONE</b>	<b>MINECRAFT MAZE</b>

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity 🔥, fuel creativity 🧠, and empower young minds 🌟 for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders 🚀. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★  
"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★  
"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS



SIR THOMAS RICH'S  
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## OPEN MORNINGS

21 April and 22 April

*"The culture here is one of belonging and community. As a result, pupils flourish. The personal development of pupils threads alongside the academic learning. Pupils thrive through a wide range of established opportunities designed for their personal growth" Ofsted 2026*



We warmly invite prospective parents and pupils to visit Sir Thomas Rich's School for our April Open Mornings.

These events are primarily aimed at Year 5 boys planning to sit the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools' Admissions Test this September, although pupils from other year groups and their families are very welcome to attend.

Register online, or for enquiries email the school on [admissions@strs.org.uk](mailto:admissions@strs.org.uk).



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Tom Speers here, Director of Football at Footy Kids! We wanted to bring you up to speed with a programme that we're currently rolling out in schools across the county this Spring/Summer and have **very limited space available** (dates are below). The benefits of working with us go beyond just football and include;

- a **FREE 'Football Funday'** featuring our unique inflatable football pitch. The kids absolutely love it!
- Run a lunchtime or after school programme **hassle free** for school staff as we will look after bookings, payments and parent's queries (programme is parent funded)
- we are 'OFSTED friendly'! Let Footy Kids provide more extra-curricular activities for your children which can in turn help **improve your OFSTED rating**.
- be **Innovative & inclusive!** We are the only programme in the area with inflatable facilities, and what's more we employ a 'Fun First' philosophy, with programmes tailored towards all kids.
- all our coaches are highly qualified and experienced to ensure a **safe & nurturing environment**.

We have availability for taster days this March and June for both term 5 & 6 programmes. Below we have a list of dates for taster days and have availability for both lunchtime and after school clubs.

Taster Dates: Any date **between Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and first week of June**.

In the meantime, please check out our video below and do let me know if you have any questions.

<https://youtu.be/InsGClcqrWQ>

