



## Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

St Gilbert's had an exciting delivery on Monday morning! Ten eggs arrived in an incubator and we now have 8 fluffy, yellow and brown chicks! The whole school has been buzzing with the new arrivals and all the children and adults are thoroughly enjoying having the cute chicks in school. The hatching was absolutely fascinating and the children asked some really delving questions which has really enhanced their amazing, learning experience. Have you seen our Facebook page?



### DIARY DATES

05/03/2019	<b>Bags2School</b>
07/03/2019	<b>Reading Breakfast- EYFS/KS1</b> 8:15am - 8.45am
07/03/2019	<b>Reading Breakfast- KS2</b> 8:45am - 9:15am
07/03/2019	<b>Book Fair</b> 7th - 12th March
07/03/2019	<b>World Book Day</b>
07/03/2019	<b>Book Fair</b> 3:30pm-4:30pm daily
08/03/2019	<b>PTA Event- 2nd Hand Book Sale</b>

### Attendance

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS!**

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

*Congratulations to*

**STRONG CLASS**

*who had*

**98.38 % attendance last week**

### **Congratulations to Nicola Isaac who is this month's winner of the PTA's 100 Club!**

So far 73 numbers have been sold and this means currently the monthly prize is £36.50 but this will go up with more numbers sold.

The next draw is on Friday 29th March. An updated application form will be issued next week for anyone that would like to join the 100 Club ready for the next draw.

## Foundation Stage

The children in Foundation Stage have had a great start to Term 4 this week. We have started our new topic of planting and growing which has coincided beautifully with the lovely Spring weather! They have **used their senses** outside spotting flowers that have sprung up in the school grounds and during class they have learnt about the different parts of a plant. The children have all had the opportunity to get hands on planting their own bean plant, adding the soil, then the bean and finally watering it. In their writing, they have thought about the steps they took and then written up instructions on how to plant a bean.

**Our Christian value this term is Service**, and our act of service in Foundation Stage is to provide homemade cakes and treats for a local charity. The children have demonstrated **empathy** as they think about the people who will receive their cakes and how it will make them feel. They learnt that it feels good to give!

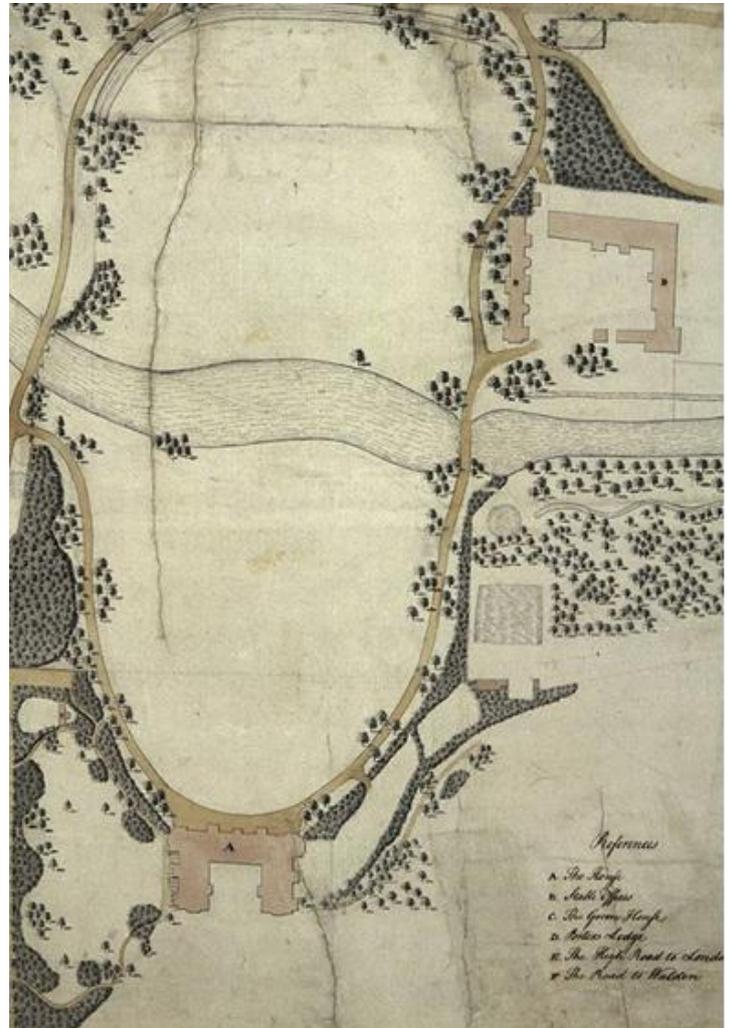
The final highlight this week has been going to see the newly hatched chicks in Milne Class! The children have been **filled with wonder** watching them emerge from the eggs. Wow, what a treat!



## Key Stage 1

Our 'How Does Your Garden Grow' topic has got off to a flying start. The children have learned about Capability Brown and his work at Burghley House as well as some other large estates, comparing the before and after maps and spotting the features that he has added. Our **map reading and designing skills** have come into their own! Next week we are going to write to Capability Brown with grand designs for our own (or imaginary) gardens!

In Science this week, the children have been keen to get outside in the sunshine to look at plants, leaves and trees. Complete with magnifying glasses, they **enthusiastically** searched the school flowerbeds, grassy bank, sense garden and field for signs of plant life. They were keen to talk about and **share what they discovered**, especially when they saw how far the roots from our trees extended! They used their **creative skills** to make close observational drawings of intricate leaves and carefully drew and labelled trees.

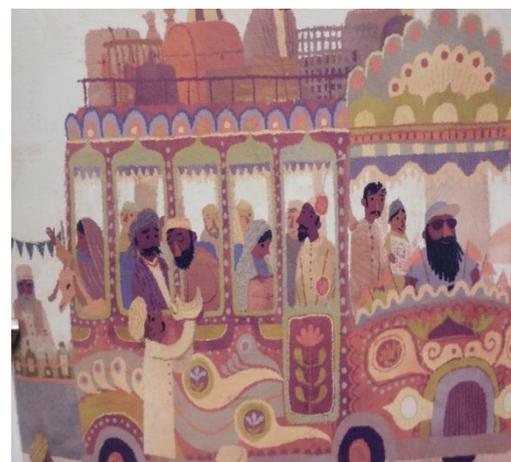


## Key Stage 2

This week, Year 3 and 4 have been learning all about states of matter in Science. The children used water, ice and balloons to explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases and we were surprised to learn a few of our original thoughts were hard to prove! It was fabulous to see the children were **applying their previous knowledge** to their learning and really thinking about their theories and how they could test them. It was great to see the children getting **hands on with their learning** and they are keen to see how we can **take our learning further** in the coming weeks.

In PE, with Mrs Oakley, the children have been working hard on their tag rugby skills. They are now **confident** enough to play small matches against each other. It has been excellent to see **the development of sportsmanship and team building**. The **look of determination** on the children's faces when they are running towards the try line is fantastic and we hope they continue to **share this enthusiasm** for sports outside of school too. Thank you Mrs Oakley for helping us to lead such fun and engaging lessons. The children love them!

In English, Year 3 and 4 have been thinking about our new topic, India. The children have read an Indian story about a little boy selling his wares on the fabulously festooned buses that travel around the country. The new vocabulary that the children have been exploring has been **enriching and exciting** and they have all taken a keen interest in searching for the origins of the new words they come across. Their new 'Spelling of the Day' card in their classrooms has been a great way to have a focus on a new word each day.



## Key Stage 2

We have had a very busy start to Term 4 and we are so pleased to see that all of Year 5.6 have come back to school, **eager and willing to learn**.

In English, the Year 5s have been busy creating their own 'foodimals' based on the film 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs'. They **thought carefully** about the animals and foods they wanted to combine to create the best character for their upcoming stories.

In Maths this week, some of the Year 6s have started to work on algebra and have been **fully engaged in developing their understanding** of this tricky topic. The children developed the idea of using letters to represent unknown numbers and how to manipulate formula to solve equations.



## Football News

Last night, our Year 5 and 6 football team had their last home football game against Bluecoat's School. It was a very exciting game and once again they all showed great skills and sportsmanship on the pitch. Both teams played amazingly but the overall score was 6-0 to St Gilbert's! Well done St Gilbert's for winning your last home game of the season! Also, a huge thank you to Mr Goddard for giving up his own time to coach the children and develop their skills. A great team effort overall!



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

will be Red Nose Day for Comic Relief and this year we will be having a 'Dress in Red' day in return for a small donation

## PTA

### PTA Events

#### **Tuesday 5th March - Bags2School Collection:**

Please drop off your filled bags on Tuesday morning outside the school gates to one of the volunteers. You can use any bags and fill with good quality clothes and shoes.

#### **Thursday 7th March - Reading Breakfasts:**

We're looking forward to organising the Reading Breakfasts again this year. The response has been brilliant. If you would like to attend please complete the form on ParentMail so we can ensure we have enough croissants.

#### **Friday 8th March - 2nd Hand Book Sale:**

As part of the book fair we are holding a 2nd Hand Book Sale selling adults' and children's books for 50p straight after school. If you would like to donate any books please drop them to reception. We would also welcome some more volunteers to help set up and man the stall.

**Mother's Day Gifts** - your children have come home with an order form for a surprise personalised gift for Mother's Day. If you would like to place an order please return your order form by Friday 8th March. Your surprise gifts will be sent home on Friday 29th March ready for Mother's Day.



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