

March 13th 2026

This week at Harewood

Turquoise Class have had a busy week exploring materials. Year One investigated materials and the properties needed to build a strong, waterproof house, and Reception thought about changing materials. In geography, they all thought about the first round the world hot air balloon flight and why the balloonists took the route they did. Year One have pretended to be Baby Bear from the book 'Whatever Next?' and wrote a postcard from the moon. In maths, Year One have been exploring making arrays to solve repeated addition problems and Reception have started looking at coins, thinking about the value and the different ways you can make the same amount. The Year 1 children in **Blue Class** this week have been writing a letter to Mummy Bear from the book 'Whatever Next?' explaining why they were late for their bath whilst the Reception children have again been using their phonic knowledge to write simple words and sentences. In RE the children learned why and how Christians celebrate Easter and the symbols that are used to show new life. In Design Technology the children explored how to strengthen paper and then made their own hot air balloon to fly around the classroom. In science, the



Reception children discussed things that melted and did not melt and the Year 1 children thought about the properties of materials and why they were used for making certain items. In maths, the Reception children have been adding and subtracting practically and writing addition and subtraction number sentences while the Year 1 children have been multiplying numbers by using arrays. In **Lilac Class** this week, the Year 1 children have enjoyed learning about the story 'Whatever Next' and have enjoyed writing messages from Baby Bear to Mummy Bear. The Reception children have also been working hard in writing and have begun to write longer phrases and sentences. In maths, the



Year 1 children have been learning about finding a quarter and a half of shapes and objects, and Reception have started to learn about teen numbers. They practised making them using a range of different maths manipulatives such as cubes, tens frames and Numicon. The children have all enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing – they are very knowledgeable and know lots of interesting facts about it! In PSHE, the children learned about staying safe online and talked about who they could talk to if something concerns them.

In **Yellow Class** this week, the children have continued to enjoy learning new golfing skills! They tried hard to improve their co-ordination, balance and control. They practised holding the golf club correctly and striking the ball with control. We thought about the importance of moving our bodies to keep fit through regular exercise. In computing, we are learning about how computers organise and store information. We labelled, counted and grouped objects in different ways and saw how computers do the same to make sense of the information. We also thought about online safety rules in order to keep ourselves protected when we use our devices. The children had lots of fun in DT making their own paper hot air balloons!

This week in **Green Class** we have looked at how to strengthen paper by folding it. We used this technique to make hot air balloons to dangle from the ceiling. In maths, Year One have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and solving problems involving equal and unequal groups. The Reception children have been recording addition and subtraction number sentences using the plus, minus and equals symbols. In PSHE we talked about how to stay safe on the internet and about what information is safe to share. In music, we wrote our own version of the Pirate Song and performed it with actions. We are continuing to improve our accurate putting skills in our golf lessons. We had a great time boogying with our friends at the disco!



This week in **Red Class**, we have enjoyed remembering our school trip and sharing our favourite moments. The children wrote fantastic recounts about their time there. In maths, we have started revisiting measurement and have been exploring different ways to measure. In art, everyone enjoyed creating beautiful spring pictures using oil pastels and making colourful tie-dye flags. During Forest School, we explored microhabitats and discovered the tiny creatures that live there. We also had great fun practising our golf skills in PE. This week in **Orange Class**, the children have continued to work incredibly hard. In English, they wrote a recount of their trip to the Black Country Living Museum, remembering the exciting things they saw and experienced. In maths, we have begun our new unit on measure, learning how to measure and compare different lengths. In DT, the children had lots of fun creating tie-dye flags, showing great creativity in their designs. In science, we continued to explore and learn about microhabitats. In history, we learned about the explorer Roald Amundsen



and his important expedition. This week in **Pink Class** we have learned about a new explorer, the Polar explorer Roald Amundsen. The children have enjoyed researching him using documents and photographs in history. They have been learning how to play golf in PE and in RE we have been continuing our learning about the Christian celebration of Easter. In maths we have been focusing on money, finding different ways of making an amount and using the pound sign.

Attendance and Value assemblies

Congratulations to Red Class who won the attendance cup this week with over 99% attendance for last week. Every class had over 95% attendance and so got to play our Classopoly game. Our 'In to Win' winner this week was Eliza from Green Class who chose a prize from the box. Resilience is our value this term and in this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Cameron, Nyal, Arshiya, Marley, Aria, Elias, Jesse, Sonny, Paignton, Ismael and Ellie.



Labelling uniform

As the weather gets warmer, lots of children are taking off their jumpers and cardigans during the day. This means we sometimes end up with a growing collection of mystery clothing! Please help us by making sure that **all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name**. When items are named, it's much easier for us to return them to the right owner. We encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings, and while we're always happy to help, we can't spend valuable learning time searching for missing clothing. Thank you for your support.



IT Equipment

As many of you will know, high-quality IT equipment is essential for supporting our students' learning—yet it can also be incredibly costly. Some of our current devices are nearing the end of their lifespan, and we are exploring ways to update and expand our resources. In the past, we have been very fortunate to receive generous donations of refurbished iPads and laptops from Spirax Sarco. These contributions made a significant difference to our classrooms, and we remain very grateful for their support. If you work for, or know of, a company that donates refurbished technology to schools, we would love to hear from you. Any support, big or small, would be greatly appreciated and would help us continue providing high-quality digital learning opportunities for the children.

Dates for your diary

Story telling puppet parent workshop -

All **Reception** parents are invited to come in to school on **Wednesday 18th March** at 2:15pm

All **Year 1** parents are invited to come in to school on **Thursday 19th March** at 2:15pm

All **Year 2** parents are invited to come in to school on **Friday 20th March** at 2:15pm

Forest School

Thursday 19 th March	Green Class
Friday 20 th March	Red Class



iRock Concert

The end of term iRock concert for parents whose children attend iRock sessions is on Friday 27th March at 9am in the school hall.

Menu for the week beginning 16th March

	Hot meals Week 1			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Quorn Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	Beef Lasagne with Herby Potatoes	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Herby Potatoes	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Mince Pie with Roast Potatoes	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Beef Chilli Con Carne with Fluffy Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with Chips	Vegetable Enchilada with Chips	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich

GGT Fest

Growing Great Together



Friday 10th April
11am - 3pm



Kings School,
Gloucester, GL1 2BG

Exclusive Youth Zone

Hosted by:



The Venture Community Hub



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& Henna**

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