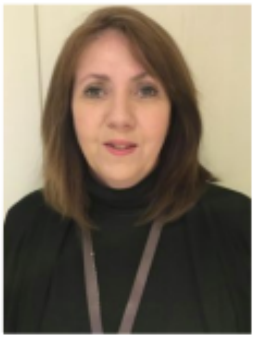




**October 2024**

# **NEWSLETTER**



**Dear Parents,**

**What a lovely end to the first half term of the year! The Services for Harvest and our new children's Welcome Service were so well attended and we really enjoy having parents and families in with us to share in these special events. The weekly family worships have also been great opportunities for us to share our Church School distinctiveness, so we really appreciate you taking the time to come into these worships too!**

**It was also great to see so many of you at the recent Parent's Evenings and I know Teachers always appreciate having the time to talk through your child's progress and how they're getting on in school.**

**Whilst we know that not every child relishes coming in to school each day, it is so important to us that all children are happy and settled in school. So do let us know if you feel this isn't the case.**

**You'll see later in this newsletter some information about a home learning task - Galmpton Crosses Project. We did this four years ago and the results from families were absolutely magnificent. We still have, and use many of the crosses, so do please see if you're able to make a cross. They will become a lasting legacy!**

**Thank you for your generous donations to Brixham Food Bank, I know the team were delighted with your offerings. The Autumn term seems to always be overloaded with charity events. We've tried limiting asking for donations but would ask that you fill your child's 'candle box' for our whole school Christingle event in December. And then of course we have our Shoebox Appeal where the Galmpton community give so generously to underprivileged children in other countries.**

**So, wishing you all a good half term break, keep safe and enjoy the time with your children.**

**Best wishes,**

**Katy Burns**

# Y5 Dawlish Warren

Year 5 visited Dawlish Warren on Thursday 17th Oct. For part of the day, the children had to create the most effective dam from the materials they could find on the beach. We also discovered some of the ways that Dawlish Warren prevents flooding and erosion when we visited the Dawlish Reserve Visitors Centre. All of our learning on this trip linked to our Geography question, 'Why was Libya so vulnerable to flooding?'



## School Tours

  
**Ofsted**  
Outstanding

Is your child due to start Reception Class in September 2025?  
If so, we have tours available. Please ring into the school office  
on 01803 842628 to book one of the following dates:

Friday 8th November at 9.30am  
Thursday 28th November - 1.30pm  
Thursday 5th December - 4.30pm



Monty and Logan from Year 3 are very excited to share that they were recently selected to join Exeter Football Club's Pre-Academy. Out of 400 children who attended the trials, just 4 were selected to join the training squad. They're very excited as one of their coaches at Exeter City has previously coached Olly Watkins, the England star! The coaches did comment on the fact that Galmpton has produced some excellent footballers, which is a testament to the strength of the school's sporting culture. Well done boys!!!

## Save the Date

Our Christingle Service will be held on Wednesday 4th December at Churston Church. All family members are invited to attend. More info to follow but the service usually starts at 9am and finishes around 10.15am.

## Cross Project

Four years ago we held a 'Make a Cross' homework task over the half term. We were thrilled with the responses from families and still use many of the Crosses in class and in our worships. However, some were returned to children to take home and some haven't lasted the test of time. So, we'd really like to run this project again. It's so much more meaningful to use Crosses made by you and the children in our Services and worships. The Crosses can start coming in after half term and should be about A4ish size. How and what they're made of is completely up to you.

## Y2 Torbay Trip

We had a fantastic time on our bus trip around Torbay! We first set off to Brixham and made a stop in the Town Centre. We walked to the Harbour to look at the man-made and natural features around the Town. Then, we hopped back on the bus and journeyed through Paignton and Torquay.

We stopped off at Meadfoot Beach and were able to look right across the bay of Torbay. Throughout the journey, all the children listed the many different features they saw.





Our gratitude goes out to the Preston Rotary Club who again have supported some of our families in school with their winter coat scheme. The families were very grateful for this support.

**GALMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# CAKE SALE

Friday 22 November  
5-7pm

**DAVID'S FISH & CHIPS**

64 Bolton Street  
Brixham

## Y3 Creek Trip



On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Year 3 took a trip down to Galmpton Creek. They looked at using the 8 points of a compass to help identify physical and human features of the River Dart. The children were amazing and walked sensibly to the Creek from School. They were great representatives of our school. A special thanks goes to the parent volunteers who helped make this trip possible.

**SEND A**

# GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX

**IN JESUS' NAME**

**Please send filled shoeboxes into  
School by Friday 8th November.  
Thank you!!!**

**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.**

Visit [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ) to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community.

Attendance data for the period 9/9/24 - 18/10/24  
(Target is 97%)

<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.60%</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>93.06%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>96.17%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>95.89%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b><u>98.94%</u></b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>96.97%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>97.32%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>97.17%</b>

Well done Year 3 you are our half term attendance superstars, keep it up!



**WELCOME TO RECEPTION**

The Reception class have settled well into school life at Galmpton. This half term we have been learning all about 'What makes us special?' and 'How can we open an healthy cafe?'. The children are making a video to explain the importance of healthy food choices, exercise and looking after our teeth. We have also opened a 'healthy café' with healthy foods made by the children.

Thank you to all our Parents who joined us for the Welcome Service last week and our Healthy Café.

# **Galmpton Primary School**

## **Calendar Dates**

<b>Wed 6th November</b>	<b>Y6 Zoo Trip</b>
<b>Fri 8th November</b>	<b>PTA/FROGS meeting after School</b>
<b>Wed 13th November</b>	<b>SEND Parent Forum, 9am</b>
<b>Wed 4th December</b>	<b>Christingle Service @ Churston Church</b>
<b>Mon 9th December</b>	<b>FROGS Village Christmas Carols @ 5pm</b>
<b>Tues 10th December</b>	<b>KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (info to follow)</b>
<b>Wed 11th December</b>	<b>KS1 Nativity Performance @ Beverly Park 6pm</b>
<b>Thurs 12th December</b>	<b>School Nurse in for YR &amp; Y6 height &amp; weight measurements</b>
<b>Thurs 12th December</b>	<b>KS2 Carol Service, Churston Church @ 6pm</b>
<b>Fri 13th December</b>	<b>Christmas Celebration Day in School</b>
<b>Tues 17th December</b>	<b>Y6 Carols at Three Corners</b>
<b>Wed 18th December</b>	<b>Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm (Hall)</b>
<b>Thurs 19th December</b>	<b>Christmas Art Exhibition @ 2pm</b>
<b>Fri 20th December</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>

### **Christmas Holidays**

**Mon 23rd December – Mon 6th January (including non-pupil day 6th Jan)**

<b>Tues 7th January</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
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