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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Attendance		9 <sup>th</sup> Edition 2025-26		13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026		House points	
Reception	97.6%	<p><b>School Prayer</b></p> <p>Dear God, Bless our school. Bless our teachers. Bless our pupils. Bless our families. Please help us to be kind and help us to always try our best. Let us remember, as many hands make a house, so many hearts make a school. Amen</p>		<p>Goodrich Church of England Primary School</p> <p><b>Collective Worship</b></p> <p>At this time of year we think about Epiphany</p> <p>We are team players. We show friendship and value wisdom. "A friend knows at all times" (Proverbs 27:10)</p>	Dragon	29	
Year 1	93.3%				Pegasus	34	
Year 2	92.7%				Griffin	35	
Year 3	93.9%				Phoenix	32	
Year 4	95.7%						
Year 5	95.2%						
Year 6	99%						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95.3%</b>						

Primary School Newsletter

Twitter Snapshot @GoodrichCESch



Reminders

- Please make sure that your children not only have a warm coat but also a **named** gloves and a hat
- Please make sure that all items coming into school are clearly named.
- **Please do not send in chocolate or crisps to school as a snack.**

PTFA/ Eco

**HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAYS**

Hot cocoa and biscuits available from the Smiles door every Friday after school. Perfect for cold winter days!

- £1.50 - Hot Chocolate
- £2.00 - Hot Chocolate & Biscuit



## News

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the kind message that we have received since Jackie died, they have meant so much to staff and we will pass them on to her family.

We will be celebrating her life tomorrow and as she wished, holding the wake at school where we can all remember her laughing with the children, doing crafts, telling jokes and making the best paper aeroplanes. (I think there is still one up in a light fitting somewhere.)



This afternoon Owls will be sharing their learning in Celebration and then the PTFA will be finishing the half term off with a movie. It is impossible to state how much we appreciate the hard work put in to setting up these events, for the sense of community and fun but also the many ways that this supports what we can do in school. For example, money to make trips more affordable, a class budget for the little extras, the recent ZooLab visit and our upcoming book in a day which will precede World Book Day. These extra things are memories that children hold for a long time, I am sure that you will be able to recall many of these from your own school days. So, thank you so much, everyone that is or has helped lead or support our PTFA.



A final quick reminder that Parent-Teacher meetings are booked for just after half term. Please make sure you book your appointments via Arbor as soon as possible or speak to Mrs Toner in the office if you cannot. Wishing you all a very restful half term break.



Best wishes  
Mrs Miles


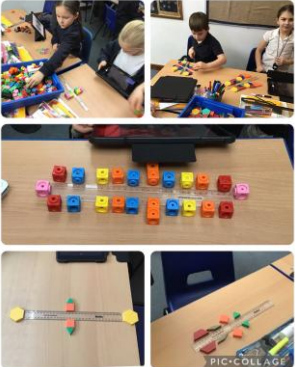
## Class News


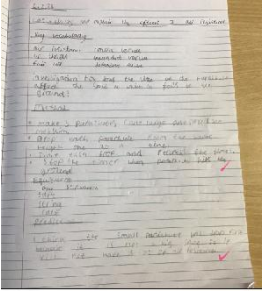
Goldcrests enjoyed exploring some of their favourite stories during National Story Telling Week. The children had great fun chasing each other as they pretended being the characters from 'The Gingerbread Man' and cooking some lovely gingerbread. They also role-played characters from 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. comparing sizes and subitising one, two or three as they played, 'The Three Little Pigs'. This week we have been talking about friendship, thinking about who their friends are and why, (because we have similar interests) and the difference between family and friends and how we make friends.

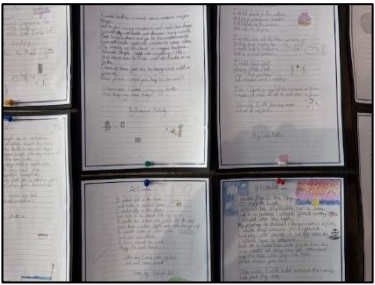
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week
Goldcrests	<p>Whilst making a gingerbread man, Otis said "I don't think we should put my gingerbread man in the oven, he will run away."</p>	<p>Exploring the wide variety of animals brought in by Zoolab.</p> 	 <p>The children were building a tall tower and couldn't reach to put any more blocks on the top. Molly worked out that if she went up on the palace she could reach.</p>	<p>Sounds of the week</p> <p>'e'</p> <p>elephant</p> <p>egg</p> <p>exercise</p> <p>empty</p> <p>'u'</p> <p>umbrella</p> <p>upset</p> <p>under</p> <p>up</p>

Wrens	<p>This week Wrens have taken a trip to outer space! In History we were learning about Neil Armstrong and his adventure and the children decided they would like to go to the moon too! The children have flown from Nasa's special Space Station at Goodrich Primary School in our imaginary rocket! They have enjoyed pretending to be astronauts, exploring planets and learning all about space in a fun and immersive way.</p> <p>We were also very lucky to have a visit from ZooLab, who brought a range of amazing animals into school. The children were fascinated to learn about the animals and showed great curiosity, confidence and respect. It was a fantastic hands-on experience who sparked lots of questions and excitement!</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support, we hope you have a wonderful half term.</p>			
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow play!	Words of the Week
	<p>When talking about the importance of space suits for astronauts Penny said, "You need a special helmet to protect your eyes from the sun."</p>	 <p>Preparing to go to the moon!</p>	 <p>A dinosaur island</p>	<p>gravity crater explore doubling oxygen</p>

Robins	<p>In English the children have been doing some short burst writing tasks, during this, they have been enjoying orally rehearsing their sentences before writing them. In Maths we have been exploring repeated addition which then led into simple multiplication. There has been a buzz around our History theme, as the children have been proudly sharing their homework about Neil Armstrong. We have had some great artwork, fact files, along with fabulous news reporting! Finally, ZooLab visited with an array of animals, the children absolutely loved the opportunity to hold, stroke and ask questions about each animal.</p>			
	Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week
	<p>"It was really nice for our school for Zoo lab to visit because the children loved the animals, I am into reptiles because of a book I read in school and liked seeing the snake – I would like a grass snake for a pet!" said Reuben</p>	 <p>Super gymnastics, the children are practising 'arabesque'</p>	 <p>ZooLab visit</p>	<p>canopy forest layer multiplication mission horizon</p>

Woodpeckers	<p>In Maths, we have been exploring how to make symmetrical patterns and identify lines of symmetry in different shapes. In English, we have been writing a recount about our trip to St Fagans and a news recount on a sighting of a dragon! In Science, we have been investigating how igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks are formed through different processes and looking at different types of rocks and their properties. On Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day and we explored using AI safely and responsibly and re-visited our rules of being safe whilst using technology and the internet.</p>			
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	<p>Whilst reflecting on our memories of Jackie, Elsie said; "She always made me have a smile on my face." Daisy said; "She always called me Humphrey and made me smile when I was sad." Leilani added; "She was the funniest person and always called me Pickle."</p>	 <p>Teamwork over in Forest School.</p>	 <p>Some of our symmetrical patterns.</p>	<p>symmetrical igneous sedimentary metamorphic properties</p>

Owls	In Science, we have been investigating whether the size of a parachute affect the speed at which it falls. We spent time thinking about how to carry out this experiment, ensuring that it was a fair test. After much discussion, (and ruling out jumping out of an aeroplane!) we made different sized model parachutes and timed how long each one took to fall to the ground. In art, we have been looking at a range of Pop Art created by Roy Lichtenstein. We have been identifying the techniques that he used and using his ideas to inspire our own artwork.			
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	Rexx asked, "Can I have some extra Maths homework?" Then he completed it and proudly brought it into school the following day. Great attitude Rexx!	Working as a team to take the wood chippings from the playground to Forest School in the sunshine. 	 Noah's super Science investigation plan and prediction.	resistance fulcrum inverted parenthesis

Peregrines	Last Friday, we enjoyed our visit from Zoolab and learning about the impact that climate change has on species of animals over time. In Geography, we thought about STUFF, all the stuff we buy, use and throw away and how this affects climate change. You can find out how big your 'environmental footprint' is on this website <a href="https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/">https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/</a> In Computing, we have been continuing with our film productions whilst considering camera angles, contents and props and in P.E we have been developing our team building skills.			
	Quotes from the week	Body & Mind	Wow work!	Words of the Week
	Hayleigh said about Open the Book, "It gives me the chance to understand the bible story more, and I think the people involved are very good and it always cheers me up on a Wednesday morning."	As we reflected on our memories of Jackie, Grace captured our thoughts and feelings: "I remember when I came into breakfast club and Jackie would always say 'Morning Doris (or Pickle, or Poppet) and I am thankful for everything she did to help me. She was always very funny and made me laugh."	 A selection of our handwriting and presentation skills.	environmental conservation sustainability conclusive evidential

Class Superstars				
Wrens	Robins	Woodpeckers	Owls	Peregrines
Theo Tabby	Harper Ayda	Henry Jacob B Ralph	Lucy Seren	Landon Bryher
Headteacher Star Award	Mrs Miles is on the lookout for her next star. Keep being TIPTOP!			

Calendar					
Forest School		Celebration Worship		Other Dates	
				16-20/02/2026	Half Term
23/02/2026	Wrens			23/02/2026	First day on Spring 2
25/02/2026	Yr 5 & 6			24/02/2026	Parent Consultations
				25/02/2026	Parent Consultations
		06/03/2026	Woodpeckers	05/03/2025	World Book Day
Be Ready		Be Safe		Be Respectful	



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## Race Categories and Order

Under 5 years

5 - 7 years

8- 11 years

12 - 14 years

Adult - ladies

Adult - men

Teams (4 people any ages)



Business teams also welcome!

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### Children's Fancy Dress Team Trophy

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**SLOTH Plushie**  
Children's Hand Sewing Workshop

**Whale Plushie**  
Children's Hand Sewing Workshop

**Pizza Plushie**  
Children's Hand Sewing Workshop

**Broccoli Plushie**  
Children's Hand Sewing Workshop

**MILKSHAKE PLUSHIE**  
CHILDREN'S HAND SEWING WORKSHOP

Get 50% Off Second Child

**Children's Workshops at Make-it Happen Feb Half Term 2026**

## Make-it Happen February Half Term Children's Workshops

Workshop	Date & Time
Axolotl Plushie	Tuesday 17th February 10am - 11am
Rainbow Plushie	Tuesday 17th February 11am - 12pm
Avocado Plushie	Wednesday 18th February 10am - 11am
Sloth Plushie	Wednesday 18th February 11am - 12pm
Rocket Plushie	Thursday 19th February 10am - 11am
Milkshake Plushie	Thursday 19th February 11am - 12pm
Whale Plushie	Friday 20th February 10am - 11am
Broccoli Plushie	Friday 20th February 11am - 12pm
Pizza Plushie	Saturday 21st February 10am - 11am
Magic Wand	Saturday 21st February 11am - 12pm

Book through our website

[www.make-ithappencreativdreams.com](http://www.make-ithappencreativdreams.com)

# FEBRUARY HALF TERM INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Our intensive lessons are perfect for children aged 4+ who are new to lessons, or children on our Learn to Swim programme wanting to progress to the next stage.

Designed to help build confidence, improve technique, and have fun, all in just 4 sessions!

**Get 50% OFF your booking – only £15.75 total for 4 lessons!**

That's just £3.94 per session!\*

To view days and times visit [www.haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on)

Limited spots – don't miss out!  
Call us on **01432 842075**, or pop in to your local pool to secure your child's place.

\*Terms & conditions apply. Offer valid until 8th February 2026.

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM FULL OF FUN!

### What's On at Ross Swimming Pool...

#### ☆ STAGE 1 INTENSIVE

Swim lessons perfect for beginners aged 4+ to boost water confidence in just 4 days!

#### ☆ STAGE 2 INTENSIVE

Swim lessons perfect for those who have completed Stage 1 (aged 4+) to boost water skills in just 4 days!

#### ☆ FAMILY SWIM

Throughout the half-term break, enjoy exciting swimming sessions for all ages.

\*Advance booking is required due to limited spaces available.

**Book now in centre or give us a call on 01989 763 487**

SCAN TO VIEW THE FULL TIMETABLE  
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• Some activities may be subject to change.  
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