

Friday Round Up!

16th January 2026

School Vision
*Rooted and Growing in Love:
A culture of kindness in which all can flourish
(Ephesians 3 & 4)*

Important Term Dates

January 2026

Mon 26th: Robins trip to the park
Thurs 29th: Doves Magic Lantern

February 2026

Fri 13th: Ash Wednesday Service
Mon 16th- Fri 20th – Half term

More dates will be added throughout the year, please keep checking.



Waitrose Tokens – In store Gillingham, raising money for Forest School Project. Please support!

Congratulations to our School Values Award Winners:

Wrens: Bella and Arthur
Robins: Max and James
Doves: Lily and Ruby
Owls: Ralph and Harper
Kites: Lottie P and Bron

Our reading challenge has started again and so many of the children are really working hard at clocking up the nights.

This week seems to have whizzed past with lots of exciting happenings across the school. We have had a number of visitors in looking at various areas of school life including the Diocesan representative who is working with us to get ready for the next SIAMS inspection which is due next year. He did an impromptu walk about the school on Thursday and made some lovely comments about the attitude there was to learning across the school. The children in each class were really keen to explain to him what they were learning. We also had a pair of ladies who worked in Owls class this week looking at some of the lesson design again they had really delightful comments to make about the attitude to learning of the class as a whole. As a staff we then completed some training with them which was very useful. I have had the last of the future reception class tours around the school this week and look forward to seeing who will be in our fledgling cohort of 2026.

Across the school Wrens went on a winter walk in the frost this week. They shuffled around the field and made a beautiful spiral in the frost! Also, this week Wrens have taken part in the RSPB's Big School's bird watch. We made bird feeders and have been learning to identify birds by their look and sounds. We sat very quietly and watched the birds, counting the ones we saw. We will send the information off to the RSPB to help them monitor the populations of different birds. Robins have done some beautiful mapping of the route to the park and also food tasting as they explored their senses. I think they discovered pickled onions may be an acquired taste but chocolate seemed very popular! Doves have been working hard on using money and Mrs Gambier has asked if there is ever an opportunity to use some coins at a shop it would be much appreciated. They have also been exploring friction in science. Owls have been completing careful observational drawing, last week using ink and this week progressing to colour. They also created beautiful plasticine worlds to explore the layers of the earth. Kites have been looking at air resistance and made parachutes with different fabrics to test this.

In collective worship this week we discussed the fact that it is the National Year of Reading. We have signed onto this as a school and will be discussing it over the year.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back to school safe and sound on Monday.

