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# Gooderstone Gazette

## Celebration Worship

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our first full Celebration Worship of the Year.

It was so lovely to share all of our hard work with you all and Owls and Goslings thoroughly enjoyed sharing their phonics skills and songs with everyone.

We look forward to the next one where Skylarks will be sharing!

## What have we been up to?

### **This week in Owls & Goslings,**

We have continued to learn about primary and secondary colours. We enjoyed exploring the colour purple by smashing blackberries and colour mixing red and blue to match the colour of the blackberries. We have also created some amazing story maps of our own version of Where the Wild Thing Are.

### **This week in Skylarks,**

We looked at London landmarks, talked about the ones we knew and found out about new ones like 'The Gherkin' which we thought was a funny name! We have also been making towers with the number 5 in them and comparing equal and unequal groups in maths.

**This week in Kestrels,** we have been investigating urban and rural areas, and comparing them. We looked at a satellite photo of the United Kingdom and noticed that the urban areas had a lot more light pollution than the rural areas. Most of us decided we would prefer to live in a rural area.



# BBC 500 Words is back and open for entries, it's time to get writing!

**There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds.....**

All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. We would love children of all abilities to enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous [grand final](#) at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities.

There are also lots of [prizes to be won](#) - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library. Not only that, the winning stories will receive an original [illustration](#) from Dapo Adeola, Nigel Parkinson, Lydia Monks, Momoko Abe, Rob Biddulph or Yasmeen Ismail.

## **The stories.....**

We want children to have fun writing their stories, be as creative as they can and make us laugh, cry or just be blown away by what we are reading. Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves.

Children can only submit one story each. There are very few rules on 500 Words but a few points to remember:

### **All the stories must:**

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not rap or poem

### **Stories must not:**

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)
- Be created, written or developed by AI

### **All stories will be judged on the following criteria:**

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment

**Submit your stories before 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024 at**

**<https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/submissions-fe/index.html#/profile>**



# Information

## Slogans On Clothing

Please can we ask all adults attending the school site to ensure that their clothing does not have inappropriate language on it. Together home and school have done a wonderful job teaching children to read. With this in mind I am sure none of us want them using these skills to read and decode inappropriate phrases and words. Thank you for your understanding.

## Aspens / Meals

Unfortunately due to a boiler issue, Aspens our catering company for lunch meals from Swaffham- will continue to only be able to provide a limited selection of meals Aspens- Swaffham will notify us when their boiler issue is fixed and normal meals can resume. At present this is still an ongoing issue.

## Communication

We communicate with you in a variety of different ways; through our weekly newsletters, class newsletters, in-app messages and emails.

Each class has their own email address, direct to your child's class teacher.

## Mrs Cross & Mrs Chisman- Owls & Goslings

owls@gooderstone.dneat.org

## Mrs Buckley - Skylarks

skylarks@gooderstone.dneat.org

## Miss Stanley - Kestrels

kestrels@gooderstone.dneat.org

## Clubs!

Clubs are still available for this half term, please speak with the office or check the app if you would like to sign your child/ren up to a club.

### Mondays

- Nature Club with Mrs Cross after school, finish 4.15pm: Y1-3 FULL (with a waiting list)
- Netball Club with Miss Stanley after school, finish 4.15pm: Y3-6

### Wednesdays

- Handbell Club with Mrs Buckley after school, finish 4.15pm: Y1-6

### Thursdays

- Games Club with Mrs Chisman lunchtimes, 12.30pm-1pm: Reception
- Taekwondo with John after school, finish 4.15pm: ALL
- Multi-sports club with Mr Brotherhood after school, finish 4.15pm: Y3-6

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is taking place on Wednesday 9th October in St George's Church.

As with previous years, we will be donating food to Meadow House Care Home in Swaffham, as well as topping up the Gooderstone food bank in the church.

We will be accepting donations of food from Monday 30th September.

These donations can be either tinned or fresh food, please ensure that any donated food is in date.

Thank you very much for your support with this and we look forward to seeing you for the Harvest Festival.



# Upcoming Events

- **2nd October:** Reception Photo - Lynn News
- **4th October 2.30pm-3.15pm:** Skylarks Gathering
- **9th October 9am:** Harvest Festival at the church
- **9th October 10.30am - 2pm:** Cross Country @Hockwold Hall
- **11th October 2.30pm:** Owls & Goslings Gathering
- **18th October 9am:** Individual & Sibling Photos - Tempest
- **18th October 2:30pm- 3:15pm:** Kestrels Gathering
- **24th October:** Cake Thursday (replacing Friday)!



## Team Points

1. Newton 95
2. Curie 92
3. Einstein 43

## SENDCo

SENDCo Information and Support - Mrs Tinkley SENDCo  
If you have any concerns about your child and would like to talk to Mrs Tinkley, please do not hesitate to contact her via email or telephone the school.

**Katie Tinkley-SENDCo**  
**Gooderstone: 01366 328280**  
**katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org**

## Cake Friday Winner!

Congratulations to **Elliot!**

We would like to thank everyone for taking part and super happy that we have raised a fantastic **£46.00!**

We look forward to our next Cake Friday which will take place **Friday 11th October!**



## Owls & Goslings

Where the wild things are

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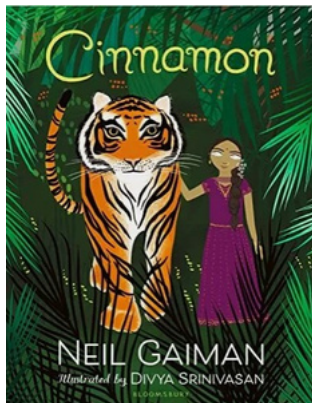
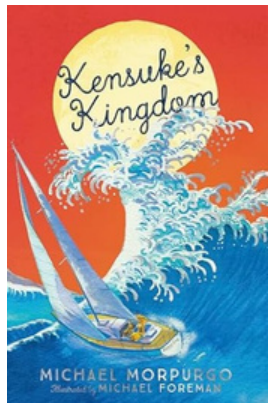


STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

## Reading

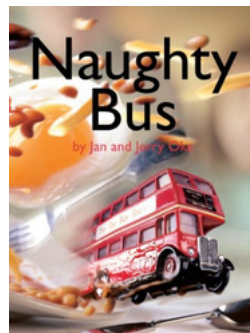
### Kestrels

Kensuke's kingdom  
English Year 3/4: Cinnamon  
English Year 5/6: The Promise



### Skylarks

The Naughty Bus  
The Spider and the Fly



Let Every Light Shine

