



Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I hope you have all had a relaxing break and are looking forward to the engaging and explorative term ahead.

This term in history, our topic is "Flying High," where we will explore the principles of flight and the contributions of aviation pioneers like the Wright brothers, who invented the first controlled, engine-powered aircraft in 1903. Their ground-breaking work revolutionized travel, leading to modern planes that can carry many passengers over long distances. We'll also learn about other key figures such as Amelia Earhart, Sir Frank Whittle, and Amy Johnson. In maths we will partition numbers 17 through 20, recognize halves and quarters, and use mathematical language to describe movements. We will write fairy-tale stories and poems in English, learn about pitch, notes and composing our own music. We will be observing and recording spring data will enhance our scientific skills, while designing our very own pop-up book using sliders and levers.

A gentle reminder that children should not bring toys or gadgets to school unless previously discussed. However, we warmly encourage and celebrate any extra work, projects, or books that the children would like to share with the class. Thank you for your cooperation and support! Again, please be advised that book change days may vary this term due to adjustments in group reading arrangements. Attention to any changes is appreciated, and it is encouraged to check the front of your child's group reading diary books for updates. Thank you for your understanding. Please note that our PE days will still be on Thursdays and Fridays.

This term, the children are continuing to build their phonics skills by applying their sound knowledge to both real and alien words, which helps them develop secure early reading foundations. They are becoming increasingly confident in recognising familiar sounds and blending new ones, and it is wonderful to see how proud they feel when they tackle unfamiliar words independently. Everyday moments where children notice letters, sounds, or simple words around them can gently reinforce what they are learning in school and support the steady progress they are making.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk FAO Miss Read or catch me on the playground after school.

Warm regards

Miss Read