



Great Hollands Primary School

Thinking and Learning Together



Welcome to Great Hollands Primary School

We are delighted you have chosen to work with us and to give your child an amazing learning journey at GHPS.

We hope you will find this meeting helpful in learning about us and in supporting you, as your child starts in our Reception Class.

We are very proud of our unit and have been delighted at how our children have grown and developed this year. They are happy, confident, creative and fully engaged little people who have effective, positive relationships with other children and adults in EYFS.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in September so we can take our first steps on our learning journey together.



Our School Values

G enerosity	Be kind and caring
R esilience	Learn from your mistakes
E mpowerment	Look after our school and make it better
A mbition	Always try your best
T eamwork	Treat others with respect

Children at Great Hollands ...

- ✦ Great behaviour for learning
- ✦ Great growth mindsets
- ✦ Value themselves and others
- ✦ Develop a 'can do' attitude
- ✦ Value collaboration
- ✦ Are a team



Ms York (DHT)
EYFS Lead



Mrs Kalampaliki
EY Teacher



Mrs Griffin
EY Teacher



Miss Sharp
EYP



Miss Johnson
EYP

RECEPTION TEAM

NURSERY TEAM



Early Years Team

2025-2026



Mrs Parry
EYP



Miss Scaplehorn
EYP



Mrs Atkinson
EYP

EYFS Groups



- ✦ We operate as an EYFS class – we are all **Butterflies**
- ✦ We also have smaller groups for morning work and for snack and chat; **Red, Purple** and **Blue Butterflies**
- ✦ Each smaller group has a key adult – Mrs Kalampaliki, Mrs Griffin, Miss Johnson or Miss Sharp.
- ✦ We will arrange the best groupings for our children once we have met all of them. We will let you know before their first day at school.



The EYFS Framework



These are the areas of learning developed over the year.

- ✦ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ✦ Communication and Language
- ✦ Physical Development
- ✦ English: Reading and Writing
- ✦ Maths
- ✦ Understanding the World
- ✦ Expressive Arts and Design



Characteristics of Effective Learning

Engagement

Playing and Exploring

Finding out and exploring

- Showing curiosity about objects, events and people
- Using senses to explore the world around them
- Engaging in open-ended activity
- Showing particular interests

Playing with what they know

- Pretending objects are things from their experience
- Representing their experiences in play
- Taking on a role in their play
- Acting out experiences with other people

Being willing to 'have a go'

- Initiating activities
- Seeking challenge
- Showing a 'can do' attitude
- Taking a risk, engaging in new experiences, and learning by trial and error

Motivation

Active Learning

Being involved and concentrating

- Maintaining focus on their activity for a period of time
- Showing high levels of energy, fascination
- Not easily distracted
- Paying attention to details

Keeping on trying

- Persisting with activity when challenges occur
- Showing a belief that more effort or a different approach will pay off
- Bouncing back after difficulties

Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

- Showing satisfaction in meeting their own goals
- Being proud of how they accomplished something – not just the end result
- Enjoying meeting challenges for their own sake rather than external rewards or praise

Thinking

Creative and Critical Thinking

Having their own ideas

- Thinking of ideas
- Finding ways to solve problems
- Finding new ways to do things

Making links

- Making links and noticing patterns in their experience
- Making predictions
- Testing their ideas
- Developing ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect

Choosing ways to do things

- Planning, making decisions about how to approach a task, solve a problem and reach a goal
- Checking how well their activities are going
- Changing strategy as needed
- Reviewing how well the approach worked

GHPS Curriculum

We learn through topics – exploring them through play



Our First Topic will be

**What will my first
Autumn at school be
like?**



GHPS Curriculum



Au2 - Why are people, places, times and things special?



Sp1 - What changes in Winter and is it the same everywhere?



Sp2 - Who helps us to stay safe, healthy and well?



Su2 - Have things always been the same?

Su1- How is life in the UK different to other places around the world?



Timetable of a Typical Day

- ✦ **8.40 Finger Gym** – developing fine motor control
- ✦ **9.00 Phonics** – learning to read and write with sounds
- ✦ **9.40 Snack and Chat** – developing communication and language skills
- ✦ **10.00 Child Initiated Explore Time** – developing personal and social skills
- ✦ **10.50 Exploring (play) with a focus on Maths** – developing mathematical skills
- ✦ **11.40 Story Time** – listening to and exploring stories including retelling
- ✦ **12.00 Lunch** – developing self-care, social skills and physical skills
- ✦ **1.00 Singing/Wiggle Time** – developing the expressive arts
- ✦ **1.15 Writing letters and numbers** – developing pencil control and writing skills
- ✦ **1.30 Learning through stories**– developing knowledge and understanding of the world
- ✦ **1.40 Exploring (play) through our topic** – developing self-expression, arts and imagination
- ✦ **2.40 Story Time** – developing comprehension and vocabulary



Preparing Your Child For School

Please Help Them To:

- ✦ Dress and undress themselves
- ✦ Use the toilet independently
- ✦ Tidy up after themselves
- ✦ Look after things, e.g. toys, books, animals, people
- ✦ Recognise their own name
- ✦ Feed themselves
- ✦ Share toys and equipment
- ✦ Listen and follow simple instructions



What You Can Do Before Your Child Starts School

- ✦ Give your child varied experiences
- ✦ Get them used to pencils, crayons, paints, scissors
- ✦ Count everything
- ✦ Talk to them about everything and anything
- ✦ Listen to them
- ✦ Share stories, books and rhymes

Book at bedtime



How You Can Help

- ✦ Encourage your child to be as independent as possible (support them so they can do it for themselves)
- ✦ Develop bedtime routines so your child has good sleep habits ready for school
- ✦ Get yourself used to a routine, giving enough time for you and your child to have a stress-free time before school
- ✦ Be positive! Show your child school as an enjoyable experience



School Uniform

We are proud of how well presented the children of our school look.

This is our uniform for **School** and **PE**. Please remember that we expect children to wear **standard black school shoes**.

School Uniform

- ✦ Grey/black trousers / skirt / smart, tailored shorts
- ✦ White polo shirt, preferably with school logo
- ✦ School jumper / cardigan with embroidered school logo
- ✦ Plain black/grey socks / tights (not on PE days)
- ✦ Black school shoes with sensible heel: not trainers / boots
- ✦ Summer dress – blue and white check
- ✦ Plain white socks may be worn with summer dresses
- ✦ Hair accessories should be **simple** and **blue or white**: Long hair tied back
- ✦ **All** items must be **named**



PE Kit

Once the children are settled in, we do PE weekly. This is likely to be on a Thursday afternoon.

PE Uniform

- ✦ Plain black /dark blue shorts
- ✦ White T-shirt without school logo
- ✦ Plimsolls (initially optional)
- ✦ Drawstring PE bag, sensible sunhat and named water bottle
- ✦ All items must be named



Jewellery is not permitted in school, except for one pair of **simple stud earrings**. Please do not get new ear piercings during school term-time, as studs need to be removed for PE days.

Watches may be worn on non-PE days and are brought to school at the children's own risk.

Clothes and Items for School

- ✦ Wellies with a waterproof jacket and trousers – all named
- ✦ Winter clothing for cold weather, e.g. hat, scarf, gloves – all named
- ✦ Sun hat in the summer months - named
- ✦ PE Uniform in drawstring bag – all named (leave in school)
- ✦ Named spare clothes and pants in a small named plastic bag (leave in school bag)
- ✦ Named water bottle
- ✦ Named book bag (not a rucksack please)
- ✦ No accessories / stud earrings only for pierced ears
- ✦ Nut free school (Free school dinner or packed lunch)



Family Learning Session – Friday 4th July

All parents are invited to our session on Friday 4th July with the Family Learning Team at Bracknell Forest.

The workshop gives you an opportunity to spend some time in school with your child, meeting other parents and talking about ways to support your child to have a smooth transition into school.



'Getting ready to start school'

An informal session with information & resources to take away and use with your child at home



A practical workshop for families joining our Reception class in September 2025

9-10:00am on Friday 4th July 2025

- What to expect as your child moves on
- Lots of ideas to help your child to be 'school ready'
- "Make & Take" - things to make with your child to get them ready for reading and writing in Foundation Stage 2 (Reception).
- A chance to chat and ask questions



'Stay and Play' for Children New to Great Hollands Primary School

If your child is new to Great Hollands, you will have been invited to an afternoon session to 'Stay and Play' with your child.



Tuesday 15th July at 3.30pm-4.30pm
or
Wednesday 16th July at 3.30pm-4.30pm



This is a chance for you and your child to see the school, meet their teachers and become familiar with GHPS.

Please come to Silver Hall where you will be escorted through to EYFS.

'Come and Play' for All Children Starting at GHPS this September

Your child will have been invited to a morning or an afternoon session to **'Come and Play'** for an hour or so.



Thursday 4th September 9.30am or 1.30pm



- ✧ This is a chance for your child to see their teacher and play inside and outside in a relaxed way as part of transition in a small group.
- ✧ While your child is with their teacher, we will hold a parent meeting in Silver Hall. We will go through all the important bits with you and answer any questions you may have. Once we have finished, we can join the children again.
- ✧ Entry will be through Silver Hall for both sessions

First Day at School

Friday 5th September 2025

This is the day your child will wear their new school uniform.

Please enter the school via the side entrance and walk across the playground

Please arrive on time - from **8.40am (by 8.45am)**



This will be the place and time for all morning drop offs and collections **once the children are full time.**

First and Second Day at School

Friday 5th and Monday 8th

September 2025



Friday 5th September 2025

Collect at 12.00pm – come to Silver Hall door

Monday 8th September 2025



Collect at 1.30pm (after lunch) – come to Silver Hall door

From Tuesday 9th September 2025

Arrive 8.40am and collect at 3.15pm from the classroom door

Forms to Complete

All the admissions forms should now be completed – please get in touch if you need assistance.

Please remember we do need to see an original copy of your child's birth certificate so it can be photocopied and returned to you



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Morning Club from 8.00am

£3.00 per session

After school Club until 5.45pm

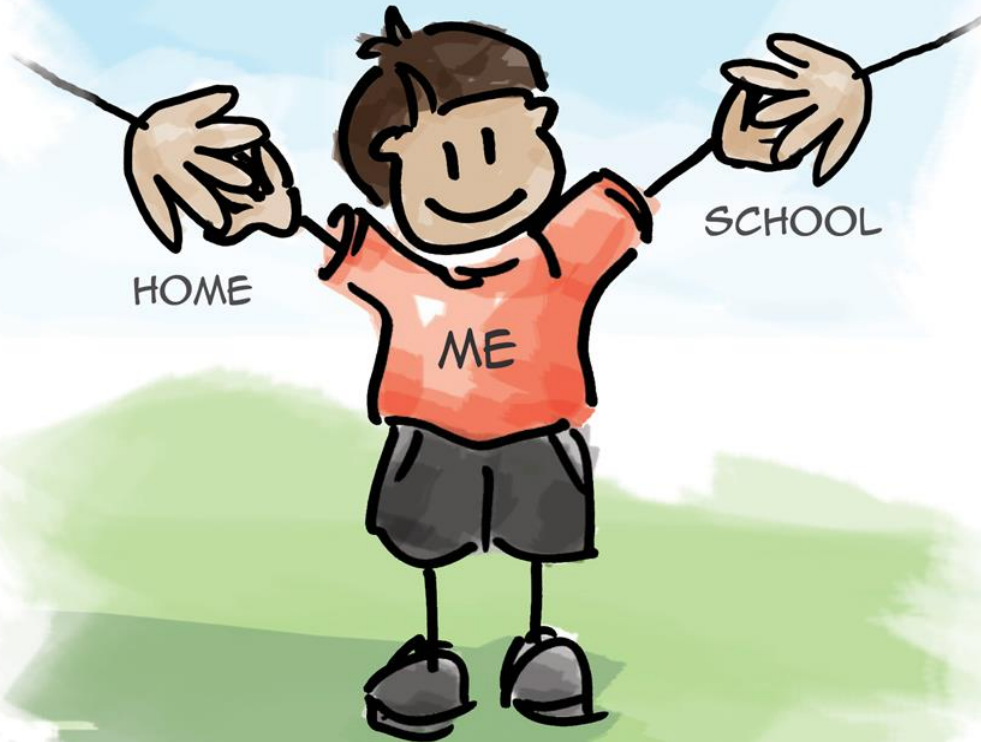
£4.00 until 4.00pm

£8.00 after 4.00pm

Snack/Breakfast available for an additional charge.

**Bookings are online via ParentPay
– initial bookings can be made via
the school office.**

BETTER TOGETHER



HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Home-School Communication

- ✦ Member of EYFS Staff at the door
- ✦ Child's Home-School Diary
- ✦ Notes handed to staff
- ✦ Face to face catch up meetings after school
- ✦ Phone school office – 01344 424911
- ✦ Text message service
- ✦ Online school – check emails and website



Please ensure the school has your up-to-date contact details

Working with Parents

- ✦ Weekly FS2 Newsletter
- ✦ School Newsletter
- ✦ 'Come and Join Us' sessions
- ✦ Parent Meetings
- ✦ FLT Workshops
- ✦ Phonics (RWI) - Autumn Term



Family Learning at Great Hollands Primary School

You are invited to a series of Family Learning activities. The sessions are short and informal, giving you the chance to join your child in school and find out what they get up to during the day. They are run by members of BFC's Family Learning Team in partnership with staff.

Busy Bag Writing
Friday 17th October (morning)

Magic Pebbles Maths
Wednesday 14th January (afternoon)

Please do try to come along - the children really benefit from these events.



Family Learning at Great
Hollands Primary School



Dear Parents,

As part of our welcome to you and your child, we are delighted to offer you a series of practical, fun sessions to help you and your child settle in to school life.

You are warmly invited to join us in school to work with your child and find out more about their learning.

Our PTA – FROGS

Friends of Great Hollands School

Our PTA, the FROGS, are always keen to meet new parents. Joining the PTA is a fantastic way to get to know other parents and get involved with the school. Please visit their Facebook page for more information.

Charity Registration Number: 1207341



Frogs - Friends of Great Hollands School

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Intro

FROGS are a small group of parents and teachers, we organise events and fun things for the children to do, to help raise money for the school.

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Stikins Labels Free Sample

Please look for your child's name on the table to find your complementary free sample of Stikins labels – GREAT for naming your child's belongings (and it helps fundraising for our school too!

Don't forget to use our fundraising code when you place an order - 8384



**We hope you have found these slides helpful,
please contact us if you need further information**

Tel: 01344 424911

Email: ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

Dates for your diary Autumn:

- ✦ Stay and Play – (new to GHPS) **Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th July 3.30pm**
- ✦ Come and Play – all **Thursday 4th September 9.30am or 1.30pm**
- ✦ First Day of School – **Friday 5th September 8.40 -12.00 noon**
- ✦ Second Day of School – **Monday 8th September 8.40 -1.30 pm**

Other Dates

- ✦ FLT – Busy Bags **Friday 17th October (am)**
- ✦ Harvest Celebration **Thursday 16th October (pm)**
- ✦ Nativity **Tuesday 16th December (pm)**
- ✦ FLT - Magic Pebbles **Wednesday 14th January (pm)**
- ✦ Phonics workshops with Ms York – **various dates (TBC)**



We look forward to working with you!

Nicky York



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