

News this week...

School Uniform Standards

We are very proud of our school and of how smart the children look in their uniform. Thank you for your support in making sure that they come to school in full uniform each day (including shoes!) Details of our school uniform can be found [on our website](#) for your convenience when purchasing new items.

Here are a few important reminders:

- Trousers should be tailored school trousers, please no leggings!
- Jewellery in school should be limited to one simple pair of stud earrings. Please do not allow children to come into school wearing necklaces, bracelets and rings. Watches may be worn on non-PE days but are brought into school at the children's own risk.
- School shoes must be black and with a sensible heel. Please do not buy trainers or boots for your child to wear to school as they are not part of our school uniform.



Water Bottles in School

Please make sure that your child has a clean water bottle in school that they will be able to access throughout the day. Pupils are allowed to drink water during class times, fruit squash is suitable for lunch times only.

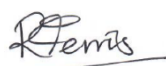
We do ask that you do not send in your child with water in other types of containers e.g., used PRIME bottles, as this causes confusion.

Carol Service Survey

Parents of children in Years 1-6 will have received an email today with details of our parent survey for the Annual Carol Service usually held at St Michael and St Mary Magdelene's Church. The survey can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5fs728DV>

At this stage, no decision has been made about the arrangements for the Carol Service and we do have a range of options we can explore. There is also a space on the form to add comments as we do value all feedback from our parent community.

Thank you for your continued support.



Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Tigers (97.2%)
- 2nd Place – Eagles (96.9%)
- 3rd Place – Falcons (92.9%)



Applications for a School Place for September 2023

If your child is due to start school in Reception class in September 2024, it is now time to make your application for their school place. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024 and the quickest and easiest way to apply is online via the Bracknell Forest website:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforprimary



An application must be made for every child – having a place for a child in Nursery does not automatically give your child a place in school.

Parking at pick up and drop off

Please be mindful of our neighbours and do not park your car in Cunworth Court or any other residential area when coming to our school.

It causes unnecessary upset for people living nearby when parents and carers park in resident parking bays and block access for them. We are very fortunate to have two large public car parks very close to our school, please use these and not the residential car parks. Thank you!



Diary Dates – Autumn Term

The Autumn term is one of the busiest and there are a lot of things to plan across the school. Here are some of the dates already agreed for this term – we will update you with any further information or changes as soon as we are able to.

Monday 13th November	Open Event for parents with children starting Reception or Nursery in September 2024 – 9.15am, booking required via our website.
Tuesday 14th November	Inset Day across all Maiden Erlegh Trust Schools
Weds 15th November	Year 1 Maths Family Learning – 1.45pm
Monday 20th November	Year 3/4 walk to South Hill Park and local area
Monday 27th November	Hawks visit to 'Christmas Unwrapped' – letter to follow
Tuesday 28th November	Eagles visit to 'Christmas Unwrapped' – letter to follow Book Fair in school all week, starting today from 3.00pm-3.30pm.
Thursday 30th November	Open Event for parents with children starting Reception or Nursery in September 2024 – 6.00pm, booking required via our website.
Thursday 7th December	Year 1&2 Christmas Performance (afternoon) – details to follow
Friday 8th December	Year 1&2 Christmas Performance (afternoon) – details to follow
Saturday 9th December	FROGS Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th December	Reception Nativity Performance (afternoon) – details to follow
Weds 13th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – info to follow
Thursday 14th December	End of Autumn Term for Nursery (normal time)
Friday 15th December	End of Autumn Term – 2.15pm

SEND Services Survey

The Bracknell Parent Carer Forum are a group of parents who take your views of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) services in Bracknell Forest (Health, Education and Social Care) to the service providers.



They would like to know your views around if the improvements made to SEND services in Bracknell Forest are starting to have an impact on our children/young people and to monitor how these services are performing against previous surveys of parents/carers in Autumn 2022 and Spring 2023.

The survey can be found on the following link: <https://forms.gle/35qYxts1bCn2ecKVA>

The closing date of the survey is 15th November.

Christmas Card Competition

We have been contacted by James Sunderland MP, who is again running his annual Christmas Card Competition. He is asking schools to submit designs from their pupils and will then choose a winner from each school. From those winners, he will select five to use in the print run for his official 2023 Christmas card. One overall winner will also be selected, who will be invited to join him with their parents/carers for a visit to the House of Commons.

Note: All entries must be on white A4 size paper.

Please send entries into school no later than Monday 27th November 2023.



Reading FC Fixtures – Discounted Tickets for GHPS Families

We are once again happy to be working with Reading Football Club as part of their schools and grassroots program to offer discounted tickets at some of their fixtures for 2023-24.

The next of these will be **Reading vs Barnsley** on **Saturday 9th December at 3.00pm** at the Select Car Leasing Stadium. Ticket prices are as follows:

- 12 and under: £1
- 17 and under: £3
- 18 to 24: £5
- 65 and over: £5
- Adult: £10



This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand and coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the unique coupon code **#GreatHollandsPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

Availability is limited, so please act swiftly to avoid disappointment. Any questions should be directed to sales@readingfc.co.uk or by telephone to 0118 968 1313.

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using the unique code and, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win some brilliant prizes.

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OPEN EVENTS

Morning visit - 9.15am

Friday 29 September

Wednesday 18 October

Monday 13 November

Wednesday 10 January

Evening visit - 6.00pm

Tuesday 31 October

Thursday 30 November

Booking is required for this event. Please register using the [online form](#) on our website.



Do you have a child starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2024?

We warmly invite you to attend one of our open events to come and find out what makes us so proud of our school. You will be able to meet school leaders and have a tour through our well-resourced teaching and learning provision.

Our Early Years team will be on hand to answer questions and help you in making this hugely important decision for your child.

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Just turn up on Saturday 18th November
1.30pm-3.30pm at our
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