

Being on Time for School – it makes a GREAT difference!

We previously shared how important it is for children to attend school as much as possible for them to achieve their full potential, but many do not realise that lateness to school also has a hugely detrimental impact on children's learning.

We operate a rolling start to our day, with classroom doors opening at 8.40am to enable pupils to get into class and ready to learn by 8.45am, which is when the school day begins. Please support us by making sure your child is in school on time, every day!



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

Opening our GREAT new Science Lab!



Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome Cllr Mary Temperton into school to officially open our new Science lab!

Ms York has been working tirelessly over the past few months getting the room ready with lots of new resources so the children have a room dedicated to their learning in Science.



Cllr Temperton met with some of the winners of the science fair project that we held last term, then had a talk with the children during assembly about the importance of protecting our planet and saving energy. We'd all like to say a big thank you to her for coming to visit!



We will be opening the room for parents who would like to come and see this brilliant new resource hub before the half term break – look out for an update coming soon.

FROGS News

You may have seen on social media that tickets are now available for the FROGS Family Fireworks Display on Thursday 6th November. Booking this year is online, to make it easier for all our families and members of the community to purchase their tickets.

If you have any problems buying tickets online, please contact the FROGS direct via email to frogspta@gmail.com or through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfGHPS>

The FROGS are also now seeking stall holders for their Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December – all enquiries via email to frogspta@gmail.com

Our PTA is open to all parents, carers, friends, aunts, uncles, and other family members and are always keen to meet new faces and share new ideas.

Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing weekend!



Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – Badgers (99.2%)

2nd Place – Falcons (96.9%)

3rd Place – Tigers (96.4%)



GREAT HOLLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Events

Mon 6 October
Wed 12 November
Wed 3 December
Thu 8 January

Scan QR to book



www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk 01344 424911

The poster features three circular inset images: a teacher and students clapping, a student writing in a notebook, and a student climbing a rope structure. The background is blue with a large white stylized flower graphic.

Diary Dates

OCTOBER 2025

Wednesday 15 th	Year 3: Trip to Stonehenge
	All Welcome: Coffee Morning with MHST and Promise Inclusion – 9.00am via main reception
Thursday 16 th	Reception: Harvest Performance: Silver Hall at 2.30pm – letter to follow
Friday 17 th	Reception: Family Learning English ‘Busy Bags’ – 9.00-10.30am
Monday 20 th	Years N-4: Diwali Workshop in school – letter to follow, approx. cost will be less than £5
Wednesday 22 nd	INSET DAY – pupils not in school
Thursday 23 rd to Friday 31 st	HALF TERM BREAK

NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 3 rd	Whole School: Pupils return to school
Thursday 6 th	FROGS PTA: Family Firework Display – please see the flyer in this newsletter – individual and family tickets available now! www.charity-hub.co.uk/friendsofgreathollandsschool
Monday 3 rd to Thursday 13 th	GHPS hosting the Healthy Living Exhibition from South Hill Park, which includes work from last year’s Year 3 pupils
Tuesday 25 th to Monday 1 st	Book Fair – open daily after school
Wednesday 26 th	Year 1: Family Learning Maths ‘100 Square’ – 1.45-3.10pm
Thursday 27 th	Year 2: Family Learning Maths ‘Criss-Cross Addition’ – 9.00-10.30am

DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday 17 th	Years R-6: Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch – details to follow
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Autumn Term

JANUARY 2026

Wednesday 14 th	Reception: Family Learning Maths ‘Magic Pebbles’ – 1.45-3.10pm
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FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 4 th	Nursery: Family Learning Maths 'Washing Lines' – 9.00-10.30am
Thursday 5 th	Year 3: Family Learning English 'SPaG 1' – 9.00-10.30am
Friday 6 th	Year 4: Family Learning English 'SPaG 2' – 9.00-10.30am
Monday 16th to Friday 20th	HALF TERM BREAK
Friday 27 th	TRUST WIDE INSET DAY – pupils not in school
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday 18 th	Reception: NCMP Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Screening – letter to follow
Friday 27th	Last Day of Spring Term

These dates are subject to change, we will try to give as much notice as possible!



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIREWORKS NIGHT
6TH NOVEMBER 2025

Pre-order single tickets £7
Family ticket £23 (under 3's free)
[Charity-hub.co.uk/friendsofgreathollandsschool](https://charity-hub.co.uk/friendsofgreathollandsschool)

Single tickets on the night £8
Family ticket £25 (under 3's free)

GATES OPEN AT 6PM
FIREWORKS START AT 7PM

All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult

GLOW STALL | BBQ

Strictly no smoking, no alcohol, no pets, no personal fireworks or sparklers on the school grounds



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025
STALL HOLDERS WANTED

please email frogspta@gmail.com