

Friday 16th January 2026

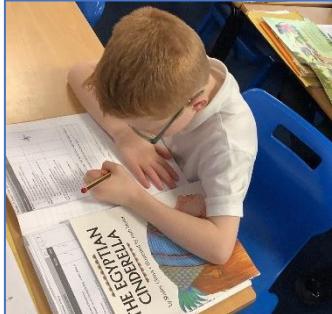
Year 1 Kings and Queens Day

Last week, children in Foxes and Badgers classes enjoyed a themed day to mark the start of their topic for this half term. They dressed up as royalty and have been learning all about why and how castles were built. They have also been learning all about life in a castle and we are all looking forward to our trip to Windsor Castle next week!



Egyptian Cinderella with the Falcons

Year Three have really enjoyed reading an alternative version of a traditional story called 'Egyptian Cinderella'. They have been using their wider knowledge of the story to answer inference questions. GREAT learning Year 3!



Parents' Evening Dates

Children in Reception class will have their appointments after the half term break, on Tuesday 3rd (3.40-6.00pm) and Thursday 5th March (4.00-7.00pm). Nursery children will also have their appointments later in the term, dates and times to be confirmed.

Letters to book appointments will be sent out next week.

Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards – Reminder - Competition Deadline

This year's competition is all about our community and pupils are asked to design an A4 poster on the topic of 'What I love about Bracknell Forest'. The pupil with the best design will receive a £1,000 donation to their school, as well as an Amazon voucher for 10% of the school's prize.



Please bring your entries into school by Thursday 22nd January on the template attached with this newsletter (copies of the template are also available at the school office).

After School Clubs - Update

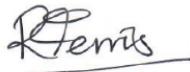
Sport4Kids notified us yesterday that unfortunately, due to low numbers, they will not be running their football club this half term. We still offer the clubs below currently:

Wednesday – Judo club with Judo Club Osaka, 3.15-4.15pm (flyer later in newsletter)

Thursday – Year 3-6 Choir club with Mrs van der Rest, 3.15-4.15pm

If your child would like to join Judo club, please contact the providers direct. If they would like to join choir, please contact the school office.

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 – Lions (98.7%)

2nd Place – Panthers (96.2%)

3rd Place – Falcons (94.7%)



Diary Dates

JANUARY 2026

Tuesday 20 th	Year 5: Trip to Ufton Court – cost £20
	Year 4: Trip to Reading Museum – cost £18
	Year 3: Egyptian Day
Friday 23 rd	Year 1: Trip to Windsor Castle – cost £17
Wednesday 28 th	Year 2: Trip to Brooklands Museum – cost £25
Thursday 29 th	Year 2: Family Learning Maths ‘Criss-Cross Addition’ – 9.00-10.30am

FEBRUARY 2026

Tuesday 3 rd	Years 1-6: Parents’ Evenings – 3.40-6.00pm
Wednesday 4 th	Nursery: Family Learning Maths ‘Washing Lines’ – 9.00-10.30am
	Year 6: Trip to Didcot Railway Centre – cost £23.50
Thursday 5 th	Year 3: Family Learning English ‘SPaG 1’ – 9.00-10.30am
	Years 1-6: Parents’ Evenings – 4.00-7.00pm

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	
Tuesday 3 rd	Reception: Parents' Evening – 3.40-6.00pm
Thursday 5 th	Reception: Parents' Evening – 4.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 18 th	Reception: NCMP Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Screening – letter to follow
Friday 27 th	Last Day of Spring Term

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



Judo For Schools



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY STARTING 7TH JANUARY TO 11TH FEBRUARY 2026
TIME FROM 3.15 TO 4.15 PM

THE COST FOR THE COURSE IS £39 FOR 6 WEEKS

All bookings are made via email to: JudoForSchools@judoclubosaka.com

Please include the following information in your email:

Subject Line of email: <Day and name of school>

Student's Name: Year Group & Class:

Any medical/allergy information or anything else that we need to know about:

My child will be collected from the school hall OR Walk home on their own?

Emergency Contact Details:
Your Name: Phone Number:
Second Contact Name: Phone Number:

Payment Method: Bank Transfer

Details of how to pay will be forwarded to you once the place has been confirmed. Failure to pay before the start of the course will forfeit the place.

Please note that places are limited to 25 students per course; places will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis, as we operate an ongoing progressive course. You will be notified by email as to whether your child has a place or not.

Once your child has a place, they should wear jogging bottoms and preferably a long sleeved t-shirt. It is also advisable that your child has a named water bottle with them.

By applying for a place you are accepting that Judo For Schools coaches cannot be held responsible for injury or loss/damage to personal property.

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