

News this week...

Aliens spotted in Early Years!

In Reception, the children have been reading the story 'But Martin'. They pretended to be the character from the story, and all joined in singing and acting out alien songs.



Exploring Science in UKS2

Year 5 and 6 have been amazing scientists this term!

Year 6 have explored forces by making paper aeroplanes, learning about Isaac Newton and gravity, and even testing friction on different shoes. Year 5 have been busy dissecting flowers to investigate their features and discover how plants work. What brilliant curiosity and scientific thinking!



Discovering Fossils in Falcons

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about fossils as part of their Science learning. We made our own fossils out of salt dough and are looking forward to taking the home soon!



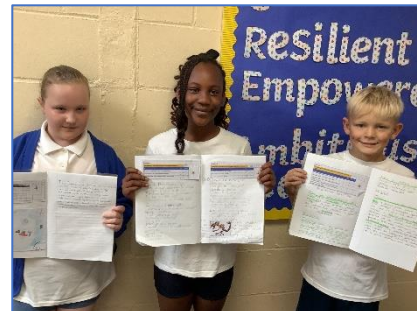
Superheroes in Year 1

Last Friday, Foxes and Badgers classes had their Superhero day. They thought about and talked about their own superpowers, made some healthy eating snacks and designed a superhero.



Year 4 Alien Reports!

Hawks class have been writing non chronological reports about their class alien Exoviste. They tried really hard to improve their sentence starts!



Parents' Evenings

Do keep a look out for our parents' evening letter which will be emailed out very soon.

Flu Vaccinations

If you haven't already completed the form to allow or refuse consent, please do so as soon as possible – we will be sending a reminder out to anyone who is yet to respond.



We're looking forward to sharing lots of news about our GREAT learning next week!

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R Ferris'.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Foxes (98.4%)
- 2nd Place – Lions (96.9%)
- 3rd Place – Badgers (95.5%)



After School Clubs

We are beginning to run our clubs for this term, flyers for these can be found later in this newsletter.

Fencing – Years 1-6, every Tuesday, starting 23rd September

Judo – Years 1-6, every Wednesday

Nerf Club – Years 3-6, every Thursday

Football – Years 3-6, every Friday



Booking for these clubs is direct with the organisers and not through the school. Details can be found on the flyers at the end of this newsletter.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER 2025

Tuesday 23 rd	FRoGS PTA AGM @ 6.30pm – all welcome, please come to the main school entrance
Wednesday 24 th	Years R-6: Flu Immunisations – consent is needed for children to have the immunisation; letters were emailed home this week
	Year 4: Ancient Greek Day
Thursday 25 th	Year 2: Great Fire of London Workshop
Tuesday 30 th	Years R-6: Parents' Evening 1: 3.40-6.00pm – letter to follow, online via Teams

OCTOBER 2025

Date TBC:	Year 3: Trip to Stonehenge – letter to follow, approx. cost £20
Wednesday 1 st	Whole School: Individual Pupil Photos
Thursday 2 nd	Sibling Photos (pupils in school only)
	Years R-6: Parents' Evening 2: 4.00-7.00pm – letter to follow, online via Teams
Wednesday 8 th	Year 6: NCMP Height and Weight Checks – letter to follow
Thursday 16 th	Reception: Harvest Performance: Silver Hall at 2.30pm
Friday 17 th	Reception: Family Learning English 'Busy Bags' – 9.00-10.30am
Monday 20 th	Years N-4: Diwali Workshop in school – 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 – more info to follow
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

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 10TH SEPTEMBER TO 15TH OCTOBER 2025
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.

Judo For Schools is compliant with the EU GDPR legislation.
The data collected is for our use only and never shared with any third parties.

S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

🕒 3:20PM - 4:25PM
£ £6.50 PER SESSION

AUTUMN 2025

STARTING IN THE NEW TERM!

📅 THU 🏹 NERF
YEARS 3-6

📅 FRI ⚽ FOOTBALL
YEARS 3-6

BOOK NOW



LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Sport4Kids Multi-Sport Clubs at Great Holland School provide children with an opportunity to make new friends, try new sports and learn new skills all whilst keeping fit in a safe environment!

WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ

CALL 0300 303 3866



Dear Parent

Little Musketeers at Great Hollands Primary School | Green Term – Self-Confidence

Little Musketeers are back offering a fun, safe and educational environment for young children to learn the sport of fencing. What child has not grown up pretending to be a swashbuckling pirate, a duelling Musketeer, or even the master of swordplay himself, Zorro? Why do they do it? Because it's fun!

Little Musketeers provide bright coloured foam and plastic foils and plastic masks with mesh visors that are safe and yet hard enough to give children the real feel of fencing. We ensure visors are worn at all times giving peace of mind as well as that genuine fencing experience.

Little Musketeers classes are designed and managed by Olympic fencer and 4 times British National Champion James Beevers. All staff are CRB checked, First Aid certified and trained personally by James.

This term's course will focus on building your child's **self-confidence** as well as working on their **hand, eye and feet co-ordination**! Once the course is completed, they will be awarded with the **Green term wristband**.

We hope you can join us for our **12-week course** as follows:

- Tuesday 16th September - Tuesday 09th December 2025 / 15:30 - 16:30 / Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

The cost for the course will be **£96.00** per child.

If your child would like to sign up for this course, please visit:

<https://bookings.littlemusketeers.com>

Once there, follow the instructions to complete your booking online. **Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.**

Yours Faithfully

Jen Parsons

jen@littlemusketeers.com

Pumpkin Trail

A family event during half-term at:
The Look Out, Bracknell
25th Oct – 2nd Nov

Fun events for all the family
www.firstdays.net/events

Registered Charity: 1157855

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GLOW WALK

A family event at:
Dinton Pastures, Wokingham
Saturday 22nd November