

News this week...

Ofsted visit this week

As you know, our school was recently inspected under the renewed, more rigorous Ofsted inspection framework. As one of the very first schools to take part, and having **volunteered** for this new inspection, I am incredibly proud of how well our whole team rose to the challenge. Because the framework is completely renewed, there is no comparison with previous models. The full outcomes will now go through thorough checks at both regional and national levels, as is standard for early adopters. I hope to be able to share more in the new year.

What the process has shown is GHPS remains a remarkable, warm & inclusive school. I am immensely grateful to all our staff & pupils, and wider community for their hard work, positivity, and commitment over the years to help us become GREAT.

I would also like to offer a huge thank you to all families for their positive and heart-warming comments, both in surveys and in conversations with inspectors. I am truly grateful. Being among the first schools involved is a testament to the confidence I have in our school and in the education we provide. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our school. Now we continue as before focussing on the learning and well-being of our amazing children.



Bin-spirational visit from Grundon

As part of our sustainability mission, Harry from Grundon gave a special assembly to talk to the children about what happens to different types of waste (general, food and recycling), the importance of sortation, sustainability and what Grundon does for communities and the planet. The children were very engaged and there were many questions at the end which Harry kindly answered. We hope to work with Harry in the future on small scale sustainability projects across the school.

Hedgehogs Healthy Fruit Kebabs

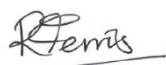
In Design Technology, the children in Hedgehogs have been developing their understanding of designing and making with food and the importance of healthy eating. They had great fun making and tasting a fruit kebab.



Harvest Donations

Last term, families of Reception children donated items as part of the Harvest celebration and these were taken to the local food bank. This week we received a certificate to mark that we donated a fantastic 57kg of food for local families – well done everyone and thank you!

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 – Foxes (97.9%)

2nd Place – Tigers (97.8%)

3rd Place – Panthers (96.2%)



Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2025

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, sign up at the classroom
Friday 28 th	Year 6, selected pupils only: Careers Fair at Garth Hill School – letter to follow for pupils taking part

DECEMBER 2025

Tuesday 2 nd	Year 4: Christmas Unwrapped at St Michael’s Church, Easthampstead – letter to follow
Wednesday 3 rd	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2026 – 6.00pm, click here for information
Saturday 6 th	FROGS PTA: Christmas Fair – stall holders wanted, email frogspta@gmail.com Further information to follow
Thursday 11 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance of ‘It’s a Baby!’ – 2.00pm in Gold Hall, details to follow
Friday 12 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance of ‘It’s a Baby!’ – 2.00pm in Gold Hall, details to follow
Monday 15 th	Years 1-6: Carol Concert at St Michael and St Mary Magdelene Church, Easthampstead – details to follow
Tuesday 16 th	Reception: Performance of ‘Our First Nativity’, details to follow
Wednesday 17 th	Years R-6: Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch – details to follow
	Nursery: Singalong and Craft afternoon – 2.00-3.00pm
Friday 19th	Last Day of Autumn Term

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5 th	Whole School: Start of Spring Term
Thursday 8 th	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2026 – 9.15am, click here for information
Wednesday 14 th	Reception: Family Learning Maths ‘Magic Pebbles’ – 1.45-3.10pm

Thursday 20 th	Year 5: Trip to Ufton Court – letter to follow, approx. cost £20
Friday 23 rd	Year 1: Trip to Windsor Castle – letter to follow, approx. cost £20
Wednesday 28 th	Year 2: Trip to Brooklands Museum – letter to follow, approx. cost £25
FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 4 th	Nursery: Family Learning Maths ‘Washing Lines’ – 9.00-10.30am
	Year 6: Trip to Didcot Railway Centre – letter to follow, approx. cost £25
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!

Supporting Your Children Workshops 2025 - 2026

To book a space email Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Each course is a **standalone 2-hour session**, is universal (not specific for SEND) and for adults supporting **not** the children themselves so **please arrange childcare if needed**

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed

Please only book if you are **going to be able to attend** to avoid other parents missing out.

All sessions unless stated otherwise **take place at The Bracknell Open Learning Centre**

Supporting Children to Overcome their Anxious Thoughts and Worries Exploring how anxiety affects primary aged children learning simple, effective techniques to support children to overcome their Anxious Thoughts and Worries.	
Wednesday 14th January 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 13th April 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 8th June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way A session exploring positive behaviour strategies enabling parents to gain practical tools for handling challenging behaviours with confidence and care.	
Monday 12th January 2026	9.30 – 11.30 am
Thursday 05th March 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Thursday 23rd April 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 22nd June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Parenting your pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13) An insight into parenting, looking at positive behaviour strategies, different ways to strengthen communication / connection with your pre-teen child.	
Wednesday 4th February 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Parenting your teen in a Positive Way (aged 13 – 16) A session focused on using positive approaches to guide teenage behaviour, building stronger communication and connection during the teen years.	
Thursday 12th February 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back Gain practical tips, leaving you inspired and equipped to help children bounce back stronger; no matter what life throws their way	
Monday 26th January 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Transition to secondary school Gain practical tips, share experiences, and learn how to support your child through the exciting, sometimes challenging transition to secondary school.	
Monday 29th June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Transition: Reception to Year 1 and beyond The move from Yr R to 1 is a big step in your child's learning journey. Session helps parents understand what the transition involves and how to support.	
Thursday 25th June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
A healthy night's sleep Sleep is essential for children's wellbeing, learning, and behaviour. Get practical tips to help children build healthy, lasting sleep habits	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	

Reducing Sibling Rivalry

A supportive session, to give parents and caregivers tools to strengthen sibling bonds, whilst creating a calm and connected family environment.



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Family Dynamics

Family life comes in many forms, and every child deserves to feel secure / supported. Session offers practical guidance navigating varying dynamics.



Monday 9th February 2026

9.30 – 11.30

Breakfast with Santa!



7th DEC

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL MORNING WITH SANTA AT PEACOCK FARM!

Breakfast includes either beans on toast or sausage, hashbrown and beans with a glass of squash.

Every child receives a special gift from Santa.

Cost: £12 per child, all in support of Daisy's Dream.

Session Times: 10:00 – 11:00am & 11:30 – 12:30pm.

SCAN TO BOOK:



 Daisy's Dream

 HALL & WOOD HOUSE

PEACOCK FARM