

GREAT Results come from GREAT Attendance!

We are really proud of all the success our pupils have had over recent years, what is very clear to us is that those children who attend the most achieve the most.

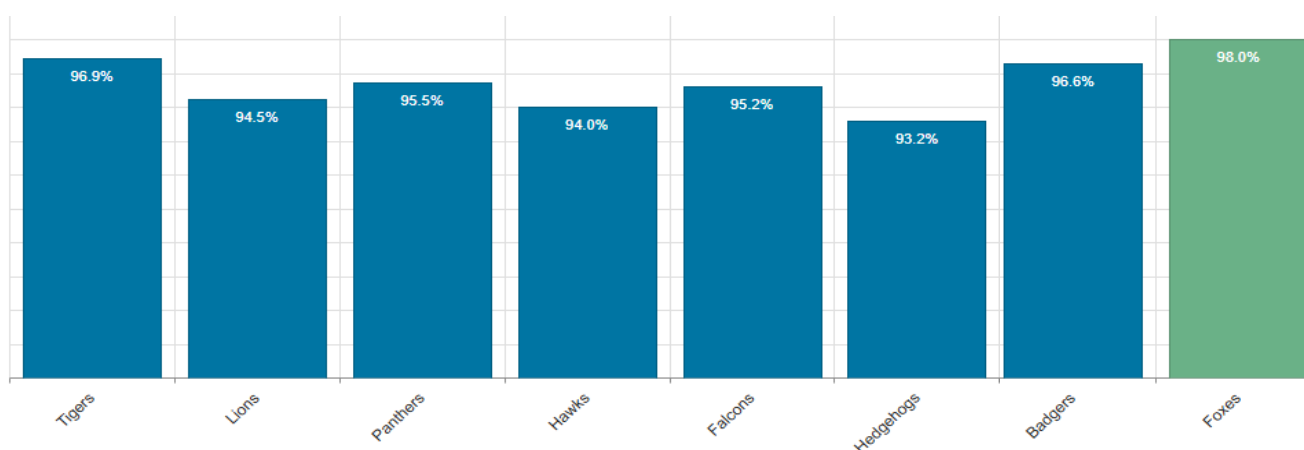
Regular attendance is vital for children to achieve the very best they can. If children are absent from school, it not only affects their education, but they will miss out on the social side of school, which affects their ability to learn how to make and keep friends.

Our school target for attendance is **96+%** please help us achieve it!

Attendance Ladder



Currently, our overall attendance is at **94.9%** which is not where we want it to be – let's get this back on track!



We'd like to say a big 'Well Done!' to **Foxes** class for showing GREAT attendance so far this term and to **Tigers and Badgers** who are a close second so far!

Great Fire of London Workshop

Hedgehogs class had an amazing visit from the Rainbow Theatre London, who performed an immersive reenactment of the Great Fire of London.

The children were transported back to 1665 and 1666 where they met Samuel Pepys and King Charles II among many others. Every child had a great time taking part in the show and were amazing actors.



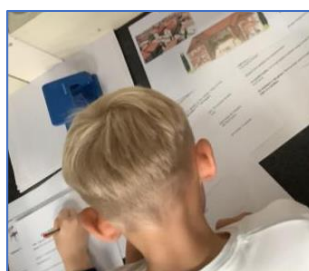
Using our Senses in Year 1

In Foxes and Badgers class this week, the children have been learning about our five senses. They took part in experiments to test their sense of touch, hearing, taste, smell and sight.



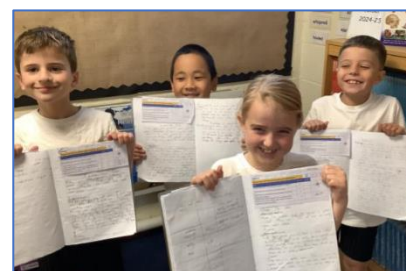
Ancient Greece comes to Great Hollands

Year Four had lots of fun on their Greek Day! They enjoyed learning all about the lives of the Ancient Greeks including trying some Greek food!



Reports of Aliens in Year 3!

Falcons class have written their own non-chronological report about aliens this week. They have tried hard to include the correct features and to improve their sentence starts. Great work everyone!



Making Music in Year 6

Year 6 have been budding musicians this week! They have been listening and appraising the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. They have begun to perform the song and learn to play the chorus on the glockenspiel!



Parents' Evenings

The parents' evening booking portal closes at 9.00am on Monday 29th September. Please go to <https://greathollands.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment. If you are having difficulty in doing so, please contact the school office.



School Photos

On Wednesday next week (1st October) our photographer will be in school to take photos of all our pupils. Please make sure that the children come to school wearing full school uniform and don't forget to bring along their very best smiles!

Group photos for pupils with siblings in school will be taken on Thursday 2nd October.

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "R Ferris".

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

BBC 500 Words Competition

The 500 Words Competition is here again and will close on Friday 7th November 2025.

There are two age categories: **5-7** or **8-11** year-olds and spelling, punctuation and grammar are NOT marked – this competition is all about the writers' brilliant creativity!

There are prizes to be won – each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library!

Full details can be found on their website – click on the picture to the right for the link



Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER 2025	
Tuesday 30 th	Years R-6: Parents' Evening 1: 3.40-6.00pm – online via Teams
OCTOBER 2025	
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 – online via Teams
Wednesday 8 th	Year 6: NCMP Height and Weight Checks
Wednesday 15 th	Year 3: Trip to Stonehenge – letter to follow, approx. cost £20
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

NOVEMBER 2025	
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 19th	Last Day of Autumn Term
JANUARY 2026	
Wednesday 14 th	Reception: Family Learning Maths 'Magic Pebbles' – 1.45-3.10pm
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!



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



Mini Maestros

Come and try a fun, live music class for ages 0-7 at
your local music centre in Bracknell!

BRACKNELL MUSIC CENTRE

Ranelagh School
Ranelagh Drive
Bracknell
RG12 9DA

SATURDAY

Preschool & Reception - 8.55am - 9.25am
Year 1 - 10.05am - 10.45am
Year 2 - 10.50am - 11.30am



To find out more visit our website www.berksmusictrust.org.uk
or email admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk for a FREE taster session!