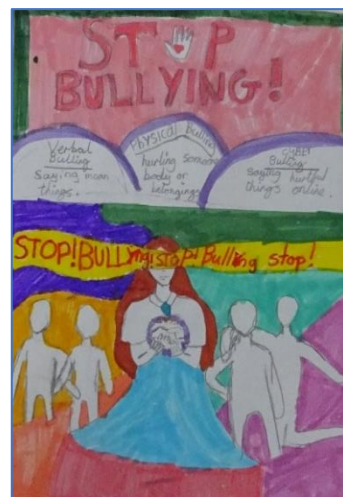




Year 1 Rocketing Ahead

Year 1 had a super start to their English topic on writing instructions. They carefully followed some instructions which told them how to make their own toy rocket. What a GREAT way to 'launch' their topic work!



Healthy Hedgehogs Picnic

Year 2 pupils had a class picnic as part of their topic "What makes a healthy lunchbox?" They enjoyed making a healthy wrap using the skills they had learnt in Design Technology. They had a great time trying a new snack, listening to music and playing games they had planned at the beginning of the term.



Enjoying Reading in Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been captivated by Kiran Millwood Hargrave's *The Girl of Ink and Stars*. The children have enjoyed exploring the vivid world of Isabella, discussing themes of friendship, courage and adventure. Their enthusiasm has sparked thoughtful conversations and imaginative responses — it's been wonderful to see their love of reading continue to grow!



FROGS Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday 3rd December

As mentioned in an email earlier this week, we will be having a non-uniform day to help the FROGS gather donations for their Christmas Fair.



Non-Uniform Day 3rd December 2025



Your child is invited to come to school in non-uniform for a small donation to support our Christmas Fair

We are looking for donations for our Christmas Fair for this non-uniform day and would be really grateful for the following items, if you are able to help:

Nursery and Reception – Bottles of Soft Drinks

Year 1 and 2 – Multipack Sweets

Years 3 and 4 – Toiletries & Gift Packs

Year 5 and 6 – Chocolates and Chocolate Boxes

These are the suggested minimum donations for each year group. If you can donate items allocated to a different year group, we will welcome all you can give.

If there is something unused & unwanted in a cupboard at home, PLEASE consider donating it so we can raise money for the children at GHPS

In addition, we are also hoping to have a separate Bottle Tombola for grown-ups only.

Now is the time to dig into your drinks cupboard and donate the odd unwanted bottle or two so we can use them as prizes

ALCOHOL DONATIONS MUST ONLY BE BROUGHT IN BY AN ADULT THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you for helping us raise money to buy more amazing things for the children at GHPS

With love from the "FROGS"

If you can spare some time to help out at the Christmas Fair – please get in touch with the FROGS either via their Facebook page, by email to frogspta@gmail.com, or you can also leave a message for them with the school office.

School Photos - Update

We have been in touch with our photographer and we should be receiving the school photo orders very soon – they have taken a little longer due to the extended deadline for orders to be placed. They should be with us early next week and as soon as we have them, we will be sending them home with the children.

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 (100%)

2nd Place – Lions (96.5%)

3rd Place – Hawks (95.3%)



Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards

The Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards are back again! As in previous years, they are running a competition for children in local schools.

This year's competition is all about our community and we would love pupils 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 worth 10% of the school's prize.

	School's Prize	Pupil's Prize
1st Place	£1000	£100
2nd Place	£500	£50
3rd Place	£250	£25

If your child would like to take part in the competition – the template for entries is available from the school office and also attached along with this newsletter. All entries will need to be returned to school for collection.

Representatives from the schools with the winning submissions will also be invited to the Award ceremony on 24th April 2026 at Easthampstead Park Hotel.

The competition will close on 23rd January 2026.

You can also nominate local heroes for the awards across several different categories. Details can be found in the flyer later in this newsletter.

Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2025	
Monday 1 st	Whole School: Final day for the Book Fair, straight after school
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 4: Christmas Unwrapped at St Michael's Church, Easthampstead – 1.30-2.45pm
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
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
Tuesday 16 th	Reception: Performance of 'Our First Nativity' – 2.15pm in Gold Hall, details to follow

DECEMBER 2025	
Wednesday 17 th	Years R-6: Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch
	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!



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**GREAT HOLLANDS
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CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

**SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025
1.30PM - 4PM**

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Who is your LOCAL HERO?

PRIDE OF
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AWARDS 2026

The Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards celebrate the achievements of outstanding individuals and organisations in our community. We showcase those local heroes who make life in Bracknell Forest better.

Show your support by nominating someone today:

Business of the Year
Charity of the Year
The John Nike Pride of Bracknell Forest Award (Adult & Young)
Long-Standing Service to the Community Award
School of the Year
Sport & Achievement Award (Adult & Young)
Teacher of the Year
Team of the Year
Young Person in Business

 prideofbracknell.com/nominate

 contact@prideofbracknell.com

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Nominate Now!



Please submit all nominations by Friday 20th February 2026