

Working Together to Improve School Attendance

Last week we highlighted how important it is for children to have GREAT attendance in order to achieve their full potential.

As we approach the colder weather, many children will begin to get coughs and colds, as happens every year in school.

It is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold, but if they have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it returns to normal.

Please encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and wash their hands regularly.

Did you know?

If your child is prescribed medication, or even if they need a dose of Calpol during the day for a short period, this can be given by school staff. All you need to do is complete a medication form, which can be found on the website or obtained from the school office. Medicines must always be brought into school by an adult, via the school office.



The NHS have shared a very informative page containing information about some common childhood illnesses, which can be found at:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please also remember that if you are notifying us that your child is absent due to illness, please give details of the illness – saying they are ‘not well’ is not enough information.



Year 3 Poetry and Motion!

This week, Falcons class have had lots of fun thinking of actions for our poem about Zig from the planet Zoom! They have been looking at the features of a poem and spotting figurative language such as alliteration.



Exploring Art Outside with the Hedgehogs

In Year 2, during their art lesson the children have been exploring texture through touch and rubbings. They had great fun exploring outside and making rubbings of different textures.



House Captains

Our new House Captains have been chosen and all received their special badges in assembly last week. Each week they will be collecting house points from across the school and presenting their scores in our Friday assemblies.

Our new House Captains are:

Emerald: Lucas and Poppy

Ruby: Lottie and Haniya

Sapphire: Jude and Cortez

Amber: Finn and Polina

We'd all like to say well done to everyone who put themselves forward for the role and congratulations to those who were ultimately chosen.



Judo Club

The weekly Judo Club run by Judo Club Osaka (Judo for Schools) still has places available and takes place every Wednesday, please see the flyer later in this newsletter for details on how to book!



September FROGS News

Our PTA had a very successful AGM on Tuesday 23rd September, with votes being cast for roles and responsibilities for the year.

Chair: Rhian Sharp

Vice Chair: Sophie Johnson

Treasurer: Emma Robinson

Secretary: Becca Butler

Our PTA is open to all parents, carers, friends, aunts, uncles, and other family members and are always keen to meet new faces and share new ideas.

They are currently planning their next lot of Film Nights for the children, and of course they have their Fabulous Family Fireworks Display on 6th November. Please do look out for more information on these events being shared in the coming weeks.

The next FROGS meeting is on Thursday 9th October at 6.30pm and will be held via video call – if you would like to attend, please get in touch with them at frogspta@gmail.com for information.

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 – Badgers (98.0%)

2nd Place – Tigers (96.1%)

3rd Place – Falcons (96.0%)



Diary Dates

OCTOBER 2025

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 – letter to follow, approx. cost will be less than £5
Wednesday 22 nd	INSET DAY – pupils not in school
Thursday 23rd to Friday 31st	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
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
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FEBRUARY 2026

Wednesday 4 th	Nursery: Family Learning Maths ‘Washing Lines’ – 9.00-10.30am
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FEBRUARY 2026	
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!



The poster features a blue background with a large white stylized flower logo on the right. On the left, there are three circular inset photos: a teacher and students clapping, a girl writing in a notebook, and a boy on a climbing frame. A yellow box in the center lists the dates of the open events. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, with the text 'Scan QR to book' next to it. The school's website and phone number are at the bottom.

**GREAT HOLLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Open Events

**Mon 6 October
Wed 12 November
Wed 3 December
Thu 8 January**

Scan QR
to book

www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk 01344 424911



Bracknell Forest Family Hubs
Making a difference everyday

October half term 2025

Join us at one of our fun play sessions suitable for the whole family. These are free to attend, and no booking is required. Please be aware sessions may become busy. Feel free to dress up for any of the sessions, Halloween is coming!

- **Monday, 27 October**
The Alders, Sandhurst – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Family play – Halloween fun
- **Tuesday, 28 October**
The Oaks, Great Hollands – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Family play – Halloween fun
- **Thursday, 30 October**
The Rowans, Easthampstead – 9.30am to 10.30am
Family play – Halloween fun
- **Friday, 31 October**
The Rowans, Easthampstead – 9.30am to 10.30am
Active play (0-5s only).

Email: early.help@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
Call: 01344 354382
Facebook: bit.ly/Family-Hubs
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/family-hubs



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.



LITTLE
MUSKETEERS

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

S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



3:20PM - 4:25PM



£6.50 PER SESSION

AUTUMN
2025

STARTING IN THE NEW TERM!



NERF
YEARS 3-6



FOOTBALL
YEARS 3-6

BOOK NOW



LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Sport4Kids Multi-Sport Clubs at Great Hollands 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

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