

## Lighting up the Night – our Fabulous FRoGS do it again!

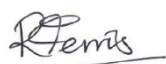


Last night we enjoyed another amazing fireworks display organised by our PTA and Sonning Fireworks. These events take a lot of planning so we are very grateful to our wonderful volunteers on the PTA who give their time to help raise much needed funds to support our school.

If you are interested in joining the FRoGS – please get in touch direct via email to [frogspta@gmail.com](mailto:frogspta@gmail.com) or through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfGHPS> They would love to hear from you!

The FRoGS are also now seeking stall holders for their Christmas Fair on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – all enquiries via email to [frogspta@gmail.com](mailto:frogspta@gmail.com)

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



**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher



## Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Tigers (98.7%)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Falcons (97.7%)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Lions (96.1%)



**GREAT HOLLANDS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# Open Events

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

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**GREAT HOLLANDS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**

**SATURDAY 6TH  
DECEMBER 2025**

**STALL HOLDERS WANTED**

please email [frogspta@gmail.com](mailto:frogspta@gmail.com)



# Great Hollands Primary School

## Attendance Matters

Children are expected to attend Great Hollands at least 97% of the time.



Attendance of 96% or above is regarded as good.



Attendance below 95% is a cause for concern and needs improvement.

*Children with attendance below 90% are considered to be persistent absentees. They may be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) and a fine may be issued.*



### Acceptable Reasons for Absence

If your child is unwell, a phone call or email must be sent to school for every day they are absent. Please provide the office with a **clear** reason for their absence, e.g. fever, flu or heavy cold, vomiting/diarrhoea. Saying the child is unwell or sick is not enough information. Please contact the office to advise of your child's absence before 8.30am every day.

### Patterns of Absence

If your child has:

- three or more 'odd' days absence in a term
- three or more episodes of illness in a term
- taken the same days off each week
- attendance below 96%

A meeting will be arranged to discuss improving attendance and an action plan put in place. If attendance does not improve, a referral to the Education Welfare Officer will be made.



### Unauthorised Absences

The school will not authorise absences for:

- A child being tired
- Day Trips
- Holidays
- Birthdays
- Shopping
- Visiting relatives (including overseas)
- Parent/sibling illness
- Exceptional leave of absence longer than the duration originally authorised by the Headteacher.

### Term Time Holidays

#### No permission for absence for a holiday

Permission for absence for a holiday, for travelling or to visit relatives will NOT be given under any circumstances. Families who do take holidays in term time will be issued with a fixed penalty notice.



### Exceptional or Special Leave

In emergency, exceptional or special circumstances, parents and carers must make a request to the Headteacher for short periods of leave. These circumstances may include: the funeral of a close family member or a common religious festival such as Eid or Diwali.

***Leave can only be authorised at the Headteacher's discretion.***

### Every Minute In School Counts!



**Be In SCHOOL**  
**Be On TIME**

Being late means your child:

- MISSES important social time with their friends before school starts
- MISSES their Maths morning task
- MISSES vital information at the start of the lesson making it harder for them to learn

#### Learning starts for your child the moment they enter school!

Doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.45am giving plenty of time for your child to settle in their classroom before lessons start.

It's only five minutes late?

6 lates of 5 minutes add up to **30 minutes** of learning missed - every minute counts!

### Help your child come to school on time...

- Get everything ready for school in the evening
- Have the same early bedtime routine every night
- Get up early every morning
- Eat a good breakfast
- Allow plenty of time for travel and parking

### REMEMBER!

**Every day at school is precious!**

**Missing school = Missing out.**

**Make the most of your child's education by bringing them to school every day!**

# Diary Dates

## NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School:</b> Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week – <a href="#">click here to visit the parent letters page of our website</a>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2026 – 9.15am, click <a href="#">here</a> for information
	<b>Year 6:</b> Cinema visit to watch Kensuke's Kingdom
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4:</b> Local Area Walk – letter to follow, details TBC
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Book Fair – open daily after school
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1:</b> Family Learning Maths '100 Square' – 1.45-3.10pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 2:</b> Family Learning Maths 'Criss-Cross Addition' – 9.00-10.30am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6, selected pupils only:</b> Careers Fair at Garth Hill School – letter to follow for pupils taking part

## DECEMBER 2025

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Year 4:</b> Christmas Unwrapped at St Michael's Church, Easthampstead – letter to follow
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2026 – 6.00pm, click <a href="#">here</a> for information
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FROGS PTA:</b> Christmas Fair – stall holders wanted, email <a href="mailto:frogspta@gmail.com">frogspta@gmail.com</a> Further information to follow
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Years 1-6:</b> Carol Concert at St Michael and St Mary Magdelene Church, Easthampstead – details to follow
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception:</b> Performance of 'Our First Nativity', details to follow
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Years R-6:</b> Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch – details to follow
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Autumn Term</b>

## JANUARY 2026

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School:</b> Start of Spring Term
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2026 – 9.15am, click <a href="#">here</a> for information

JANUARY 2026	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception:</b> Family Learning Maths ‘Magic Pebbles’ – 1.45-3.10pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Year 1:</b> Trip to Windsor Castle – letter to follow, approx. cost £20
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 2:</b> Trip to Brooklands Museum – letter to follow, approx. cost £25
FEBRUARY 2026	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nursery:</b> Family Learning Maths ‘Washing Lines’ – 9.00-10.30am
	<b>Year 6:</b> Trip to Didcot Railway Station – letter to follow, approx. cost £25
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 3:</b> Family Learning English ‘SPaG 1’ – 9.00-10.30am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4:</b> Family Learning English ‘SPaG 2’ – 9.00-10.30am
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	TRUST WIDE INSET DAY – pupils not in school
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception:</b> NCMP Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Screening – letter to follow
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Spring Term</b>

**These dates are subject to change, we will try to give as much notice as possible!**