



Issue 3, April 2025

Message from the Headteacher



It's hard to believe we're at the end of the Spring Term already, although the weather has definitely brightened up this week and there's a real spring feeling in the air!

During the last week of term, across the whole school we have enjoyed learning all about the Christian celebration of the Easter story and shared an assembly on Thursday at the end of the day.

The Summer Term is generally one of the busiest in the school calendar and with so many events, trips, workshops and activities happening, please do make sure that you keep up to date by checking emails from us regularly.

Please also read the notices about school uniform in this publication. I am proud of how well-presented children at GHPS are, children like looking their best and when they are not uniformed in line with their peers it can make them feel uncomfortable. Please do keep up these high standards that we have.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Wisdom Research Network

We are very excited that our school has become a member of the Wisdom Research Network, which aims to bring together primary and secondary schools in England and academic researchers to enable high-quality mental health research that meets the diverse needs of school communities. Schools that join the network will benefit from engaging with and learning from cutting-edge research, alongside opportunities to connect with other schools to help shape future mental health research.

The Wisdom Research Network is part of a wider project called Mental Health in Development (MHID), part of the Oxford Health Biomedical Research Centre (BRC), which is a partnership with the University of Oxford alongside many other Universities across the country. If you would like to learn more about the network, their website can be found here: <https://wisdom.mhid.org.uk/>

This week, some of the children participated in a professional filming and photography session to create a promotional video to help showcase the network to other schools. We invited in a crew from BOLD Work Studios to undertake the filming session. There were a small number of Year 6 and Year 4 pupils chosen to take part. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience of a professional film set and equipment and they all did a really GREAT job!





Important - School Site Safety

Unfortunately, there are some parents and carers who are driving onto our school site at drop off and pick up times. Please can we remind you that there is no parent parking on site at any time unless arrangements have been made with the school office for specific reasons.

All children should be picked up and dropped off at the classroom, unless the school gates are closed.

The area around the bike sheds is used by children of all ages at these busy times so please help us keep everyone safe and do not drive your car onto the school site.

Contacting the School

We'd like to thank all our parents and carers for getting in touch and notifying us when children are absent from school either by voicemail, email or text.

As you may be aware, we had new phone systems installed a few weeks ago. It has recently been brought to our attention that this has also changed our voicemail system slightly.

When calling to leave an absence message, the voicemail system may tell you to record your message and then press the # key. Please do not press the # key as the message does not always reach us - just record your message and then hang up the phone and the message will come through to us.



House Point Reward

The house point winner this term was **SAPPHIRE** house, and they all enjoyed their reward on Wednesday this week which was 30 minutes extra play time!

The final totals at the end of the Spring Term are:

Sapphire: 1879

Emerald: 1840

Ruby: 1786

Amber: 1778

Well done to everyone for their efforts around the school collecting points this term.



Considerate Parking in the Local Area

We are so fortunate to have two large public car parks near our school that can be used at drop off and pick up times.

Parking in residential areas means that our neighbours are often unable to get out of their parking spaces or cannot park after taking their own children to and from school.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who respect our neighbours and local area and use the public car parks. We really appreciate you helping the school's hard fought good reputation.

School Uniform – Important Reminder

We would like to remind you all that if you are purchasing new school uniform over the break, please make sure to check that you buy the correct items, particularly footwear.

Children should be wearing flat, black school shoes and not boots or trainers. All the guidelines can be found on our website – [School Uniform](#).



Our GREAT Learning

Reception



We've had such a busy week in Butterflies, which included making delicious Easter treats and our fantastic dress-up day yesterday to end our Topic of 'People Who Help Us'.



Year 1&2

Hedgehogs class had a visit from ZooLab. The children really enjoyed the Habitats workshop which was part of their Science and Geography studies. The children learnt about world habitats and why different types of habitats matter. They found out about animals that suit their habitat and why. They had a great time meeting the different animals.



In Foxes class we have enjoyed our 3D paper sculpture topic in art. We enjoyed making 3D drawings with paper and then we designed and made paper 3D trees of life. We also went on a Spring walk looking for signs of Spring. We were really lucky that we even saw a fox!



Year 3&4

This week, children in Year 3 had the final session of their work with the Healthy Living Project. The children printed their Linocuts to create images of fruits and vegetables in the style of Andy Warhol. They are looking forward to seeing their artwork in the exhibition at South Hill Park in June and we'll let you know the dates for this as soon as we have them.

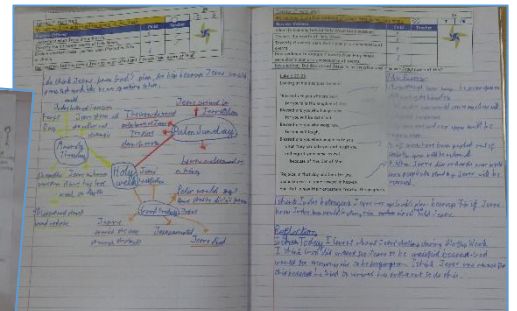
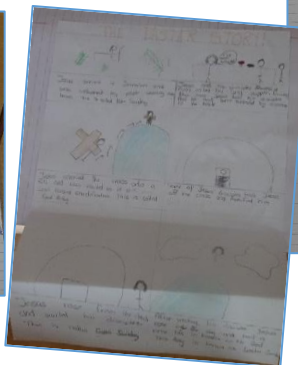
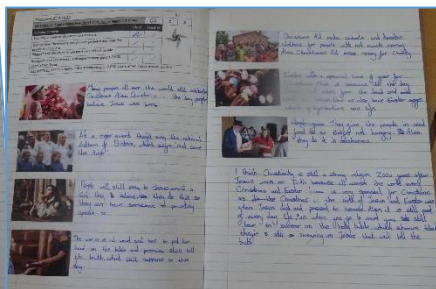
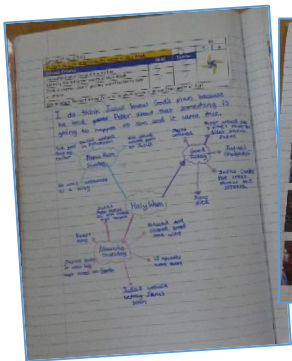


All the children in Years 3&4 had a super treat to end the term when they made some delicious Easter nests – yummy!



Year 5&6

This week, the children in Year 5 and 6 have been exploring their Easter RE question. We have revised the Easter story and thought about the importance of these events in our lives today.



Diary Dates

APRIL 2025	
Sunday 6 th	FroGS: Easter Egg Hunt – 11.00am-1.00pm with Easter Bonnet Competition winners picked at 12.45pm
Tuesday 22nd	Start of Summer Term
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 3: Family Learning Maths 'Kaboom' Times Tables – 9.00-10.30am
Thursday 24 th	Year 4: Family Learning Maths Division – 9.00-10.30am
	Year 1: Berkshire Reptile Encounters – letter to follow (approx. cost £5)
	NEW DATE! Class Photographs and Year 6 Individuals
Friday 25 th	SEND Coffee Morning with the MHST – 9.00-10.30am
Tuesday 29 th	Year 6: SATs Parent Meeting – 5.00pm – letter to follow
MAY 2025	
Friday 2 nd	SEND Surgery with Mrs Watson, Mrs Balza and Mrs Pace – appointment only
Monday 5th	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 12th to Thursday 15th	KS2 SATs Week for Year 6 children
Wednesday 21 st	Year 3&4 Trip to Kew Gardens: letter to follow (approx. cost £16)
Thursday 22 nd	Nursery: Family Learning English 'Messy Writing' – 9.00am-10.30am
Friday 23 rd	SEND Coffee Morning with the MHST – 9.00-10.30am
Monday 26th to Monday 2nd	HALF TERM BREAK – pupils return to school on Tuesday 3rd June
JUNE 2025	
Tuesday 3rd	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 6 th	Year 6: Bikeability Lessons – letter to follow
Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 20 th	KS2: Swimming Lessons – details coming soon!
Tuesday 3rd to Friday 13th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 9th to Friday 13th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Friday 13 th	Year 6: Family Learning Transition to Secondary School (parent only session) 9.00-11.00am in Gold Hall
Friday 20 th	Year 6: Family Learning Transition to Secondary School (parent and child session) 9.00-11.00am in Gold Hall
Tuesday 24 th to Monday 30 th	Book Fair in School – open every day 3.00-3.30pm

EASTER CRAFTS

HARMANSWATER LIBRARY MONDAY 14 APRIL 10-11:30AM
 CROWTHORNE LIBRARY WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 10AM-12PM
 GREAT HOLLANDS LIBRARY WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2-4PM
 SANDHURST LIBRARY THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2-4PM
 BIRCH HILL LIBRARY THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2-4PM

AGES 3 TO 10
 PRICE: £1 PER CHILD
 DROP IN SESSION

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- ✔ Amazing interconnecting metal medals

When

Thursday 15 May, 7.30pm
 Thursday 19 June, 7.30pm
 Thursday 17 July, 7.30pm
 Thursday 14 August, 6.45pm

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GEMS is for children and young people who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

ADHD Course - Monday 28th April, 12th & 19th May - 7 to 9pm
 Sensory Processing - Wednesday 23rd April - 7 to 8:30pm
 Managing Anxiety - Wednesday 23rd April - 10am to 12noon
 Empowering Calm - Wednesday 7th May - 10am to 12noon
 Autism Course - Thursday 8th, 15th & 22nd May - 7 to 9pm
 Girls and Autism - Tuesday 10th June - 10am to 12noon
 Sleep - Autism and ADHD - Tuesday 17th June - 7 to 9pm
 Adolescence - Wednesday 2nd July - 10am to 12noon

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