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Message from the Headteacher



Welcome to our final newsletter of another GREAT year at Great Hollands Primary. There is a lot of important information to share with you, so please take a moment to read through everything.

Before the new school year begins, let's reflect on this year and all the amazing achievements across the school.

Amazing Results Again!

These results again show that what we do at GHPS works! I would like to thank all my staff for their hard work and dedication to the children of our wonderful school.

End of Key Stage 2	National Average 2025	GHPS	Difference
Percentage achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths	62%	81%	+19%
Percentage of pupils who achieved the expected standard in grammar	73%	86%	+13%
Percentage of pupils who achieved the expected standard in reading	75%	88%	+13%
Percentage of pupils who achieved the expected standard in writing	72%	83%	+11%
Percentage of pupils who achieved the expected standard in maths	74%	83%	+9%

There is a strong link between high attendance and success at school, both academically and socially. We know that for children to succeed they need to have high attendance rates. Many pupils in our school have attendance of 98-100% and we want to recognise this achievement. We'd like to say a big well done to the following pupils who have attendance of 100% for the whole school year – this is a fantastic achievement – well done!

attendance Stars



Sofia (Caterpillars)	Veronica (Caterpillars)	Victoria (Caterpillars)
Melody (Butterflies)	Daniel (Butterflies)	Daisy (Hawks)
Dexter (Panthers)		

There are so many of our pupils who have tried hard to keep up a high level of attendance and we would also like to commend them for a really great job of achieving 98% or higher for the year. Welcome to the 98% Club!

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Reception
Chloe	Damian	Esme	Ayush	Sonja	Lincoln	Tilly
Bethany	Estephanie	Cooper	Jade	Oliver	Amelia	Jack
Megan	Audrey	Florence	Syliva-May	Aiden R	Emma	Arthur
	Nicole	Caleb	Itan	Rosco		Vinnie G
	Thea	Callan	Arsenijs	Faith		Logan
	Jude	Nambung	Lyla-Rose	Liyanna		
	Rosie	Zac	Elina			
	Caoimhe	Layla				
	Fong	Kaden				
	Olivia					
	Lucas					
	Dixon					
	Georgia					

98%

When we return in September, all these children will receive their attendance certificates in recognition of their brilliant attendance this year. We look forward to finding out who will make it into the 98% club next year!

End of Term News

Staff Farewells...

We will be saying goodbye this term to **Mrs Cope**, who has been a part of our Great Hollands family for an incredible 22 years! From working as a cleaner, to supporting in Early Years and After School Club, she has always worked very hard to help all our small people (and staff) wherever she can. We wish her well in her retirement!



... and New Arrivals!

We will be welcoming a couple of new faces to the GHPS team. **Mrs Li** will be joining the Year 5/6 team in Lions Class and **Miss Mullins** will be joining us in Year 1 in Badgers class. The children have already met them when they had their transition morning to their new classes. We hope you will join us in welcoming them to our school community.



Important Lunches Reminder for Children Moving to Year 3

All children in Reception, Year 1&2 receive free school lunches under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme.

If your child is moving to Year 3 in September, you will need to begin to pay for lunches provided by the school, unless you are in receipt of Benefit-Related Free School Meals.

Also, please note our lunch prices will rise to £2.60 per day, from September – thank you!



Recycling with our Green Team

Our Green Team reps have been busy setting up our recycling boxes for every classroom and the office.

With the help of the class eco-reps, we are aiming to be better at recycling soft plastics, small hard plastic items and old or broken marker pens.

Please watch this space for further Green Team news!

After School and Morning Club

Morning and After School Club will continue at the start of the new term in September. Please can you check your accounts and make sure any outstanding balances are paid in full by the end of July, ready for the new school year.

If you have any questions about either after school or morning club, please email Mrs Wise at ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org



Thank You to our Fabulous FROGS

We'd like to thank you if you have volunteered some of your time to support PTA events at school, whether you have spent 10 minutes supporting at a cake sale or if you have spent many hours organising a major event, we are all so grateful for your efforts.

It is true however, that many hands do make light work and we really need your support – so if you would like to get involved and help out at FROGS events the please contact them by email to frogspta@gmail.com or find them on their Facebook page: [FROGS Facebook](#)

They have pencilled in a date of **Tuesday 23rd September** for their annual AGM – which will take place at 6.30pm at school. Children are welcome, so you don't need to worry about childcare – they'd love to have you come along!

The recent Summer Fair made an incredible **£1355** profit, which is possible because of the support of our parents and the whole school community, so thank you all.

The FROGS hold a selection of pre-loved uniform for parents and carers to buy, should they wish to do so. This is all checked to be in a good condition before it is put up for sale. If you would like to enquire about uniform stock, please do drop them a message so they can help.



Thank you to First Days Children's Charity

You may be aware that the First Day's Children's Charity provides excellent support for families by giving coats, gloves etc in the winter, and they supply affordable school uniform all year round. This week they paid us a visit and donated stationery sets, including calculators for all our Year 6s to stand them in good stead for starting secondary school. We'd like

to say a huge thank you to the charity for supporting our pupils, but also for all they do for local families all year round!

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Don't forget the Summer Reading challenge is now underway - either visit your local library to sign up to the challenge to earn stickers / rewards or visit www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to take part online, and earn virtual rewards, just by reading books, magazines or anything you like!

All children who take part will receive a certificate once the challenge has ended. The Summer Reading Challenge runs throughout the summer holidays, so there's plenty of time to get reading!



Wishing you all the best for a relaxing and safe summer break.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Don't forget to check out our photo galleries on the website for more GREAT pictures of our learning!

Our Great Learning!

We celebrated our Scientists in assembly this week when the science fair projects were shared with the school and prizes awarded to those who took part.

They were judged by a real physicist, who looked at the scientific investigation behind the ideas. We were incredibly proud of the high-quality of work and the amount of thought and effort behind every single project.

When we return in September, we will be celebrating the opening of our new science lab in school and will again display these brilliant scientific investigations for all to come and see.

Look out for more details at the start of the new school year.



Science Fair



This year saw the humble beginnings of our very first school Photography Club. We were able to purchase 2 'professional' SLR cameras for the children to use with the cheque awarded as a result of Dexter's winning entry in a competition run by Ascot Racecourse.

Over the course of two terms, Mrs Barrett taught the children the basics of photography and how to take interesting shots by changing the angles and looking at framing. During this time she has been incredibly proud of their achievements and their desire to continue to learn and improve. The cumulation of their hard work ended with them being 'official school press photographers' for Sports Day. The results were fantastic and Mrs Barrett is thrilled with the results. We hope you are too!

All credit goes to our budding photographers: Dexter, Jude, Damian, Winston, Thea, Fajar, Annabelle and Kevin. May this be the very beginning of your photography journey!



Sports Day



Staff List 2025-26

Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher	Mr R Ferris
Deputy Headteacher	Ms N York
Assistant Headteacher & SENCo	Mrs N Watson
Phase Leader (EYFS)	Ms N York
Phase Leader (Y1-3)	Miss V Estcourt
Phase Leader (Y4-6)	Miss L Hawkins
Primary Ops Manager	Mrs C Barrett

Class Structure

Class		Lead	Support
EYFS	Caterpillars (Nursery)	Mrs L Parry	Miss N Scaplehorn Mrs J Atkinson
	Butterflies (Reception)	Mrs V Kalampaliki Mrs K Griffin	Miss R Sharp Miss S Johnson Mrs I Raja (Friday)
KS1	Foxes	Mrs K Fifield	Mrs D Lindsey Mrs K Malczewska Mrs A Wheeler
	Badgers	Miss H Mullins	
	Hedgehogs	Miss V Estcourt	
LKS2	Falcons	Mrs V Andrew	Mrs S Sunwar Miss S Harrison Mrs S Gadsby (pm)
	Hawks	Miss C Livingstone	
UKS2	Panthers	Mrs G van der Rest	Mrs A Ivanescic Mrs H Sparshott Mrs C Dexter (Friday)
	Lions	Mrs F Li	
	Tigers	Miss L Hawkins	

Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mrs S Mackay

Administration & Operations		SEN Team	Lunchtime Team
School Ops Officer	Mrs K Wise	Mrs B Balza	Miss L Clark
Reception & Attendance	Mrs M Smith	Mrs E Pace	Miss C Frost
Finance Assistant	Mrs K Turner	Miss J Brown	Miss D Hewett
			Mrs S Gadsby
Site Manager	Mr S Walters	Mrs S Maddala	Miss P Holness
		Miss S Shield	Mrs B Palmer
		Mrs A Yasodharan	Miss B Young

Diary Dates

Academic Year 2024/2025	
SEPTEMBER 2024	
Monday 1 st	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd	Pupils return to school Years 1-6: Doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.45am Nursery: Home visits for new pupils
Thursday 4 th	Reception: Come and Play Sessions (am and pm) Nursery: Home visits for new pupils
Friday 5 th	Reception: 8.45am to 12.00pm, classroom doors open at 8.40am Nursery: Home visits for new pupils
Monday 8 th	Reception: 8.45am to 1.30pm, classroom doors open at 8.40am Nursery: Start of term for returning pupils – new pupils will have staggered starts which will be emailed separately.
Tuesday 9 th	Reception: Start school full time, doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.45am
Friday 12 th	Year 1: Superhero Day – letter to follow
Tuesday 23 rd	FRoGS PTA: Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 6.30pm in Gold Hall
Wednesday 24 th	Years R-6: Flu Vaccinations – letter to follow
Thursday 25 th	Year 2: Great Fire of London Workshop – letter to follow, approx. cost £12
OCTOBER 2024	
Wednesday 1 st	Whole School: Pupil Photos
Thursday 2 nd	Whole School: Sibling Photos (pupils in school only)
Thursday 16 th	Reception: Harvest Celebration – 2.30pm-3.00pm in Silver Hall
Friday 17 th	Reception: Family Learning English 'Busy Bags' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
Wednesday 22 nd	INSET DAY
Thursday 23 rd October to Monday 3 rd November	HALF TERM BREAK

If any changes need to be made to any dates, we will try to inform you with as much notice as possible.