



Issue 5, May 2025

Message from the Headteacher



What an incredibly quick half term it's been! It seems like only yesterday we were returning after the Easter break and now here we are halfway through the summer term!

After the half term break, we will again have the swimming pool situated in the Year 3&4 playground, which means there will be no access for parents and carers through the quiet area at drop off and pick up times. We ask that you please all use the pathway behind the gym while the pool is on site.

If you have a child in Years 3-5 who has been offered the opportunity to have swimming lessons, it is essential that you complete the consent form if you have not already done so:

<https://forms.office.com/e/MyGsyDWGxM>

The schedule for swimming will be as follows:

Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 13 th June	Year 3&4: Falcons – Hawks
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th June	Year 5: Panthers - Lions

Please see the swimming letter for full details of the kit children will need to bring with them every day for the week their year group is having lessons: [Swimming Lessons Letter](#)



Class Photographs

Class photos were sent home this week, please note the deadline for online orders on the proofs. As we have an inset day on Monday 2nd June, any orders coming into school must be brought in on Tuesday 3rd June to qualify for free delivery. Our photographer will be collecting them during the morning so they must come into the school office first thing.

FROGS Summer Fair

Our fabulous FROGS Summer Fair will be taking place on Saturday 28th June between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. If you are able to spare a little time to help out, either with setting up, putting away or helping to run a stall, please contact FROGS by email to frogspta@gmail.com or find them on their Facebook page: [FROGS Facebook](#)



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](#).



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.

Sun Safety

Although today has been quite cloudy and the weekend isn't looking too bright at the moment, we hope that when we return the weather will be much warmer!

As such, please don't forget these important reminders for sun safety in school:

- Children should have a suitable sun cap in school every day.
- If you feel it appropriate, please apply long lasting sun cream in the morning before school, staff are not able to apply sun cream during the school day.
- Please make sure children have a water bottle with them each day.

While in school, we will remind children to keep out of the sun at peak times on hot day and encourage them to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'R Ferris'.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Our GREAT Learning

Reception

Children in Reception have continued their learning about different countries around the world and how they compare to the UK. This week they have been exploring India and would like to thank Mrs Maddala for bringing in some special clothes for the children to try on. The children also tasted some Indian-themed food.



Year 1&2

Foxes class have been designing and making their own puppets during their design and technology lessons – don't they look amazing!



Hedgehogs class have been recording the growth of their sunflowers over the past few weeks. They compared the growth and recorded it on a bar chart. They have taken them home now and we can't wait to see how tall they get!



Year 5&6

Year 5 have been looking at playscripts this week and reading 'The Tempest'. They rehearsed the different roles and enjoyed performing their acts to the rest of the class.



Year 3&4

Children in Falcons and Hawks class enjoyed their much-anticipated visit to Kew Gardens this week. The weather was good, the experiences were amazing and the children all had a fabulous visit filled with GREAT learning!



Diary Dates

MAY 2025	
Monday 26 th to Monday 2 nd	HALF TERM BREAK – pupils return to school on Tuesday 3 rd June
JUNE 2025	
Tuesday 3 rd	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 6 th	Year 6: Bikeability Lessons – details of which days bikes are needed will be sent out over half term.
Thursday 5 th	Year 5: Science Workshop with 'Just Good Science' Year 4: Science Assembly with 'Just Good Science'
Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 20 th	KS2: Swimming Lessons – click here for letter

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
Friday 27 th	SEND Coffee Morning with the MHST – 9.00-10.30am
Saturday 28th	FRoGS Summer Fair
JULY 2025	
Monday 14 th to Wednesday 16 th	Year 6: Residential Trip to PGL Liddington
Friday 18 th	Proposed Date for Sports Day: TBC, further details to follow
Wednesday 23rd	Last day of Summer Term: School finishes at 2.15pm



Judo For Schools



GREAT HOLLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS, STARTING 4TH JUNE TO 16TH JULY 2025
TIME 3.15 TO 4.15 PM

THE COST FOR THE COURSE IS £45.50 FOR 7 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.

Emergency Contact Details:

Your Name: Phone Number:

Second Contact Name: Phone Number:

Payment Method: Bank Transfer

Payment will be via 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.