



Issue 1, October 2024

### Message from the Headteacher

Here we are at the end of the first half of the Autumn Term and we've had so many different curriculum enhancing activities, including workshops, trips and a brilliant Harvest performance from some of our youngest pupils in Reception.

I hope you all had an opportunity to speak with your child's teacher earlier this month during our Parents' Evening appointments. Please don't forget that you can make an appointment to speak with class teachers at any time throughout the year if you ever need to discuss any aspect of your child's education.



There's lots more happening in the second part of the autumn term, and we can't wait to share it with you!

**Richard Ferris**  
**Headteacher**

### Term Dates

Don't forget that we return to school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

All our published term dates can be found on our website for your convenience: [Term Dates](#)



### Cunworth Court/Wordsworth Parking

We have been receiving reports from our neighbours regarding a minority of parents who are parking inconsiderately in the local area. Please avoid parking in residential parking bays. We are incredibly fortunate to have two large public car parks so close to our school, please park in these and be considerate to our neighbours – thank you!

### Mess on the Playground

In recent weeks we have been having some local wildlife visiting the school site, which has led to there being mess left on the playgrounds occasionally. Every morning before the gate is opened, Mr Walters does check the playground areas, however, as we are fortunate enough to have a very large school site, there may be some occasions when an area is missed, despite the best endeavours of the staff. As we are a team, if you notice anything not right on the site – please do let us now and we will rectify it.



As a reminder, please make sure your **child stays next to you** when on the school site and does not run off ahead.

## House Points

The children have been collecting house points and the competition is well underway. At the halfway point of the term, the current totals are:

**Sapphire:** 1104

**Amber:** 1067

**Emerald:** 1053

**Ruby:** 1045

Great job so far everyone! Let's see who will have the most points at the end of the Autumn term!



## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Year 6 children have been visiting classes to sell poppies and other merchandise from the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. These sales will continue after the break between Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## School Lunches

Thank you to everyone who has been ordering lunches at home for their children. Our caterers are then able to only cook the food that has been ordered to ensure that fresh and nutritious meals are available for those children. It also helps us think about our environmental impact as it greatly minimises food waste.

The school office team are always on hand to help if you are having any problems using ParentPay.



## Before and After School Club

Don't forget to book your place at after school club for next term, all the details are on our website on our wraparound care page: [Before and After School Childcare](#).

All sessions for after school and morning club should be paid for in advance on ParentPay and if you have a balance outstanding on your child's account this must now be settled in full.

For any enquiries, please email [ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org)

# Our Great Learning!



## Harvest Performance

Reception children shared their Harvest performance with parents this week. They performed an autumn poem, read the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and shared some Harvest songs. Well done to all the children and staff, and a big thank you to parents and carers for the fantastic Harvest donations. These will be shared with the local food bank.







### Year 3&4

The children in year 3 and 4 have had an exciting week learning about the Hindu

Festival of Lights, Diwali. They began the week making their own Diya lamps and listening to the story of Rama and Sita. The week ended in spectacular style - with the Diwali workshop.



### Year 5&6

On Tuesday, Year 5 & 6 went on their long-awaited trip to Winchester Science Museum. Each class got time to explore the range of interactive exhibits which included trying on an astronaut costume and building houses in the construction area. Our specific focus was about space. We enjoyed a show in the planetarium where each of the eight planets were explained in detail and we saw amazing photographs of our galaxy close up. The workshop focused on different types of light from UV to infrared. The children experimented with different equipment to record some simple findings. It was a wonderfully interactive day and the children have gained some new knowledge - especially about the James Webb Space Telescope. Your children did you proud by following our GREAT values and modelled excellent learning behaviours.





### Year 1&2

In Year 2 pupils have been learning about what constitutes good photography composition and putting this into practice by composing and capturing photos of our own. They have made choices when taking a photograph in both landscape and portrait format.

Children in Year 1 drew a picture and learned how to use the keyboard in their Computing lessons.



## Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2024	
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children return to school – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am</b>
	<b>FroGS PTA:</b> Family Fireworks Display, flyer later in the newsletter
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2024 – 10.15am, click <a href="#">here</a> for information
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception:</b> Family Learning English 'Busy Bags' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Year 1:</b> Family Learning English 'Story Sandwich' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Year 2:</b> Family Learning English 'Story Maps' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
	<b>Reception:</b> Phonics Workshop – 2.45pm-3.15pm, entry via Silver Hall
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2024 – 6.00pm, click <a href="#">here</a> for information
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FroGS PTA: Year 1-3</b> Film Night, details to follow
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	Book Fair in School – open after school every day, 3.00pm-3.30pm
DECEMBER 2024	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception:</b> Nativity Performance for Parents – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Years R-6:</b> Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Term – school finishes at 2.15pm</b>





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# Open Events

## Open Morning (9:15am)

Friday 27 September

Monday 14 October

Tuesday 14 January

## Open Morning (10.15am)

Wednesday 13 November

## Open Evening (6:00pm)

Wednesday 27 November

Booking is required for this event. Please register using the [online form](#) on our website.



**Do you have a child starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2025?**

We warmly invite you to attend one of our open events to come and find out what makes us so proud of our school. You will be able to meet school leaders and have a tour through our well-resourced teaching and learning provision.

Our Early Years team will be on hand to answer questions and help you in making this hugely important decision for your child.



[www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk](http://www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk)



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FROGS presents,

Great Hollands Primary School

# FAMILY FIREWORK DISPLAY Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Gate opens at 6pm.  
Fireworks start at 7pm.

Glow Stall

All Children under the  
age of 16 must be  
accompanied by an  
adult.

Tickets in advance £6.00 each  
Family Ticket (family of 4) £20.00.  
Tickets on the night £7.00 each  
Family Ticket on the night £22.00.

BBQ and  
refreshments on  
sale

Advance Tickets on sale from 7<sup>th</sup> October  
to 25<sup>th</sup> October, there after via email by  
5<sup>th</sup> November

Please give your slips and correct money  
in at the main reception,  
Please email us at [frogspta@gmail.com](mailto:frogspta@gmail.com)  
for more information.

**STRICTLY: NO SMOKING, NO ALCOHOL, NO PETS  
NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS or SPARKLERS ON THE SCHOOL  
GROUNDS**

Fireworks provided and set up by "Sonning firework Ltd"