

## Autumn Weather

What a wet and windy week it has been! Autumn is definitely with us and it won't be long before the nights draw in and there's a chill in the air. Please make sure that your child has a coat in school each day, as the weather can be very changeable at this time of year.



## Farewell to Mrs Matthews

We are always sad when it is time to say goodbye to a member of our amazing GHPS team, while sharing in their excitement for new opportunities.



Mrs Matthews has been an important member of our Great Hollands family for 16 years and has worked with and touched the lives of many of our pupils and their families. Her kindness, patience and understanding has made her a favourite of children and staff alike and we will all miss her terribly.

Mrs Matthews' final day at GHPS will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and I hope you will join us in wishing her the very best of luck for the future.

## Individual Pupil Photos

We apologise for the inconvenience of having to postpone our photos this week, but it was unfortunately out of our control. Our photographer has assured us that she will be in school on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** to take individual photos of all children in Reception and Years 1-6. Please send your children in full school uniform on the day.

We are currently working to secure a date for the Nursery children and sibling photographs and will let you know as soon as we have an update.

## Nasal Flu Vaccination

The nasal flu vaccination will be administered in school by the School Immunisation Team on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September for children in Years R-6.

The consent form should be completed for all children, and there is the option to give or decline consent for your child to have the vaccination. Every form completed will be entered in a draw to receive a £50 Amazon voucher, whether consent is given or refused.

Please note that the form will close 24 hours before the session.

If you did not receive the letter containing the link for the form and further information about the vaccination, please get in touch with the school office.

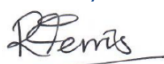


## Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings will be held during the two weeks before half term via Teams. There will be a letter coming home very soon containing dates, times and booking information.

Please try to make every effort to attend this brief but incredibly important catch-up meeting with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher



## Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Foxes (96.3%)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Falcons (96.2%)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tigers (95.8%)



GREAT attendance is vital for children to succeed and achieve their full potential. Please support us by making doctor, dentist and medical appointments outside of school hours when possible and ensure your child arrives at school on time.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must inform the office **before 8.30am**. You can get in touch at any time by email ([ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org)) or telephone and leave a voicemail - Option 1 when you call 01344 424911.

Please make sure your child has full school uniform, including school shoes and the correct PE uniform: [GHPS Website - School Uniform](#)

In the colder weather, children can wear tracksuit bottoms and jumpers on top of their normal PE kit for extra warmth (this should not be their normal school jumper). Tracksuits should be plain black or dark blue.

**Don't forget to label everything ... from caps to shoes, socks and water bottles.**

For safety reasons, where children have pierced ears, they must only wear stud earrings in school. These should also be removed for PE days. If they cannot be removed, then please cover them with tape when your child has PE.

Please make sure that children do not come into school wearing necklaces, bracelets or other items of jewellery. Nail varnish and make up should also not be worn in school. Thank you!

Please tie hair back if long enough to do so. Hair ties and accessories should be simple and be blue or white.



## Vacancies

Would you like to become a member of our GREAT team? Our latest vacancies can be found on the Maiden Erlegh Trust website here:

[Maiden Erlegh Trust - Vacancies](#)

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GREAT HOLLANDS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



**OPEN**

**EVENTS**

**Morning visit - 9.15am**

Friday 29 September

Wednesday 18 October

Monday 13 November

Wednesday 10 January

**Evening visit - 6.00pm**

Tuesday 31 October

Thursday 30 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 2024?**

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.

# Information Board



**Bracknell Open Learning Centre  
Community Learning Open Day**

**Saturday 30 September, 10am - 3pm**



**Free taster sessions in art and well-being, plus free job seeking/ careers advice, health checks, demonstrations and more. The kids are welcome to come along – there's practical, fun activities for them too!**

**Free refreshments.**

**Venue:**  
Bracknell Open Learning Centre,  
Rectory Lane,  
Easthampstead,  
Bracknell RG12 7GR



**Find out more at:**  
[www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning) or  
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