



News this week...

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Book Fair Competition Winners

We received lots of entries for our Book Fair competition and it was incredibly difficult for Mrs Watson to choose only five winners: **Megan** (Lions), **Kasia** (Panthers), **Daisy** (Falcons), **Nadia** (Foxes) and **Esme** (Reception) each receive a £5 voucher to spend at our Book Fair!



There were so many amazing entries that Mrs Watson would also like to give a special mention to **Flynn** (Foxes), **Alisa** (Butterflies), **Bethany** (Panthers), **Charley** (Butterflies), **Amanda** (Panthers), **Eleanor** (Panthers), **Lacey** (Panthers), **Joseph** (Lions), **Ellie-Rose** (Lions), **Skylla-Rose** (Lions) and **Freddie** (Butterflies) for their highly commended artwork.

Christmas Lunch Ordering

Envelopes to order your child's Christmas lunch will be coming home next week. We will send an email confirming when the envelopes are on their way home - please do keep an eye out for them!



Welcoming Birch Hill Primary!

From today Birch Hill Primary School and Nursery officially became a part of Maiden Erlegh Trust. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the Birch Hill Primary community from all of us at GHPS.

Wishing you all a GREAT weekend!

Richard Ferris

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Headteacher



Attendance Stars



Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Falcons (97.5%)
- 2nd Place – Eagles (94.3%)
- 3rd Place – Hawks (93.7%)



Countdown to Christmas

We can definitely feel the festive spirit around school this week, with lots of Christmas-themed activities planned for all the children, including spending time learning about the significance of the Christmas story.



We'd like to thank everyone who completed our recent survey about the church visit. Unfortunately, due to the very late notice given to us by the church regarding the reduction in capacity and the amount of time and resources it takes to plan such a large event, we have had to take the difficult decision not to visit the church this year. Although this may be a disappointment, we have so many other Christmas activities taking place that will ensure a GREAT build up to the Christmas break for our children.

Festive Diary Dates

 Friday 1st December	Non-Uniform Day for donations to the Christmas Fair	All pupils
	KS2 Spreading Christmas Cheer - making and sending Christmas Cards to a local care home	Pupils only
	Year 3&4 Christmas Film afternoon	Pupils only
Wednesday 6th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance of 'It's a Baby!' for children in other year groups	Pupils only
Thursday 7th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance of 'It's a Baby!' @ 2.00pm in Gold Hall	Year 1 & 2 Parents
Friday 8th December	Year 3 making Christingles for Christmas	Pupils only
	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance of 'It's a Baby!' @ 2.00pm in Gold Hall	Year 1 & 2 Parents
Saturday 9th December	FRoGS Christmas Fair – 1.30pm-4.00pm	All welcome!
Monday 11th December	Year 3&4 making Christmas Cards	Pupils only
	Reception Christmas Performance of 'Our First Nativity' for children in other year groups	Pupils only
Tuesday 12th December	Reception Christmas Performance of 'Our First Nativity' @ 2.00pm in Gold Hall	Reception Parents
Wednesday 13th December	Festive Jumper Day for GHPS and Daisy's Dream (£1.00 donation please)	All pupils
	Whole School Christmas Lunch	All pupils
	Nursery Christmas Activity Afternoon – 1.00pm-3.00pm	Nursery Parents
	Reception Christmas Activity Afternoon	Pupils only
Thursday 14th December	Year 5&6 Christmas Movie Afternoon	Pupils only
	Christmas Sing-along (am)	Pupils only
	Year 1&2 Christmas Party (pm)	Pupils only
	Year 3&4 Christmas Activities & Party (pm)	Pupils only
	End of Nursery Term (normal time)	
Friday 15th December	End of Autumn Term Years R-6 – school finishes at 2.00pm	

Uniform Reminder

Most of our children are looking very smart in their uniforms, although there are a few who are still coming to school wearing incorrect footwear or jewellery items which are not part of our uniform. Please can you make sure the children are in correct uniform for school every day.

Full details of our school uniform can be found on our website: [School Uniform](#)

Message from the FRoGS

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their donations today towards our Christmas Fair, they are incredibly grateful for all your support.



If you can spare some time to help out at the Christmas Fair, the FRoGS would love to hear from you! Please email frogspata@gmail.com or send them a message via their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfGHPS>

Sensory Processing Workshop

We have been asked to share with you the details for a sensory processing workshop which is happening next week for parents / professionals working with or who have primary age children. The webinars run every half term and parents, school staff and professionals are all welcome to attend. Cameras and microphones are off throughout the webinar.



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

The next session is **Monday 4th December – 7.30-8.30pm**

You don't need a referral to attend, you only need to register for the event offered by Occupational Therapy Berkshire Healthcare. There is a series for early years, primary and secondary aged children, the dates for each are listed on their website.

If you would like to attend, please register via this link: [Occupational Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](#)

School Nurse Drop-in Sessions

On Thursday 7th December, we have some one-to-one parent drop-in sessions available with the school nurse. There are four slots available in the afternoon between 2.00pm and 3.00pm and each session will last for 15 minutes.

The school nursing team can help with a wide range of concerns including toileting, diet and weight management. They will be able to signpost to the most relevant service and/or offer advice depending on the case.

Please let us know if you would like to attend one of these sessions by emailing the SEN team direct at: ghpsen@maidenerlegustrust.org

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GREAT HOLLANDS
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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



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023

1.30PM - 4PM

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