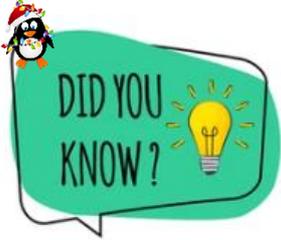




Issue 1, December 2023

**Message from the Headteacher**

I am incredibly proud of our school and the progress we continue to make to ensure the best educational offer for all our pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff, parents and children for their support in making our school an amazing place to be.



Data released by the Government places Great Holland's Primary in the top 1% of for pupil progress in Maths; the top 2% for progress in Reading and the top 21% for progress in Writing.. and that's not just locally... that's across the whole country!

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Your child goes to one of the most successful schools in the country – please shout it from the rooftops if you get the opportunity – GHPS truly is a GREAT place to learn!



I believe that our school is so much more than just assessment results, but these outcomes are a strong indication of just how successful our school is. We continue to strive even further, and whilst we know that we might not always get things right, we are determined build on our excellent achievements so far.

Wishing you all a fantastic Christmas and New Year!

*R Ferris*

**Richard Ferris**  
**Headteacher**



### Term Dates

Don't forget that we return to school on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.**

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



### Goodbye to Mrs Croft

Today we say farewell to Mrs Croft, who has been an important part of our KS2 team over recent years and we will all miss her very much. We know you will join us in wishing her all the best for all her future adventures.

### Autumn Term House Points Winner!

It's been a very competitive race to collect house points this term, so much so that it has been impossible to predict who may win each week. The winners for this term are **RUBY**, who enjoyed their non-uniform day reward today.

The totals for the Autumn Term are:

- Ruby:** 1943
- Amber:** 1939
- Sapphire:** 1927
- Emerald:** 1916

The competition begins again at the start of the new term – well done to all in Ruby House!



### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts on behalf of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. We raised an incredible £385.84 for this important charity, which is even more than we raised last year – well done everyone!

### Spreading Joy at Christmastime

Children in Years 3-6 have been working on spreading some Christmas cheer in the community. They have made Christmas cards which have now been delivered by Mrs Watson to Johnstone House to share some festive greetings with the older members of the community. We're sure they will be delighted to receive such a fantastic selection of Christmas cheer!



### 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@maidenerleghttrust.org](mailto:ghpsasc@maidenerleghttrust.org)

## School Lunches

If your child has school lunches, please can you remember to order these in advance via SCOPay (<https://www.scopay.com/login>). If you do not have access to your SCOPay account, the school office will be able to help you so please get in touch.

## Sport4Kids Clubs After School

Next term Sport4Kids will be offering slightly different clubs to our pupils after school. All bookings, payments or questions about the clubs should be directed to Sport4Kids and not via the school. For next term the clubs on offer will be:

- Monday: KS1 Football
- Tuesday: KS2 Gymnastics
- Wednesday: KS2 Basketball
- Thursday: KS2 Lacrosse
- Friday: KS2 Football



All clubs will run from 3.20pm to 4.25pm and you can find the flyer to book your child's place later in this newsletter.

# Christmas at GHPS





**Merry Christmas**



# Diary Dates



## JANUARY 2024

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY – Children not in school</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Start of Spring Term - School starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Open Event for children starting school in September 2024 - 9.15am, please visit our website for full details and booking information.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1&2 Trip to Hampton Court Palace
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lions & Panthers Anglo-Saxon and Viking Workshop Nursery Family Learning Session – Maths 'Washing Lines' – 9.00am-10.30am

## FEBRUARY 2024

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Family Learning Session – Maths 'Magic Pebbles' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Family Learning Session – Maths Division – 9.00am-10.30am
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children return to school – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>

## MARCH 2024

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Family Learning Session – English 'Story Maps' – 9.00am-10.30am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 Family Learning Sessions – English 'Story Sandwich' – 9.00am-10.30am
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Spring Term, school finishes at 2.15pm</b>

## APRIL 2024

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Start of Summer Term – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Class Photographs and Individuals for Year 6 Leavers

## MAY 2024

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Family Learning Session – Maths 'Kaboom!' – 9.00am-10.30am
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 SATs WEEK</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>



# S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**NEW!** Sport4Kids at Great Hollands Primary School



**FOOTBALL KS1**  
Monday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM

**BOOK NOW** >>



**GYMNASTICS KS2**  
Tuesday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM

**BOOK NOW** >>



**BASKETBALL KS2**  
Wednesday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM

**BOOK NOW** >>



**LACROSSE KS2**  
Thursday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM

**BOOK NOW** >>



**FOOTBALL KS2**  
Friday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM

**BOOK NOW** >>

Join us for a world of excitement beyond the classroom! Our after-school clubs at Great Hollands Primary School offer a vibrant spectrum of activities tailored to ignite young minds and inspire budding passions. Each club is designed to cultivate skills, build confidence, and foster friendships in a safe and supportive environment. Sport4Kids dedicated coaches are passionate about nurturing young talents and providing enriching experiences.



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.

## Supporting Your Children Workshops

To book a space please email your full name to [Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

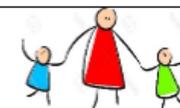
These courses are universal (not specific for SEND or particular ages) and for adults supporting children **not** the children themselves so please arrange childcare if needed. Each course is a **standalone 2-hour session** - please be aware that spaces are offered on a **first come first served basis** and parents should not just turn up.

Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed.

Please only book onto the sessions if you are **going to be able to attend** to avoid other parents missing out on the opportunity to have a place or let me know if you can no longer attend.

<b>Helping children to overcome anxious thoughts and worries</b> <b>A 2-hour session looking at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What happens when children become anxious?</li> <li>Impact current events have had on children's mental health.</li> <li>Techniques for helping children deal with their fears / worries</li> </ul>		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (5 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.	9.30 – 11.30 am	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (7 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.	6.30 – 8.30 pm	
<b>Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way</b> <b>A 2-hour session looking at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gain insight into your parenting style / relationship with your child.</li> <li>Learn or revisit positive ways of managing behaviour!</li> <li>Strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviours</li> </ul>		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (7 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024 (7 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm	
<b>Supporting Children to get a Healthy Night's Sleep</b> <b>A 2-hour session looking at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The different sleep issues facing our families.</li> <li>Tips on how to get a good night's sleep.</li> <li>Help children develop good sleeping habits</li> </ul>		
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (12 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm	
<b>Parenting pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13)</b> <b>A 2-hour session looking at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gain insight into the impact of your parenting style!</li> <li>Positive techniques for managing older children's behaviour.</li> <li>Boosting your relationship and communication with your child</li> </ul>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 (11 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30	
<b>Reducing Sibling Rivalry</b> <b>A 2-hour session looking at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraging a more harmonious sibling relationship</li> <li>Learn / revisit techniques for children to cope with being a sibling.</li> <li>Boosting children's emotional literacy</li> </ul>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (14 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre.	9.30 – 11.30	

## Single Parent, Separated and Blended families – supporting children to cope with different family dynamics.



**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- Different family dynamics and how they can work
- Parental conflict resolutions
- Being the best parent that you can be for your child

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024 (13 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (13 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm

## Supporting a smooth transition to secondary school (YR 5/6 parents)



**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- What the transition involves
- The positives and concerns of transitioning to a new setting
- Boosting your child's ability to have a smooth transition

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 (14 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024 (15 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 (11 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am

**We're also delivering at the following schools please book direct with the school.**

St. Josephs	03/06/24	9 – 11
St. Michaels EH	04/06/24	9 – 11
The Pines School	07/06/24	9 – 11
Great Hollands	11/06/24	1 – 3
Meadow Vale	12/06/24	9 - 11

## Supporting a smooth transition from Year R to Year 1 and beyond



**A 2-hour session looking at:**

- What's involved in transition from reception to year 1
- The best ways to support the transition.
- Boosting your child's resilience to cope with the change

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024 (15 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	9.30 – 11.30 am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 (14 spaces remaining) @ Bracknell Open Learning Centre	6.30 – 8.30 pm

