

# Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

## WELCOME

### Meet the Year 5/6 Team

#### **Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Lead:**

Miss Hawkins

#### **Teachers:**

Miss Hawkins, Mrs van der Rest, Mrs Li and Mrs Pesani

#### **Support Staff:**

Mrs Sparshott, Mrs Ivanescic and Mrs Dexter

#### **Class Names:**

Year 5: Panthers

Year 6: Lions

Year 6: Tigers

Expectations for Year 5/6 B4L are remembered as:

- **Positive** mindset and the power of yet
- **Respect** others and take responsibility
- **Inquisitive** thinkers
- **Determined** and focused
- **Encourage** others and engage in all learning

**AUTUMN 2025**



**GREAT HOLLANDS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

At Great Hollands Primary School, we have a consistent whole school approach to behaviour for learning.

We expect all children to display good behaviour for learning and be ready to learn in order to maximise their progress. Each class has a behaviour for learning display.

All children start the day on green on the behaviour chart and get to move up if they show particularly good behaviour for learning. If a child is not showing good behaviour for learning they are moved to the reflection zone where they reflect on what they need to do to move back to green.

Children who are on gold at the end of the day receive a **“GREAT B4L”** certificate to take home.

## **Our PE days this year are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

### **PE Uniform**

Your child will need the following kit for PE lessons:

- Plain dark shorts, preferably blue or black
- Plain white polo or t-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Trainers
- A plain black or dark blue tracksuit may be worn on top of standard PE kit for outdoor PE in winter months.
- Please remove any earrings on PE days. If earrings are unable to be taken out then children must have their ears taped up before coming to school.

**PE kits will stay in school until half-term.**

## **A LEARNING PARTNERSHIP**

We believe that learning at home is a vital part of your child's education and we hope to continue to work in partnership with you over the coming year.

Please help your child by making sure they come to school fully equipped for the day ahead - each day they need their reading book and home learning diaries.

## **COMMUNICATION**

If you have messages, please email them into the school or give your child a note to hand to their teacher.

However, if there is something you wish to discuss in detail, please make an appointment for a phone call with your child's class teacher.

We are always happy to help.



## **HOME LEARNING**

**Home learning is set once a week on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday.**

### **Maths**

Learning based upon skills taught in class that week will be provided to allow children opportunities to refine and practise their skills.

### **Grammar**

To support children's English learning, a grammatical revision activity will be provided to support children with their understanding of various English writing skills.

### **Reading**

Short comprehension reading activities will be provided to allow children to deepen and practise their understanding of texts and their content.

### **Reading Books and MyOn**

Your child will continue to bring reading books home with them or they can access MyOn to read regularly at home. We expect the children to for 15-20 minutes each night.

Please write in your child's home learning diary when you hear them read or if they have accessed Accelerated Reader.

For every 5 times your child reads, they will be awarded a Golden ticket, which will go contribute towards earning an end of half-term reward as part of a raffle.