



**FREE
BREAKFAST
CLUBS**



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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to announce that Great Holland's Primary School has been selected to take part in the Government's new Free Breakfast Club Programme, which aims to provide children with access to a healthy breakfast and a positive start to the school day.

From Monday 7 September 2026, all children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to access a free breakfast club session from 8:15am each morning.

We will also continue to offer our existing morning club provision from 8:00am, which will remain a paid-for service.

How to Book

All breakfast club places, whether free or paid, must be booked via ParentPay. This is to ensure that we can plan staffing levels and food provision appropriately.

The following applies when making a booking:

- All places must be booked through ParentPay.
- All bookings must be made at least **one week in advance**.
- Children attending the free breakfast club must have a pre-booked place.
- Children attending before 8:15am must be booked into the paid morning club session and will be charged accordingly.

Session Times

Morning Club sessions are open from 8.00am and a charge of £3.00 per child will be required when booking.

The Free Breakfast Club session will run from 8.15am and includes breakfast and supervised, calm activities.

Please be aware that children must arrive to club **no later than 8:25am** and we will not be able to accept arrivals after this time. This allows children sufficient time to eat breakfast calmly and enjoy a positive start to the day before learning begins.



Expectations for Children Attending

To ensure the breakfast club runs safely and effectively, we ask parents and carers to note the following:

- All places (paid or free) must be booked in advance via ParentPay.
- Bookings must be made at least one week in advance.
- Children must not arrive unaccompanied.
- Children must be dropped off directly at Breakfast Club by a suitable, responsible person.
- Breakfast Club is not intended as a play provision or early drop-off facility.
- Children are expected to behave respectfully and follow staff instructions at all times.

The purpose of the club is to provide a welcoming environment where children can enjoy a healthy breakfast and participate in calm, supervised activities before the school day begins.

We are very pleased to be able to offer this exciting new provision to our families and look forward to welcoming children to the Free Breakfast Club from September. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Great Hollands Primary School



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the new breakfast club offer?

We are excited to be part of the Government's Free Breakfast Club Programme, which is funding universal breakfast clubs across the country. From 7 September 2026, Great Hollands Primary School will offer a free breakfast club as part of the national rollout of breakfast clubs in primary schools.

As part of the offer, Great Hollands Primary School will provide 30 minutes of free childcare alongside a nutritious breakfast. The club is open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Is the club free for my child to attend?

Yes. The breakfast club is free to attend from 8:15am until the start of the school day. However, morning club is offered from 8.00am but a £3 charge applies.

What time will the club start?

The free breakfast club will begin at 8:15am and morning club will begin at 8.00am

What time will the club end?

The free breakfast club will end at the start of the school day. Children will then be taken to their classrooms ready for registration and learning.

Do I need to book a place for my child?

Yes. To ensure appropriate staffing levels and food provision, all places must be booked in advance using ParentPay.

Bookings must be made at least one week in advance. The club is open to all children from Reception to Year 6.

Bookings for the new academic year for existing parents will be open from 17 August 2026.

New Reception parents will be able to book sessions from 14 September 2026. These will need to be booked via the School Office until you have received and activated your ParentPay account.



What if my child is unable to attend / I need to cancel a space?

Should you no longer require a space at the free Breakfast Club or Morning Club, this can be cancelled online 7 days in advance. If cancellation is less than 7 days, please contact us via ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org.

We require all parents to cancel spaces if not required. This is so we can ensure that staffing levels are maintained and food is not wasted.

What will happen to the longer breakfast club that I'm paying for now?

We are continuing to run our extended morning club provision from 8:00am. Children attending from 8:00am will be charged at the current breakfast club rate.

Parents can continue to use any eligible childcare support schemes, including Tax-Free Childcare and Universal Credit childcare support, where applicable.

What can my child expect from the club?

Your child will receive a healthy breakfast and will be supervised while they eat. Following breakfast, there will be a range of calm enrichment activities such as:

- Reading
- Drawing and colouring
- Puzzle activities
- Board games
- Quiet table-top activities

What food will you serve to my child at the breakfast club?

Children will be offered a nutritious breakfast which may include:

- Cereals
- Toast and bagels
- Fresh fruit
- Yoghurts
- Milk and water

All food provided will comply with the School Food Standards.



Can I provide my own food for my child?

No. We are unable to accept food from home. This is to ensure that we adhere to the new allergen statutory guidance.

My child has an allergy or dietary requirement. How will you ensure that this is accommodated?

The safety of children with food allergies, intolerances or Coeliac Disease is a priority. If your child has an allergy or dietary requirement, please ensure the school is fully informed so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

We will provide information about allergenic ingredients used in foods available at breakfast club. If your child has an Individual Healthcare Plan, this should clearly identify any emergency procedures and required actions.

If your child's dietary needs have changed, please contact the school office before booking breakfast club sessions so that we can ensure suitable provision is available.

