

News this week...

Parents' Evenings

We hope lots of you had the chance to meet with your child's class teacher this week for your parents' evening appointments.

The appointments on Tuesday were a great success and all ran very smoothly. Unfortunately, there were a few issues on Thursday as the Schoolcloud website servers went offline and had some connection problems. We'd like to thank you all for your patience while the issues were ongoing. The Schoolcloud system is used across most schools and it was very frustrating that this happened on the night we had our parents' evening!

As a result of the issues on Thursday, if you were affected, we will try to reschedule these meetings before half term, Teachers will try to catch up with you at the end of the day – or you can email the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time.



Choir Club

We've had so many questions about when choir club will be restarting and can now confirm that Mrs van der Rest will be restarting the club from 13th October. The club will run every week on a Tuesday after school and will finish at 4.15pm.

Choir club is open for all children in Years 3-6 and if your child would like to take part please complete our online form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/a5PJ8dRiuG>

If your child has a place in choir club, we will confirm this by email.

FRoGS Fireworks Night

Our fabulous FRoGS have announced the date for their Family Fireworks Display – Wednesday 4th November. This is one of our big events for the year and is always very popular with our families and the local community.

Tickets are available now and can be purchased online. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter for more information.

To purchase your tickets please visit: www.charity-hub.co.uk/friendsofgreathollandsschool

Poppy Appeal



We had our annual delivery of poppies today, along with the usual merchandise that we sell on behalf of the Royal British Legion. We will begin selling these in school next week.

As well as the poppies, we have a limited amount of poppy-themed merchandise available for between 50p and £1.00 each.

Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing weekend!



Nicky York
Head of School



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Hedgehogs (100%)
- 2nd Place – Caterpillars (98.8%)
- 3rd Place – Panthers (98.3%)



Great Fire of London Workshop



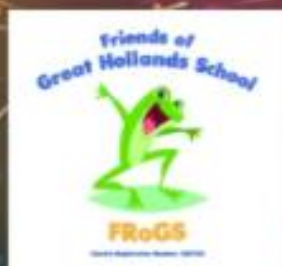
Children in Years 1&2 had a brilliant time last week learning about the Great Fire of London. They had a visit from the Rainbow Theatre London, who performed an immersive reenactment of the Great Fire.

The children were transported back to 1665 and 1666 where they met Samuel Pepys and King Charles II among many others. Every child had a great time taking part in the show and were amazing actors.

Diary Dates

OCTOBER 2026	
Monday 12 th	Reception: Newbury Show visit with Buttercup, Rasher and Clover (wooden animals) to learn about where foods come from
Thursday 22 nd	Reception: Harvest Performance: Gold Hall at 2.30pm
Friday 23 rd	Reception: Family Learning English 'Busy Bags' – 9.00-10.30am
	Selected Pupils: Climate Conference – details to follow
Monday 26th to Friday 30th	HALF TERM BREAK
NOVEMBER 2026	
Monday 2nd	INSET DAY – pupils not in school
Wednesday 4 th	FRoGS PTA: Family Firework Display – book your tickets online at: www.charity-hub.co.uk/friendsofgreathollandsschool
Monday 16 th	Whole School: Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 18 th	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in September 2027 – 6.00pm, please complete our online form linked below to book your place GHPS Open Events - Autumn 2026 – Fill in form
DECEMBER 2026	
Thursday 3 rd	Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in September 2027 – 9.15am, please complete our online form linked below to book your place GHPS Open Events - Autumn 2026 – Fill in form
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Wednesday 9 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance (pm) – details to follow
Thursday 10 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance (pm) – details to follow
Tuesday 15 th	Years 1-6: Church Carol Singing (am) – details to follow
Tuesday 15 th	Reception: Nativity Performance (pm) – details to follow
Wednesday 16 th	Whole School: Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – details to follow
Friday 18th	Last day of term – school finishes at 2.15pm

These dates are subject to change, we will try to give as much notice as possible!



FROGS PRESENT

GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL FIREWORKS NIGHT 4TH NOVEMBER 2026

Online Ticket Sales Only

Pre-order single tickets £8

Family ticket £25 (under 3's free)

[Charity-hub.co.uk/friendsofgreathollandsschool](https://charity-hub.co.uk/friendsofgreathollandsschool)

Single tickets on the night £10

Family ticket £27 (under 3's free)

GATES OPEN AT 6PM

FIREWORKS START AT 7PM

*All children under the age of 16 must be
accompanied by an adult*

GLOW STALL | BBQ

**Strictly no smoking, no alcohol, no pets, no personal
fireworks or sparklers on the school grounds**