

# Great Bookham School Newsletter

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*Welcome to Issue 9 - 8th November 2024*

*Dear Parents and carers,*

*Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term - we have a busy one ahead of us with lots of exciting events, including Parents Evenings, Christingle and the Christmas Fair. We hope you all enjoy the festivities of this half term as much as we do.*

*Year 6 have been working hard to prepare a Remembrance Assembly and on November 11th we will be gathering as a school to honour Remembrance Day, reflecting on the sacrifices made by veterans and those who served in the pursuit of peace. After our Assembly we will be marking a minutes silence at 11am. This day reminds us of the importance of peace and the strength that comes from unity and I want to thank you once again for the support and strong sense of community you as parents bring to our school.*

*Parents evening will take place on 26th November 3.40pm to 7pm and 28th November 3.40pm to 5.40pm. Appointments will be available to book from Tuesday 12th November at 9am. Full details of how to book will be emailed on Monday. These appointments will take place in the main hall. We suggest you leave a gap between sibling appointments.*

*Today we planted nearly 200 saplings which were kindly donated by The Woodland Trust as part of our 'Green Tree Schools Award'. Every child in school went outside, dug deep and planted the trees around the edge of the field. We planted a mixture of dogwood, cherry tree, hazel, silver birch and hawthorn. The children have been learning about the importance of trees for our environment as well as our mental health and how being outdoors can improve how we feel. We hope that these trees will form a new area of shade for the children over the years for when we have our lovely summer playtimes outside, as well as a lovely area for Forest School to develop.*

*Wellbeing is of the utmost importance to us here at Great Bookham School and we want all adults and children to feel support in their wellbeing to feel as mentally healthy as possible. Please visit the 'Wellbeing' tab of our school website*

*(<https://www.greatbookhamschool.org.uk/page/?title=Wellbeing&pid=187>) for a range of services and guidance to support not only yourself but your children too, with a range of wellbeing issues. Alongside this Wellbeing page, we have included a short introduction on 'Zones of Regulation' which is an emotion coaching tool we use at school to help children identify and understand their emotions. This is a tool you can easily use at home too and we have linked some useful resources to get you started.*

*Have a lovely weekend,*

Miss J. Allen

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### *Upcoming key dates*

19th November - Y4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

20th November - EYFS and Y1 Owl workshop

26th November - Y5 trip to North West Synagogue

26th November - Parents evening

27th November - Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm

28th November - Parents evening



### *Stars of the week*

Our stars of the week are:

<b>Ladybirds</b>	Finley & George
<b>Bumblebees</b>	Florence & George
<b>Dragonflies</b>	Olivia & Vira
<b>Foxes</b>	George & Maddie
<b>Squirrels</b>	Harry & Heidi
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Jackson & Sasha

<b>Rabbits</b>	Gabriel & Skyla-May
<b>Eagles</b>	Ashton & Millie
<b>Hawks</b>	Henry & Zaki
<b>Falcons</b>	Florence & Olivia

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### *Attendance*

Congratulations to **Ladybirds** for winning the attendance certificate **this week with 100% attendance!**

MAC the attendance bear will live in **Ladybirds** classroom for the week.



### *Headteacher Awards*

Albert, Josie and Olivia in Year 2 had put their logical thinking skills to the test when completing a challenging extension task in maths.

Jay in Year 3 was so proud to share with me his maths work which he had completed it all independently.

### *Penalty notices*

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

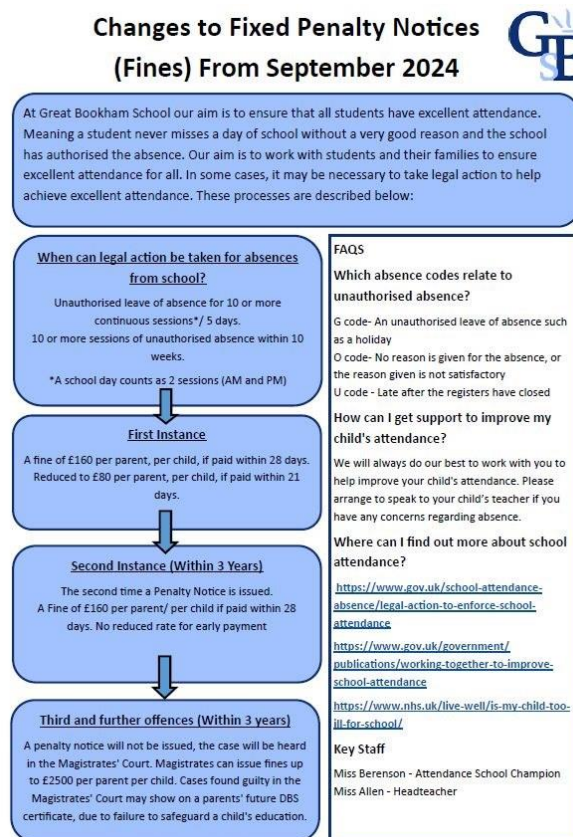
1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

A form must be completed for all requests of leave, which you can obtain from the school office.



**Online safety**

**YouTube**

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a

parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:

- YouTube Kids – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

- Supervised accounts – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- Explore - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- Explore more - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- Most of YouTube - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

My child wants to be a YouTuber

Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos:

1. Public: anyone can view the video.
2. Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

What are the benefits and negatives of a YouTube channel?

Before allowing your child to start a YouTube channel, review the benefits and risks. This article discusses the pros and cons as well as provides recommendations to help minimise any risks:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/should-your-kid-become-a-youtuberweighing-the-pros-and-cons/>

Further information

- <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?>

## The Friends

### **We can do it!**

Christmas Fair plans are well underway and this week we are looking for: **volunteers to wrap lucky dip items**. [Click here to say 'yes'](#), The Friends will provide the gifts, wrapping paper and sellotape.