

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 11 - 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

This week has been an exciting and enriching time for our school community. Reception and Year 1 had the delight of experiencing an Owls Workshop. The children were thrilled to meet these magnificent birds up close and learn about things such as their habitats, diets and unique adaptations. It was a wonderful opportunity to foster curiosity about the natural world and inspire a love of wildlife and conservation.

Meanwhile, Year 4 stepped back in time during their visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace. Immersing themselves in Roman History, they explored the place's stunning mosaics and gained valuable insights into life in Britain during Roman times. This trip has really brought their learning to life and helped to deepen their understanding of this fascinating period.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Victoria Gingell as our new Chair of Governors and Mrs Thea Phillips as Vice Chair. Both bring a wealth of experience and commitment to supporting our school in achieving the best outcomes for every child. Their leadership will strengthen our partnership with the wider school community and help drive forward our vision of excellence for all. I have met with a number of individuals who are interested in becoming a parent governor and look forward to the parent election process that will take place at the end of this term.

Looking ahead to the festive season, we are excited to announce that our school Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 19th December. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please ensure you pre-order this via ParentPay. This is always a highlight of the term, bringing the whole school together in celebration and festive cheer.

Children across the school have taken part in a colouring competition run by Patrick Gardner Estate agents. Some of the designs were selected to be displayed in their Bookham office. Please pop along and vote for your favourite design. Congratulations to the following children for having their designs picked:

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- *Emmie, Humaira, Orla, Alfie DBC, Aran, Wilson, Evie T, Amelia, Ashton, Alice B, Nell, William L, Arabella, Georgia S, Katie, Ellie, Poppy, Eloise G, Amannah, Raya, Leo, Alba and Finley I*
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We are proud to have many keen mathematicians in school and are always striving for our children to become as fluent in their mental maths recall facts as possible. As a school we have decided to introduce KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) as a way of helping our children to learn some of these facts by heart. They are easy to use and can be completed anywhere and should help your child become more confident with their number work. Please visit our website - Curriculum/STEM/Mathematics and scroll down to view the facts your child will be working on. We strongly encourage you to practise these at home to further embed these recall facts.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming you all to Parents' Evening next week. These meetings are such a vital opportunity for us to celebrate your child's progress, share their achievements and discuss how we can continue working together to support their learning journey. I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Warm regards,

Miss J. Allen









Thank You

Thank you to all families who have kindly donated a gift under our Giving Tree in support of The Rainbow Trust. The children have been very excited this week to see the ever growing pile of presents wrapped under the tree .

There is still time to donate a gift if you wish, so please come into school to take a gift tag to find out the age and gender of a child who is being supported by this very important charity.



Jolly Jars

Thank you to so many families who have brought in a jolly jar ready for our Christmas Fair next week. There is a competition to see which class can bring in the most and currently Year 5 appear to be in the lead but there is still time to bring in more jars next week!

Don't forget that on **Thursday 28th November** we have a **non-uniform day** in exchange for a bottle for our bottle tombola stall.





Upcoming key dates

26th November - Y5 trip to North West Synagogue

26th November - Parents evening
27th November - Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm
28th November - Non uniform day (bring in a bottle donation for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair)
28th November - Parents evening
29th November - 3:30-6pm Christmas Fair
3rd December - 9am Y1 & Y2 Nativity
3rd December - Y4 Surrey Police visit
5th December - Y5 European Christmas Day
9th December - School Flu vaccinations
10th December - 9:15am EYFS Nativity
11th December - Christingle performance
12th December - Christmas Jumper day
17th December - School pantomime visit
18th December - Christingle performance
19th December - School Christmas Dinner
20th December - Last day of term 3.25pm finish



Class Assembly Dates

Parents and carers are invited to attend and these will take place in the junior hall 9-9:15am

January 31st - Falcons

February 7th - Foxes

February 28th - Hawks

March 7th - Hedgehogs

March 21st - Rabbits

March 28th - Dragonflies

May 2nd - Ladybirds

May 16th- Eagles

May 23rd - Squirrels

July 4th - Bumblebees

Spirit of Christmas Event

On Saturday 30th November, Great Bookham School will be taking part in the Spirit of Christmas shopping event on Bookham High Street. All children are welcome to come and join us in singing some festive carols so if you are available do come along to get involved in this worthwhile community event then please do.

BOOKHAM
SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
HIGH STREET, BOOKHAM

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024
1:00PM - 4:00PM

What's happening when and where?

Time	Where	What
1:10pm	Top of High Street	Great Bookham School choir
1:10pm	Mid-High Street	VIVO choir
1:40pm	Top of High Street	Decibelles choir
2:00pm	Top of High Street	Santa arrives & travels to his Grotto in Patrick Gardner
2:00pm	Mid-High Street	Rampant Rooster Morris Dancers
2:30pm	Top of High Street	Soundbytes choir
2:30pm	Mid-High Street	Churches Together choir
3:00pm	Top of High Street	Eastwick School choir
3:30pm	Top of High Street	Action Theatre Club singing
3:30pm	Mid-High Street	Rampant Rooster Morris Dancers
4:00pm	Santa leaves his Grotto and heads back to Lapland	

Don't forget to look out for Santa on his Sleigh runs in and around Bookham - full details in winter 2024 edition of Bookham's Bulletin.

Rotary in Bookham & Horsley helps individuals and organisations, both locally and internationally, with donations of our time and money.

With more help we could do so much more, if you would like to get involved, in whatever capacity, please drop us an email at info@bhrotary.org.uk - we'd love to hear from you!

Rotary Charity number 264727

Rotary
Bookham & Horsley

Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds

Hattie & Romilly-Rosa

Bumblebees	Cora & Sasha
Dragonflies	Albert & Jack
Foxes	Mabel & Toby
Squirrels	Archer & Blake
Hedgehogs	Billy & Chloe
Rabbits	Henry & Martha
Eagles	Ben & Sofia
Hawks	Aidan & Leia
Falcons	Ellis & Kristina

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

Congratulations to **Falcons** for winning the attendance certificate this week with **98% attendance!**

MAC the attendance bear will live in Falcons for the week.

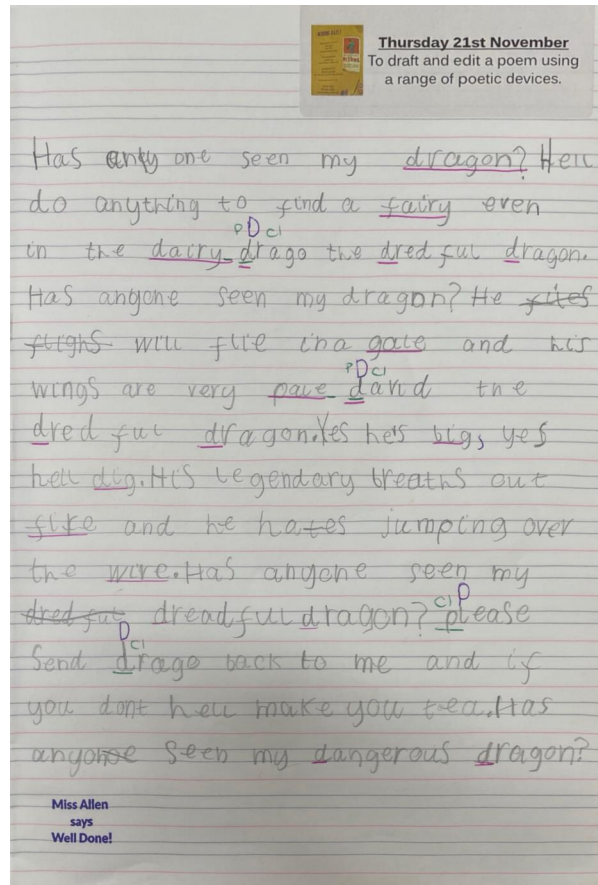


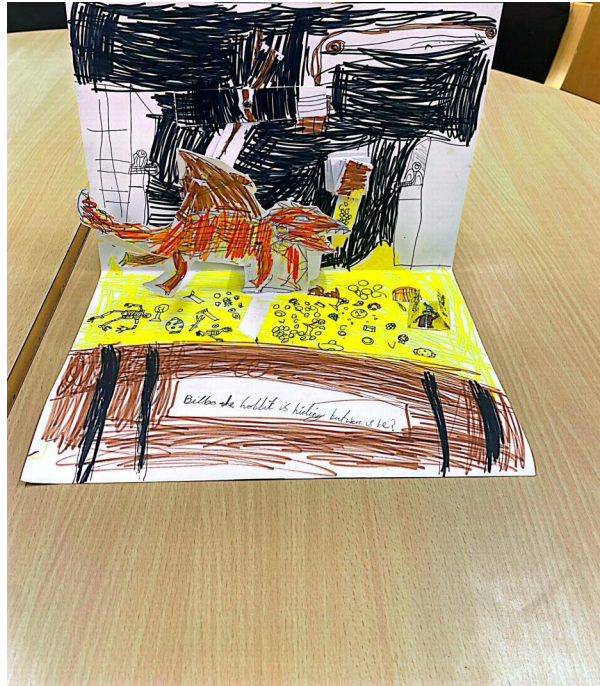
Headteacher Awards

Albert in Year 2 shared a fantastic poem that had written all about a dragon. He was excited to tell me about the alliteration he had used and his creative rhyming words.

Finn in Year 5 was delighted to show me his fabulous pop up book that he had created in DT. He proudly explained to me that he had included 5 mechanisms.

Rupert in Year 6 has been working incredibly hard with his homework each week and has independently written the most spectacular 3 part story.





Online Safety

How to keep your child safe on TikTok using safety settings

There are six security settings that can help you to keep TikTok safe for your child and prevent them seeing anything that might worry or upset them:

1. **Family Pairing** This allows you to connect your child's account with your own. It gives you access to parental controls to help manage who they can speak to and how long they can spend on the app.
2. **Private account** Setting your child's account to private means that only approved followers will be able to watch their videos.
3. **Restricted mode** This feature helps to filter out videos that may contain inappropriate or adult topics and stop them appearing on your child's 'For You Page'.
4. **Comment filters** Enable to manage who can comment on your child's videos and stop inappropriate comments from appearing on their feed.
5. **Direct messages** This can help them manage who can contact them privately on the app. You can choose who can send them direct messages by selecting 'Friends only' or 'No one'.
6. **Daily screen time** This setting allows you manage how long your child can spend on the app. You can set a daily time limit, and once it's up you'll need to enter a passcode to keep using the platform.

Explore TikTok's Guardian Guide¹ for more information.

The Friends

Rudolph's Christmas Market

One week to go until the Christmas Fair and we have been busy trying to make it as magical as possible for the children. Don't forget you can pre book your entry & snow globe tickets here: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgbs

With every child entry you will be given a free quiz with the chance to win a festive gonk. The children will need to find the letters hidden around the fair and unscramble them to find the festive word. 10 correct entries will be drawn at random to win. Kids should keep an eye out at school to see if they can spot the cheeky gonks hanging around! Our thanks goes to Garsons Farm for their kind donation & continual support.

We really need help on Thursday 28th November for final preparations, there is a lot to do. So even if you are not coming to the fair but have an hour or so to spare, please come to the office at 6:30pm. Sorry no kids.

If anyone has any big out door lights we can borrow please email: friends.gbs@sfet.org.uk

We are also looking for outdoor fairy lights, please bring to the office next Thursday labelled with your child's name and class.

A reminder that all donations - Jolly Jars, Christmas jumpers/clothes and hamper items to be brought in by Thursday 28th November. Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle is also Thursday 28th.

Giving Tree

It's lovely to see so many gifts under the Christmas tree already, many thanks to those who have kindly donated. There are lots of tags still on the tree and so if you are shopping at the weekend, please consider picking up a little gift whether it be a toy, stationery, fluffy socks or toiletries for the older children to donate. All donations must be in by Friday 29th November as they are being taken to the Rainbow Trust on Monday 2nd December in time to distribute at their Christmas gathering.

¹<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Christmas

Jolly Jars

The best way to get rid of your Halloween sweets:
Decorate jam jars and fill them with goodies!

Add small toys, stickers, erasers, small pencils, lego, craft items...



Donations directly to teachers from 11th November

Prize for the class with the most jars!

Christmas

Christmas Jumper

Bored of your Christmas attire? Donate it and buy a new one at Rudolph's Christmas Market!
Kids and adult clothes welcome, whether jumpers, pyjamas, hats or anything else!
(Washed items in plastic bags please)



Hint ... X-mas Jumper day at school is 12th Dec

Donate from 11th November
Please use storage boxes at both entrances

Christmas

Hamper donations

We need your help! Please donate a coloured item as per your child's house.



Saturn



Venus



Neptune



Mars

Donations from 11th November
Please use storage boxes at both entrances

Community and Local events



Great Bookham School is at the centre of a wonderful community and we are keen to support local events. Many children are members of clubs, associations and take part in activities outside of school.

Please click [here](#)² to visit our community and local event page on the school website. Some of the information you will find include:

Spirit of Christmas event in Bookham High Street. The school will be singing at 1.10pm

Bookham Colts football club

Weekly groups for babies - toddlers

Swimming lessons

Little Bookham Christmas Market on 30th November

Whats on at the Mole Valley Hub

Free showing of Muppet Christmas on 14th December

Mega Camps during the Christmas holiday

²<https://www.greatbookhamschool.org.uk/page/?title=Community+and+Events+Page&pid=159>

MVDC is currently reaching out to the Bookham community, residents and businesses, to give their views, comments and ideas about the Bookham Masterplan consultation.

Please see the article about the Bookham Masterplan published on the Leatherhead Living social media page.

<https://newleatherheadliving.wordpress.com/2024/10/24/bookham-masterplan-consultation-underway/>³

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