

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 13 - 6th December 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

What a joy it has been to see the festive spirit come alive at our school recently. Last weekend, our school choir performed beautifully at the Spirit of Bookham event. Their voices filled the air with warmth and joy, making it a memorable occasion for all.

Our Key Stage 1 Nativity performance was a highlight as well. The children shone brightly, bringing the Christmas story to life with their enthusiasm and talent. It was truly a wonderful moment to see the children's hard work and creativity come together so beautifully.

Across the school, it has been fantastic to see learning brought to life in such engaging ways.

In Year 1, students had the opportunity to step back in time and experience a Victorian classroom, which was an exciting way to immerse themselves in history. Meanwhile, Year 5 celebrated European Christmas Day, discovering the unique traditions and customs from across Europe and the delightful aromas wafting from the cookery room were very welcome.

On Wednesday, I had a delightful time with the children who won a golden ticket to have a hot chocolate with me. They enjoyed listening to Christmas songs and choosing a variety of toppings for their drinks. George told me that it was the best hot chocolate that he had ever had! I was very grateful for their company and lovely conversation.

Looking ahead, we are excited for next Tuesday's EYFS Nativity performance in the morning, and the first of our two evening Christingle services on Wednesday. These events promise to be just as magical, and we look forward to sharing these special moments with our school community.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend and week ahead!

Warm regards,

Miss J. Allen





Upcoming key dates

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

Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Ladybirds

Charlotte & Theo

Bumblebees	Bonnie & Giorgia
Dragonflies	Liba & Silas
Foxes	Abel & Thomas
Squirrels	Elsie & Rocco
Hedgehogs	Alfie & Sasha
Rabbits	Evie & Katie
Eagles	Finn & Jack
Hawks	Layla & Tommy
Falcons	Faith & Imogen

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

Congratulations to **Foxes** for winning the attendance certificate this week!

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



Headteacher Awards

Ellis in Year 6 was a fantastic ambassador for our school during a recent prospective parent tour. He impressed visitors with his skilful and confident playing of the drums.

Sasha in Year 3 wrote and performed a thoughtful poem to her class. We are particularly proud of Sacha as she has excelled in her English skills and is now confident in speaking two languages!

Chloe in Year 5 has consistently impressed me with her active and engaging contributions in class when I have toured prospective parents. She is always willing to share her learning with confidence and models fantastic manners.

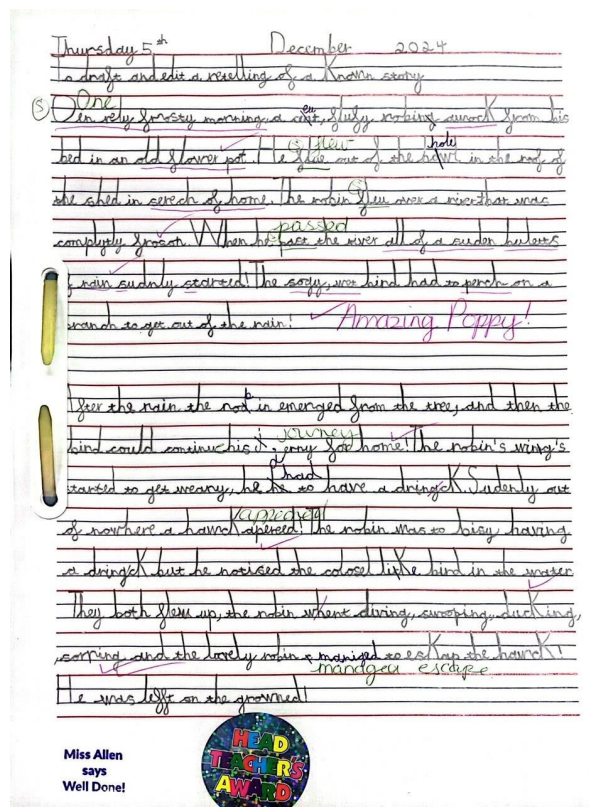
Poppy, George and Eloise in Year 3 have all written fantastic examples of retelling a known story. They were inspired by the 2016 Waitrose Christmas advert Coming Home and thought carefully about the figurative language that they could include.

Finley and Ben in Reception have used their phonic knowledge carefully to write letters to Father Christmas.

Cecily in Reception painted a fantastic collection of baubles using her observation skills. She thought carefully about the shapes and colours that she used and tried hard to make them as life like as possible.

Lizzy in Year 2 chose to do extra homework and wrote a fantastic story inspired by her learning in class.

Darcy in Year 2 was very proud to share her learning in history this week. She was able to recall key facts and had tried very hard with her handwriting.



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robin flew over hills of snow.

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the robin was at first,
the robin kept the pine
clog.

The robin ^{with a} flew as bird.

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Friday 6th December 2024

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One frozen morning, I glided on top of a
icy river. I sat on a twisted branch,
my wing got soaked. The water shoot
down the branch.

Before I knew it a dark shadow flew
over me... it was a hawk, luckily I
dodged it. My heart was pounding!

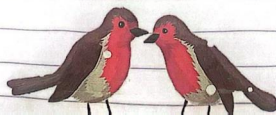
I flew gracefully with my bird friends.
But then fog was ahead!! I lost my
friend. I started to panic!! Finally
the fog went. The fog looked like
cotton candy.

Under me was a bobbing boat,
Suddenly a big wave came, it took
me onto the boat! Next to me was
a giant boat, they picked me up.



I wake up in a very cosy box. He gave
me a hand full of bird food. In his
kind soft hands he let me go.
I feel free again! I feel amazing to
be back home. My heart was glad
when I saw her.

by Elois




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3. t e d d y teddy

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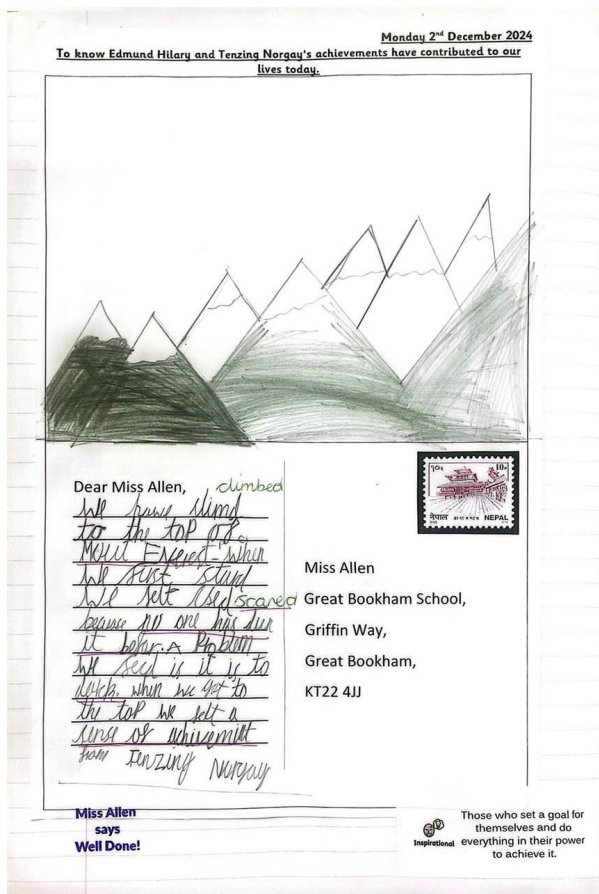
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1. b a s k e t Basket
2. o v e n oven
3. t e d d y teddy

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Miss Allen says Well Done!

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Tea&Talk - Device Safety

On Thursday 12th December 2:30-3:15pm, Miss Berenson will be hosting the next parent Tea&Talk session.

With the awareness that some children may be gifted with new devices over the festive season, this session will be focused on device safety and top tips for parents when setting up

new devices with their children. If you wish to attend the session, please complete the attached form here¹.

If you cannot attend this session but would be interested to learn more about keeping your children safe online, Miss Dawson has booked a speaker to come in for Safer Internet Day on February 11th at 2:45pm which we will provide more information on nearer the time.

Online Safety

New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games.
- Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with.

Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parentalcontrols-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/NintendoSwitch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Tablets/Smartphones

¹<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rw25qY34TUKgmgIAGXHPUgVOIGXicWZLi-6KgSEpTNdUMlozQjhERIFTTTNTJINHVjJFWTIYOVJZNi4u>

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Android Device: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

Further information

You can find out more about parental controls here: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/>

The poster features the 'eduthing' logo (IT Services for Education) and social media icons (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, X) at the top. The main title 'ONLINE SAFETY TALK' is in large white letters on a pink background. Below it, the date and time 'TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025 2.45PM - 3.15PM' are in white on a blue background. The school name 'GREAT BOOKHAM SCHOOL' is in blue. The text describes the digital world as an ever-developing landscape and invites parents and carers to join a special online safety session. It lists the topics to be covered: Online Safety Awareness, Key Online Safety Principles for Children, Practical Tips for Privacy Settings and Controls, Support for Conversations around Online Safety, and Accessing Additional Support & Resources. The bottom of the poster has an illustration of a person sitting on the floor with a laptop displaying 'GB', a shield with a lock, a key, and a person standing next to a server rack.

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ONLINE SAFETY TALK

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025
2.45PM - 3.15PM

GREAT BOOKHAM SCHOOL

The digital world is an ever developing and changing landscape. Children growing up in modern society have greater access to information, communication and creative tools than ever before. This brings many positives and opportunities for advancements, but it is important that as adults we keep an awareness of online risks, how to best mitigate these and manage conversations around the online world with our children.

We welcome all parents and carers to join us at 2.45pm on Tuesday 11th February 2025 for this special online safety focused session, presented by experts from eduthing. There will be a specific parent & carer talk and the opportunity to see online safety education in the classroom alongside the children. We will look to provide practical advice and tips to help parents and carers manage their children's time online and make it as safe and enjoyable as possible.

The session will touch on the following areas:

- Online Safety Awareness
- Key Online Safety Principles for Children
- Practical Tips for Privacy Settings and Controls
- Support for Conversations around Online Safety
- Accessing Additional Support & Resources

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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