

# Great Bookham School Newsletter

## Issue 1 2025/26

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*Welcome to Issue 1 - 12th Sept 2025*

*Dear Parents and carers,*

*Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's wonderful to see the school full of energy and enthusiasm again as we begin a new academic year. We're delighted to share some lovely news from our staff – congratulations to Miss Fanthorpe, who got engaged over the summer and is set to become Mrs Gregory - we're so happy for her and are sure the children will be more than happy to help her with the wedding planning! A big congratulations as well to Mr Perrins, who travelled back to China with his wife Daisy, to celebrate their traditional Chinese wedding – a truly special occasion. We're thrilled to share in these joyful moments with our school community.*

*It has been a fantastic first full week back and we are really pleased with how well all the children have settled into their new year groups and classes. A special welcome goes out to our new Year 3 starters who have made a great start to life in Key Stage 2 and to our Reception children who, after a few initial settling sessions, have now begun their full days with great enthusiasm. It is a particularly exciting time for the school as we welcome 60 new children into Reception this year for the first time. We are delighted to see the new faces becoming part of our school community and Great Bookham School family.*

*Over the summer we were lucky to have some exciting building work take place and we are already seeing the benefits. The new outdoor EYFS area is proving to be a big hit with the children who have been eagerly exploring the new climbing wall, water play station and the much-loved play house which has already earned the nickname 'the pirate ship'. Our new classrooms are also being finished off this week and we are really pleased with how they have turned out. We look forward to sharing more photos with the children using the space over the coming weeks, but for now here is a little sneak peak into what the space looks like.*

*A reminder to our Year 6 families that applications for secondary school places are now open and will close on 31st October. Details of how to apply and upcoming open afternoons and evenings will be on MCAS.*

*School clubs will begin next week for all those who have signed up and we're looking forward to a wide range of activities on offer. Next Friday 19th will also be the first cross country event of the academic year at KGV for Years 5 and 6 and we hope to see lots of our pupils there representing the school.*

*We look forward to welcoming parents to the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week (please see dates and times below) and would like to remind parents to use the Griffin Way entrance to attend these meetings.*

*Have a great weekend.*

*Warm regards,*

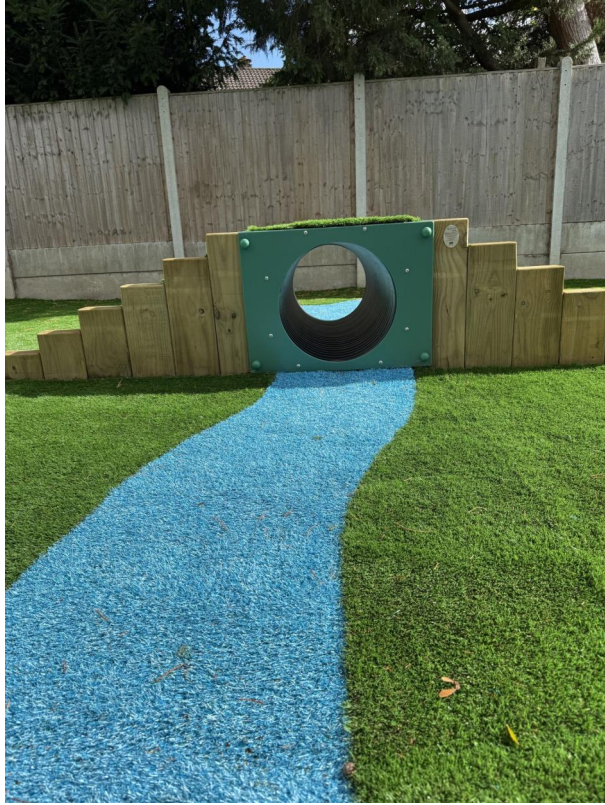
*Miss Allen*

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## Parking

During the summer, I informed GBS parents that they are now able to purchase a parking permit for both the Co-Op car park and the Lower Shott car park. In addition, we have since been made aware that the Lower Shott car park also has 10 free 30-minute bays available for use.

Please can I remind parents that parking in the school car park at either the top or bottom gate is not permitted. Parking on the horseshoe, kerbs or pavements is also not allowed.

This week, we experienced a very near miss involving a child, caused by a parent mounting the curb to park at the Lower Road gate. This type of parking is unacceptable and extremely unsafe. I know that all parents and carers want to prioritise the safety of our children, so I

ask you to please make use of the local car parks or park a short distance away and walk to school.

Please be assured that we will never release children until their parent or carer has arrived, so please do not take risks. Safety must always come first.

We have contacted the local Police Community Officer and Civil Enforcement Officers for support with this matter as it continues to be a challenge.

The photo below shows the type of parking that puts children at risk.



### *Upcoming key dates*

#### **Meet the teacher dates**

Monday 15th September 2:50pm – 3:20pm – **Year 5 and Year 6**

Monday 15th September 5:30pm – 6:30pm – an induction meeting for **Reception parents - parking available on the junior playground**

Tuesday 16th September 2:50pm – 3:20pm – **Year 4**

Wednesday 17th September 2:50pm – 3:20pm – **Year 1**

Thursday 18th September 2:50pm – 3:20pm – **Year 2 and Year 3**

- 19th September - Year 5 & Year 6 **Cross country**

- 22nd - 25th September - **Scholastic Book Fair**-We are pleased to welcome the book fair back to raise much needed funds for our reading resources in our libraries. Children will have a chance to visit the book fair with their class on Monday (22nd) and then you are welcome to visit any day that week at pick up 3:35-3:45pm to make purchases. We welcome card payments only. More information on titles can be found here: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>
- 2nd October - **Individual school photos**

### **Class Assembly Dates**

October 3rd 2025 - Falcons

November 7th 2025 - Kestrels

November 28th 2025 - Hawks

January 23rd 2026 - Hedgehogs

February 6th 2026 - Foxes

February 27th 2026 - Squirrels

March 13th 2026 - Eagles

April 24th 2026 - Dragonflies

May 1st 2026 - Bumblebees

May 15th 2026 - Rabbits

June 5th 2026 - Butterflies

June 19th 2026 - Ladybirds



### *Stars of the week*

Our stars for this week are:

<b>Bumblebees</b>	<b>Cecily and George D</b>
<b>Dragonflies</b>	<b>Freddie G and Everly</b>
<b>Foxes</b>	<b>Theo and Liba</b>
<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>Silas and Poppy</b>
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>Cara and James</b>
<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Ross and Abigail</b>
<b>Eagles</b>	<b>Noah and Mollie</b>
<b>Hawks</b>	<b>Georgina and Kira</b>
<b>Falcons</b>	<b>Sam and Cody</b>
<b>Kestrels</b>	<b>Finn and Nell</b>

# STARS OF THE WEEK

## *Headteacher Awards*

Charlie in Year 6 was a role model to the other children in school during assembly due to his reflective and considered contribution.

Asher in Year 4 completed his maths work brilliantly - what a great start Asher!

Archie G, Romilly and Mishitha in Year 1 enjoyed writing descriptive phrases about their imaginary monsters.

Ned in Year 5 has shown such kindness and support to his Year R Special Friend this week.

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Q2

2a £ 20 - 10  
2b £ 14 - 20  
2c £ 32 - 10  
2d £ 40 - 66  
2e £ 50 - 72


Dexter is thinking of a number.  
My number is a 3-digit number.  
It has the same number of tens as ones.  
The digit sum is 10.

What could Dexter's number be?  
Find each possibility and partition it.

2 + 4 + 4 = 10  
4 + 3 + 3 = 10  
6 + 3 + 1 = 10  
8 + 1 + 1 = 10

4-digit number.

3274p  
3274p




Thursday 11th September 2025

My Monster

Lo: To draft and edit labels by forming letters correctly.

teeth  
Sharp teeth  
Long arm  
big nose  
Long feet



Sharp claws  
big eyes  
Long legs  
big head

ABC [hand icon] •


My monster has sharp teeth. ✓  
My monster has sharp claws. ✓ (I)  
My monster has sharp horns. ✓

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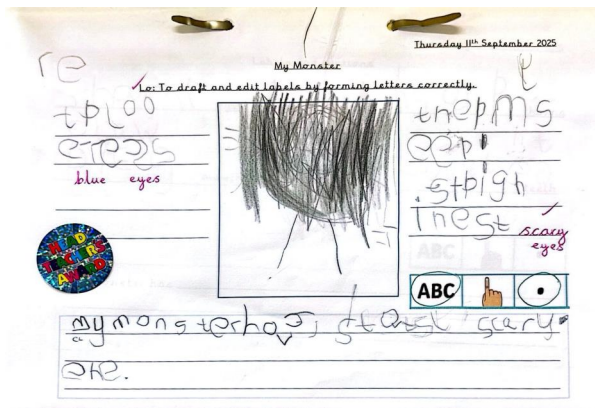
sharp claws  
white feet



Sharp claws  
white feet

ABC [hand icon] •

My monster has sharp claws.



## Online Safety

### Online Safety Act

#### What is the Online Safety Act?

The Online Safety Act 2023 is a set of laws introduced to protect children and adults online. Ofcom is the regulator for online safety in the UK, responsible for ensuring companies follow the new rules. As part of this role, Ofcom have designed the Children Codes of practice, which came into force in July 2025. The codes outline what all online services likely to be accessed by children must do to protect children online, for example:

- Enforce age limits.
- Protect children from accessing harmful or age-inappropriate content. This includes content relating to self-harm and eating disorders.
- Ensure users can easily report harmful content.

Ofcom has the power to enforce the rules as well as issue fines if companies fail to comply. You can find out more here: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/new-rules-for-a-safer-generation-of-children-online>

#### How will it help to protect my child?

One of the main purposes of the Act is to protect children online. Ofcom has published information on how they are helping children to be safer online. The first link is a guide for parents, which also includes a section on what you can do as a parent.

You can access this information here:

- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-ofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents>
- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-the-online-safety-act-will-help-to-protect-children>

Further information

Online Safety Act explainer: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer><sup>1</sup>

## *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<sup>2</sup> to visit our community and local event page on the school website. Some of the information you will find include:

1st Bookham Beavers and Cubs who both have spaces

Leatherhead U6-U8 Soccer school

Cookery club in Bookham and Fetcham for children aged 2-11yrs

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer>

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

Bookham Colts football club

Weekly groups for babies - toddlers

Swimming lessons

What's on at the Mole Valley Hub

SEND Families meet up

Bookham Tennis Club

Aerial Tumbling Club

FACE September timetable