

# Great Bookham School Newsletter

## Issue 3 2025/26

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*Welcome to Issue 3 - 26th Sept 2025*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*What a vibrant and enriching week we've had here at school! It's been wonderful to see so many engaging activities happening across the year groups, bringing learning to life in such meaningful ways.*

*Our Year 2 pupils had a fantastic outing to Layton's Green Grocers this week, where they explored a wide variety of fruits and learned about where in the world different produce comes from. The highlight, of course, was getting to purchase and sample some of the delicious fruit back at school — a great way to combine geography, healthy eating and real-world opportunities!*

*Year 5 enjoyed an insightful and important visit from the Surrey Fire Service. The children learned all about fire safety, including how to stay safe at home and what to do in an emergency. Thank you to the fire officer who gave up her time to help our pupils understand such a vital topic.*

*Year R made a very tasty vegetable soup inspired by their learning all about The Enormous Turnip. They very kindly shared some with me and I can confirm that it was delicious.*

*We were also very fortunate to welcome Tristan Stone into school this week. Tristan spoke to the children about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, helping them gain a deeper understanding of this significant celebration. Thank you, Tristan, for sharing your time and knowledge with us.*

*We've been pleased to begin our tours for prospective families and it's been wonderful to meet so many new faces already. All children have been fantastic ambassadors for our school and we're proud to showcase all the brilliant things happening here each day. I would like to particularly praise the Year 6 children who have had the role of 'Meet and Greet'*

*during the tours. They have been phenomenal and so many guests have commented on how impressive their confidence has been.*

*A few reminders for the coming week:*

*Harvest Festival for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place on Tuesday 30th September at 9am. We look forward to welcoming many of you to this lovely celebration. We will be collecting food for our local food bank everyday next week so, if you are able to, we would welcome any non-perishable items.*

*We are celebrating Grandparents Day in KS1 on Monday 6th October at 2.30pm. If your child's grandparents are available to come in and read to groups of children please click [here](#) to let us know.*

*School Census Day is on Thursday 2nd October. Please ensure your child has a school meal on this day if possible — it makes a big difference for our school. The meal choice is available to pre-select on MCAS.*

*Next Friday 3rd October, we'll be cheering on our Year 3 and 4 pupils at the second Cross Country event of this academic year, held at KGV at 4pm. Good luck to all our runners!*

*Finally, thank you to every parent/carer that has supported this week's book fair. I will write to you at a later date to share how much money has been raised for new books in school.*

*Wishing you all a restful weekend.*

*Warm regards,*

*Miss Allen*

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## *Upcoming key dates*

- 30th September - **Harvest Festival for EYFS, Yr1 and Yr2 - 9am - Please note that for health and safety reasons we can only allow 2 family members to attend per child**
- 2nd October - **Individual school photos**
- 3rd October - **Year 3/4 Cross Country at KGV**
- 17th October - **Whole School Vaccination & Reception and Yr6 Height and Weight checks**
- 21st October - **Parent Consultations**
- 23rd October - **Parent Consultations**

### **Class Assembly Dates - 9am start**

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



## Headteacher Awards

James T in Year 4 wrote as many facts as he could about Romans.

Amanaah in Year 4 skilfully drew a Roman soldier and labelled parts of their uniform.

Leo in Year R has wowed us with his amazing phonic knowledge and for trying so hard to write the letter 'i' on the line.

Jasper and Cody in Year 6 worked incredibly hard to write spell poems based on Macbeth, both boys really impressed me with their cursive handwriting.

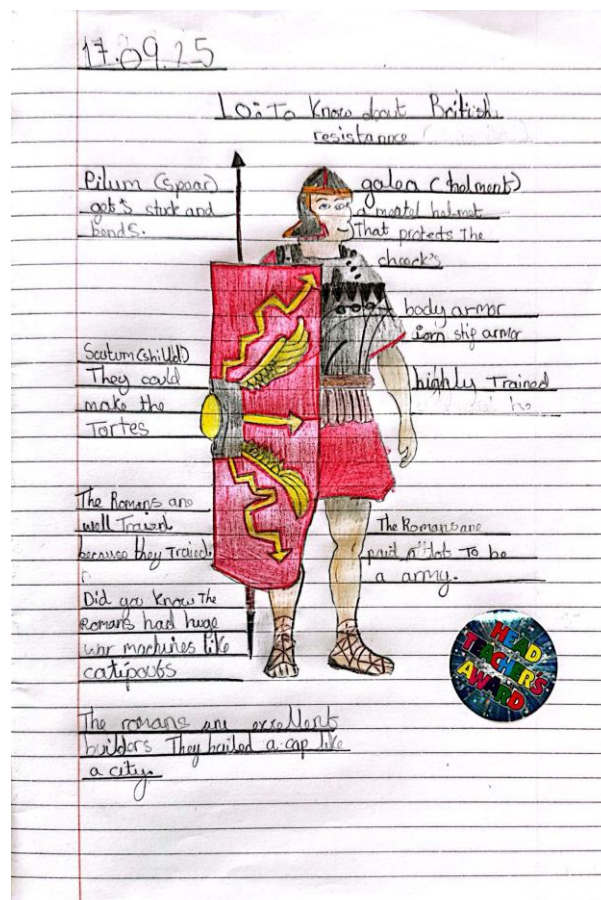
Evelyn in Year 3 shared a fantastic piece of writing. She was also very proud of her thoughtful writing plan that she had produced the day before.

Ruah in Year 4 created a beautiful design in RE based on the Lords Prayer.

Jacob in Year 4 worked very hard in English this week and wrote more than ever before!

Cora in Year 2 has really enjoyed writing an information page based on The Gruffalo.

Freddie in Year 2 has worked very hard completing the challenge activity in his maths lesson today.



17.09.2025 Jame Lo

1. Attacked in Legos - 5000 men ✓
2. Legos split into 4000 ✓
3. Cloaks split into 4000 ✓
4. Cloaks split into 4000 ✓ ~~10 men~~
5. 2 feet per 10 men ✓
6. Gladius - sword ✓
7. Scautum - shields ✓
8. Testa - torax ✓
9. Pilum - spear ✓
10. Calceus - sandals ✓
11. Gally - helmet ✓
12. Aeger sedimento - armor ✓
13. Calceus - sandals ✓ <sup>cut up</sup> over 3 feet tall ✓
14. Calceus - sandals ✓
15. 10-20 years - old ✓
16. Kept slaves ✓
17. Great things <sup>engineers</sup> ✓
18. First attack in 51 AD ✓
19. Final invasion in 51 AD ✓
20. beat the celt ✓

In 55 AD the Roman Empire attacked  
Britain Britain

The Romans landed in Legos  
with catapults and 5000 men ✓



Wow! So many  
incredible facts!

MACBETH'S WITCHES BREW

In the deep dark forest,

The weather was terrible.

Witch: ~~mix~~ Thrice thrice the hog sews us cloudy.

Witch: Thrice the bear of fowls vicesly.

Witch: The owl hooted eerily.

Witch: Mix us and stir make it quick

a evil potion that will make you sick

Witch: Let there be light to see in the night

and let them scream until there is star.

Witch: Hurk and curd into the pot until it's hot.

Tail of a cat and dragons egg

a bunch of organs and a hippo's leg.

- ~~stick~~ <sup>slime</sup> of a slug and lion fur

rotten skin and ~~gail~~ <sup>rotten</sup> rotten



Double double toil and trouble

Burn burn and cauldron

bubbling



Jasper

### MACBETH'S WITCHES BREW

In a cave there is thunder and lightning. Three witches enter.

1 Thrice the raven hath howl'd.  
 2 Thrice the eerie bat hath squall'd,  
 3 Thrice the slithery snake hath hessed tis time, tis time.  
 Swirling round the cauldron go,  
 in a moldy head we throw.  
 In we churn a dog's tongue,  
 A cat's paw, hear the wailing cries of death  
 sung, let's make this potion more and more.  
 A shark's fin, a mamoth's tooth, this  
 potion will be full of evil truth.

Boil and burn to brew a stew,  
twist and turn the whole night  
through.



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

#### Planning a story using show not tell.

<p>How did Tim feel seeing the 'dark, stream-lined shape'? Use show not tell!</p>	<p>trembling with fear          heart pounding loudly          heart thumping ✓          stomach aching with spasm          staring dead still as a statue</p>
<p>What did Tim do as it got closer?</p>	<p>was bitten jumped back          Tomped slowly stepping back          all at once the shark got closer          shooting gas bubbles big ones coast          onto them ✓</p>
<p>What did it turn out to be? Describe it.</p>	<p>A gleaming, shiny silver and red          shining on the jet. To get closer          and jumped out of the water and          it looked like a dolphin ✓</p>
<p>How did Tim feel? Use show don't tell.</p>	<p>heart pounding it went under the          boat. Helebrandy he fell to          the ground with fright. They          didn't know what was going to          happen next ✓</p>



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Stranded.  
Jim's stomach <sup>was</sup> aching with panic as the mysterious creature got closer. Standing dead still, he whispered to dad "What is this dark, stream-lined shape?" Jim could hear the waves making a massive splash.

Frenzied, he slowly stepped and nearly fell in! In fright the pair stepped forward so they didn't fall in. They looked at each other in horror like they were on an island with nothing on it.

The creature jumped out of the water and ~~was~~ gleaming blue and sparkling. Of course it was a shy, grumpy dolphin.

The calm, gentle sea water wobbled on the water's

edge. helplessly he fell to the ground in shock. They had no idea of what was going to happen. Evelyn, this is incredible! You have thought so carefully about your descriptions and varied sentences. 😊

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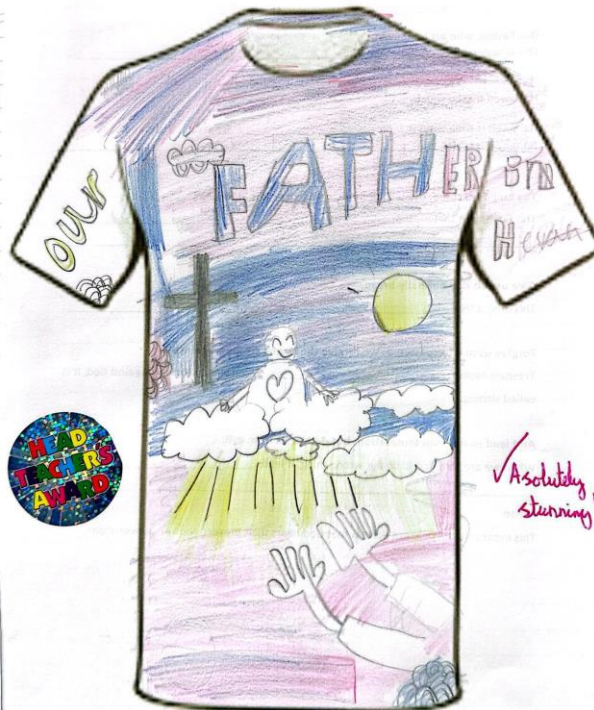
To draft and edit an information page using coordinating conjunctions.

The information page will tell you about what a grizzly bear likes to eat and where he lives.



Food:

A grizzly bear's favourite food is skunk head snake or road fox and old use creams. He also he likes to drink water from the lake. What would you do if you saw a grizzly bear?



✓ Absolutely stunning!

Jacob

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
To crash and eat a diary entry

: Confession =

Dear Diary,

Today has <sup>been</sup> the <sup>worst</sup> day of <sup>my</sup> life!

~~LAST~~ I ~~woke~~ <sup>woke</sup> up in a ~~room~~ <sup>room</sup> with spiders in the ~~corner~~ <sup>corner</sup>

~~of my room~~, <sup>when</sup> I ~~rock~~ <sup>rocked</sup>

my head out the window ~~and~~

~~rock~~ my window it was <sup>nothing</sup> ~~nothing~~

like home... I ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~disappointed~~ <sup>disappointed</sup>!

I saw ~~bacon~~ <sup>bacon</sup> on the table, ~~and~~ it

was a day of <sup>miserable</sup> ~~miserable~~ <sup>enough</sup>

(P) I <sup>hopped</sup> ~~hopped~~ back into bed and

~~pretended~~ <sup>pretended</sup> everything was ~~fine~~ <sup>fine</sup> but

~~everything~~ <sup>everything</sup> was ~~fine~~ <sup>fine</sup> but

I still <sup>missed</sup> ~~missed~~ my <sup>family</sup> ~~family~~.

Although, it was still a beautiful countryside.

Incredible writing Jacob! Well done for writing so much.  
Expand your nouns

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

To recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20.

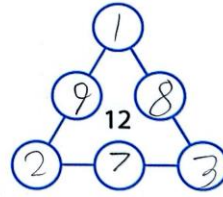
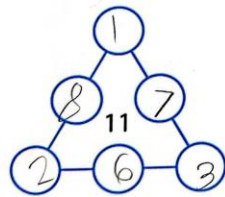
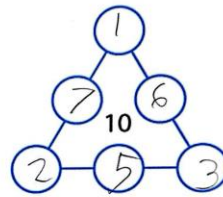
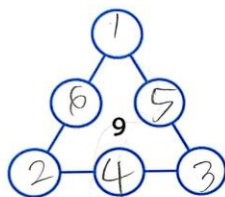
### Number Round Up

Age 5 to 7  
Challenge Level \*\*\*

Arrange the numbers 1 to 6 in each set of circles below.

The sum of each side of the triangle should equal the number in the centre of the triangular shape.

How are you going about trying to find an arrangement that works?



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

Stagecoach lesson in Bookham and Leatherhead

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

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