

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Issue 4 2025/26

Welcome to Issue 4 - 3rd Oct 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been an exciting one with lots to celebrate and fantastic learning taking place.

We started the week with our youngest children leading the school in our Harvest celebrations. They treated audiences to fantastic singing and it was very special to see our reception cohort performing with such confidence and gusto! Thank you to all parents and carers that came to watch and support the children.

On Wednesday 1st October we were thrilled to officially open our newly developed EYFS outdoor area. We were honoured to welcome Claire Curran, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning to help us celebrate this exciting milestone. The children were beaming with pride as they showed off their new learning space and it was a joy to see the buzz of energy and creativity already taking place inside and outside of the classrooms. We had a special party in the afternoon with the children to celebrate the official opening and the children thoroughly enjoyed eating cupcakes and dancing to their favourite songs in their outdoor area!

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Tea and Talk session on Tuesday 30th September hosted by Barnardo's. The focus on ADHD awareness sparked thoughtful discussion and offered valuable insights and support for families. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout and we look forward to more sessions like this in future.

Great Bookham School hosted a tennis tournament for year 5 players this week and were joined by Eastwick, The Raleigh, West Ashtead and The Greville. 28 players took part in matches over 2 hours and the atmosphere was fantastic - they all enjoyed the opportunity to play on full size clay courts. The tournament was run by the coaches at Leatherhead Tennis Club - a big thank you to Alex, Matt, Simon and Tiff and Mrs Johnston for organising the

event. Our team: William, Flynn, Noah, Toby, Mael, Jackson and Sennen all played brilliantly and we were delighted to come 2nd.

Thursday was school photo day and it was lovely to see the children coming into school looking so smart and with the most beautiful hair styles. All children have been given a ticket with a QR code for you to scan to see and order their photos. Please note that your child's photo may not be available to view straight away.

Falcon Class kicked off the start of class assemblies this week and shared a fabulous array of learning that has taken place over the last 4 weeks of school. The audience were wowed by dramatisation of Macbeth and The Highwayman, sharing of learning about electrical circuits in science and even performances from individuals who play a musical instruments. Well done Falcon Class and thank you to Mrs Blair and Miss Jupp for supporting the children to prepare for this special event.

Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in what must have been the soggiest cross-country competition at KGV on Friday. They were all incredible ambassadors for our school and every runner did a fantastic job of running 1km in the pouring rain and blustery wind, especially those competing for the very first time. Your resilience and team spirit made us proud! Thank you to Mrs Jupp and the staff team for being there to organise and support the children.

Next week is Kindness Week at school and children will be taking part in a variety of activities that promote empathy, friendship and positive behaviour. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors will play a key role in coordinating events and helping to spread kindness throughout the school community.

To mark World Mental Health Day children are invited to wear a yellow accessory on Friday 10th October. This small act is a big way to show solidarity and remind one another that no one is alone in how they feel. Let's brighten the school with yellow and raise awareness together. Please do not worry if you do not have a yellow accessory to hand at home as we will also have yellow material that we can offer to any children that would like to use it.

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings are taking place on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how we can continue working together to support their learning. Bookings will open Tuesday 7th at 9am via MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) so please make sure to secure your slot as soon as possible.

Thank you as always for your continued support and involvement in school life. We're proud of our vibrant caring community and look forward to sharing more with you over the coming weeks.

Warm regards,

Miss Allen

Upcoming key dates

- 10th October - **World Mental Health day - children can wear a yellow accessory**
- 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

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:

Ladybirds	Dylan & Louis
Butterflies	Alya & Jax
Bumblebees	Romilly & Archie G
Dragonflies	Goutham & Layla
Foxes	George & Lizzie
Squirrels	Harriet & Sam
Hedgehogs	Marley & George
Rabbits	Archer & Emilia
Eagles	Toby & Katie
Hawks	Georgina & Lily
Falcons	Zaki & Ben
Kestrels	Lucy & Emily

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Attendance

Congratulations to Dragonflies for winning the attendance certificate this week with 99.33% attendance!

MAC the attendance bear will visit the classroom this week.



Headteacher Awards

Grace, Matilda and Eloise in Year 4 worked very hard during a recent science experiment and thought carefully about their presentation.

Kaydee in Year 5 wrote a wonderful diary entry pretending to be Bilbo Baggins from The Hobbit.

Goutham in Year 2 produced fantastic writing linked to the story Man on the Moon.

Leo in Year 4 worked so hard during science this week and produced exceptional work about the anatomy of a tooth.

Seren, Jack HB and Josh A worked hard to create fabulous comic strips.

Cara in Year 4 showed kindness and compassion for her friend at swimming this week.

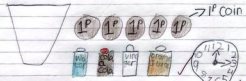
Ashton and Nell in Year 6 were excellent ambassadors for our school as they showed Councillor Claire Curran to our new EYFS outdoor area for the official opening of the space.

To Plan and carry out a fair test on tooth decay.

Aim: To find which drinks are worst for our teeth.

Prediction: I think water will make the coin the shiniest because it has the no sugar.

Equipment: 5x cups
5x coins
5 different drinks - water, vinegar, coke, orange juice



First, I will get all my equipment. Next, I will put 5 coins in 5 cups. Then, I will pour the different liquids. Finally, I will leave it for 2 days and check what has happened.

Fair test: I will keep it fair by using the same cup/coin, timing the same time and using the same amount of liquid.

Liquid	Little effect	Same	Most effect
Vinegar			✓
Orange Juice	✓		
Water		✓	
Milk		✓	
Coke			✓

Excellent work - beautifully presented!



Aim: To find which one the suggers and bad for your teeth.

prediction: coke will make the coin the shiniest because it high in sugare.

Equipment: 5x cups
5x coins
5 different drink
1x clock

List of drinks:
Coke
orange
water
juice
milk
vinger



Fair test: I will keep it a fair test by using the same amount of liquid, coin, time.

Method: First get your equipment. Next, put 5 coin that are the same. Then, pour the liquid in the cup. make shor is the same amount of liquid. Finally: wait for 2 day and take it out.

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Orange Juice	✓		
Water		✓	
Milk		✓	
Coke			✓

Beautiful work (2/1)

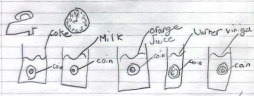
To Plan and carry out a fair test on tooth decay.

Aim: To find which drinks are the worst for our teeth.

Prediction: I think that the coke will make the coin shiny because it has lots of sugar.

Equipment: 5x cups
5x coins
5 different drinks - coke, milk, orange juice, water

Method: First I will get the equipment. Next I will put 5 coins in 5 different cups. Then I will put different drinks in different cups. Finally I will wait 2 days.



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Water		✓	
Milk		✓	
Coke			✓

Coke and Vinger is the worst for your teeth because it's acidic and sugary. The coins in the coke and vinger were really shiny. Water and milk are really good for your teeth and it was really shiny.

You should not drink really much coke things and orange juice. But you can drink milk and water.

Outstanding presentation!



Dear Diary,

You won't believe what happened today? I was making some scrummy breakfast when the door bell rang. I opened the door. A huge peculiar Dwarf barged his way in! He said "has it started?" Then it went off again. Another one a slightly smaller one. I was very confused but the last time a herd of Dwarves stumbled in like they were drunk they thought it was their own home. They gathered at my dining room table having a meeting and stopping there faces as whole mess of food! I never agreed to this I don't even know you! I said frustrated then there gave me a contract...

The contract said to steal something I'm not that kind of hobbit and "incineration" was on the terms and conditions. Steal from a Dragon. I don't know what to decide. I'll feel guilty of letting them down if I go. I could get valuable items go on a real adventure and be famous (and but my life at risk). But if I don't go I'll be safe. I'll more likely have food. Can't live without food. Be warm and cozy and not get lost. Tonight I'll think about it.

I don't know the dwarves are very persuasive. It would be nice to go on a real adventure.

Bilbo Baggins



Thursday 2nd October 2022

To draft and edit a diary entry, punctuating sentences

Dear Diary,

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you will never ever
happin wat hapenb to me!
Wen I went to the moon
it was a verb in rubbish!
I thot it was the
outyens. Wat a bins
or no rigel but how
did this hapend? Can
you help me? If you
can help me it wil bee
veree helptol! Plees
I wil bee ver hapen!
I wil do enee thing!



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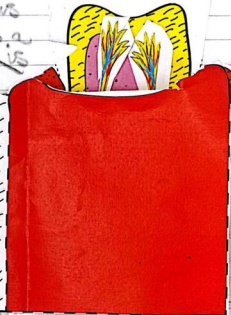
To recognise the importance of and how too look after are teeth.

Gum: It holds the tooth in place its sticky & pink.

Enamel is the hardest thing in your body.

The Dentin is Strong as a Bone it is also yellow.

Pulp is the soft inner of the tooth it has blood vessels and nerves. And it holds the tooth.



Crown: The part of the tooth you can see in your mouth.

The root is the part of the tooth that is hidden in your mouth.

The roots are the opposite of the crown so you can't see it.

Cementum: The cementum is like cement because it holds the tooth in place. An example is a cavity: A cavity is a hole in your teeth. The bacteria eat sugar it becomes acid and hurts your teeth.

Like your adult teeth in your gum you will get a tooth ache.

To protect your pulp

THERE'S A HOLE.

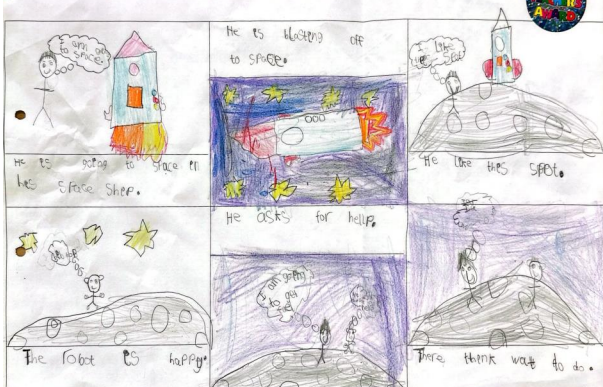
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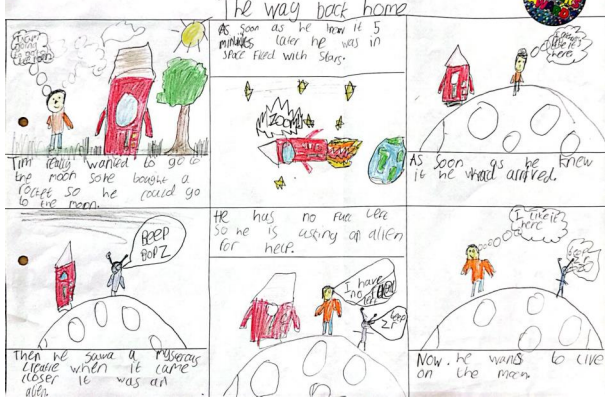
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Online Safety

YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVs etc. YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/ guardian.

There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:

1. YouTube Kids –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).

2. Supervised accounts – 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 except for videos marked as 18+.

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

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- Inappropriate content
- Excessive Screentime – particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- Unwanted contact / cyberbullying – particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- Algorithms – algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged.

This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.

- Adverts that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further information: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

Friends of Great Bookham School

The PTA is Back – And We're Ready to Make Magic Happen!

We're thrilled to announce that the **Friends of Great Bookham School PTA** is back in action, and we've got a fantastic line-up of events coming your way! Keep your eyes peeled on this space and follow us on Facebook for all the latest updates, sneak peeks, and ways to get involved. 💡

Want to Help Make a Difference?

We've got **two easy ways** for you to join the fun and help raise money for our wonderful school:

1. **Volunteer WhatsApp Group** – Perfect for those who want to lend a hand occasionally. We'll only message when we need help on a specific day – no pressure, just pop in when you can!
2. **PTA Members Group** – Ideal for anyone who'd love to help us plan and organise events. Whether you've got loads of time or just a little, **every bit counts** and we'd love to have you on board.

Ready to Join Us?

Email us at friends.gbs@sfet.org.uk or drop us a message on Facebook at **Friends of Great Bookham School**. Let's make this year unforgettable – together!

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 here¹ 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

¹<https://www.greatbookhamschool.org.uk/page/?title=Community+and+Events+Page&pid=159>

What's on at the Mole Valley Hub

SEND Families meet up

Bookham Tennis Club

Aerial Tumbling Club