

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Issue 5 2025/26

Welcome to Issue 5- 10th Oct 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have enjoyed marking the NSPCC's Kindness Week. All children and staff have been busy thinking about and acting in a kind ways towards each other. Miss Fanthorpe and her Wellbeing Ambassadors have been doing a special act of kindness for the school community each day including a special 'thank you tea trolley'. Children in pre-school were so proud of their kindness rainbow that they made and proudly came to find me to show me it, along with all their visitors.

Years 2, 5 and 6 took part in the NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe workshops where they learned about recognising their rights, speaking up about worries and knowing where to turn for help. Supported by 'Buddy the Speech Bubble' children learnt about all the resources available to them including on the NSPCC website and through Childline.

Year 4 welcomed YCO James Bromfield into school and enjoyed learning about the role of a Youth Community Officer and how the police help to keep people safe in our local area. The children had lots of questions and showed great interest in keeping our community safe.

Reception recently launched their Open October sessions and it has been lovely to see parents in school engaging with their children's normal day-to-day learning. Thank you to those who have already joined us for these special moments and we hope you enjoyed learning phonics or joining in with the story of the week!

On Tuesday we held our first ever grandparent reading afternoon. We were overwhelmed by the number of grandparents that arrived at school ready to read to the children. It was a heart warming moment to see different generations together sharing a love for reading. Thank you to everybody who took the time to come and be with the children - it was a very special afternoon.

Our Year 6 pupils took part in their Sports Crew Training this week and we are really looking forward to seeing them take on this leadership role as they support our younger children in active play on the playground. It is recommended that children should be physically active for 60 minutes everyday. Through use of 'PhysiFun' games and ideas, we hope this will help children of all ages at school to have a fun and active playtime each day, contributing to some of the time they are physically active. Outside of school hours, some great ways to achieve 60 minutes of physical activity could include walking to and from school, stopping off at the park for a play or taking part in a sports club after school.

On Friday afternoon, children in Years 5 and 6 also enjoyed a fun and energetic Tag Rugby event where they showed great teamwork and enthusiasm.

Looking ahead to next week, we're excited for two fantastic enrichment opportunities as Year 5 visit Hampton Court Palace and Year 4 travel to Fishbourne Roman Palace. These trips promise to bring history to life and we can't wait to hear all about them.

We have had a message from the Local Authority Education Safeguarding Lead about some books we have in school and you might have at home. 'We have been alerted that some editions of Andrew Cope's Spy Dog, Spy Cats and Spy Pups series contain a link to a website at the end of the book which contains highly inappropriate and damaging content. The book asks children to explore the website to find more about the characters in the book and it appears the website identified (on the back or inside page) has now been compromised and takes users to an inappropriate and damaging website with no age verification. We have checked our libraries and recommend parents and carers check for copies at home.

Warm regards,

Miss Allen

Upcoming key dates

- 17th October - **Whole School Vaccination & Reception and Yr6 Height and Weight checks**
- 21st October - **Parent Consultations - please book an appointment via MCAS**
- 23rd October - **Parent Consultations - please book an appointment via MCAS**
- 24th November - **Open afternoon - 3.30pm-4.00pm - all parents are invited to come in and view their child's work**
- 3rd December - **EYFS & Pre-school Nativity - 9am - booking details will be sent nearer the time**
- 4th December - **EYFS & Pre-school Nativity - 2.30pm - booking details will be sent nearer the time**
- 9th December - **Christingle (Neptune & Saturn) 6.30pm- booking details will be sent nearer the time**
- 10th December - **Christingle (Mars & Venus) 6.30pm- booking details will be sent nearer the time**
- 10th December - **KS1 Nativity - 9am - booking details will be sent nearer the time**
- 11th December - **KS1 Nativity - 2.30pm - booking details will be sent nearer the time**

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	Alba & Evie
Butterflies	Rhys & Oliver B-P
Bumblebees	Michael-John & Bonnie
Dragonflies	Jessica & India
Foxes	Sophie B & Ada K
Squirrels	Albert & Edward
Hedgehogs	Aubrey & Leo
Rabbits	Mabel & Isla
Eagles	Freddy, Matilda, Toby & Arabella
Hawks	Ned, William L & Riley
Falcons	Charlie O & Edith
Kestrels	Kenzie & Mya

**STARS
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WEEK**

Attendance

Congratulations to Kestrels for winning the attendance certificate this week with 99.09% attendance!

MAC the attendance bear will visit the classroom this week.



Attendance reminder

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Headteacher Awards

Chloe in Year 6 wrote a wonderful play script based on her learning about the text Macbeth.

Darcey in Year 3 was very excited to share her fantastic story called Stranded.

Harlow in Year 5 has work so hard this week in English and completed his learning about expanded noun phrases.

Hugo in Year 5 engaged enthusiastically during his RE lesson and wrote...

Charlie and Matthew in Year 5 thought carefully about the presentation of their work in science and were able to confidently talk about renewable and non-renewable energy sources.

Archer and Oliver in Year 5 enjoyed sharing their learning about the different phases of the moon.

Leo and Tilly in Year R were excited to show me their worry dolls that they had worked hard to create.

Flynn in Year 5 for amazing stamina with his story writing.

chloe

MACBETH'S WITCHES BREW

In a mystical land of mushrooms there was a cliff. It was foggy! Sat on the edge was a cauldron. Three ghostly witches enter the stage.

witch 1: Thrice the sound of squelching mud.

witch 2: Thrice at once the screeching of midnight crows.

witch 3: Bat squicks "Tis Time!" "Tis Time!"

witch: Round the cauldron we go;
in the misty darkness we know.
Eyes from snakes, roots from lakes;
fur from cats, wings from bats.
Horns from a goat;
things from a slimy throat.

All: rubble rubble lots of trouble,
make it grow with deadly bubbles.

witch: Fillet of a fenny snake;
in the cauldron boil and bake.
Saliva from a most malicious rat,
a witch's tall and scary hat,
Ear from a mighty bear,
Cloths that macbeth would wear.



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make it grow with deadly bubbles.

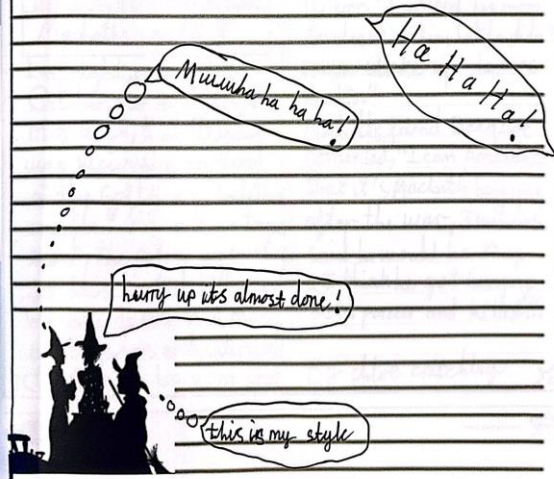


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MACBETH'S WITCHES BREW

Animals bits and festering things,
Stir the cauldron as we sing.
Tooth of a dragon,
an egg from a weaver.
A hat from gnomes,
a black flower is grown.

rubble rubble lots of trouble,
make it grow with deadly bubbles.



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Tim's life flashed before his eyes, he was terrified when he saw a gigantic shadow. The pitch black shadow was circling the boat. Tim was shimmering with fear. As the shadow stopped it was like a super hero froze the shadow. Then Tim decided to be brave and take a big step forward and take a dozen look. One Tim took a dozen look Tim found out it was a dolphin it was the bluest happiest dolphin in the world. But Tim realised they were still stuck in the middle of the sea on the boat. So Tim rushed to his dad and said, dad were still stuck on this cruddy boat. But lucky Tim's dad saw a sandy island with coconut trees and a way better boat so they could sail home. But first they had to see if they could get there.



They got to the island but it was a bit of a struggle. The first thing Tim did was running to the coconut palm trees and drank some coconut juice. Then Tim and his dad thought they should go home so both of them hopped in to the better boat and sailed home through the waves and little rain drops and they lived happily ever after.

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Expanded noun phrases.

- the ball.
- The red ball.
- The ~~best~~ red ball.



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- The ~~best~~ red ball ~~when we play~~.

The apple.

The apple ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~an~~ apple.

The apple ~~is~~ red and ~~is~~ big.

The apple ~~is~~ red and ~~is~~ big ~~and~~ ~~is~~ green.

The mouse.

The mouse ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~a~~ mouse.

The mouse ~~is~~ mouse and ~~is~~ green.

The mouse ~~is~~ mouse and ~~is~~ green and ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~a~~ mouse.

Tuesday 30th September 2025

To understand the importance of David
in Judaism

Hello, good people of England, I, am a Jew, here to explain how the star of David is important to all of us. Years ago, in ancient times, when the Israelites and the Philistines fought. The Philistines, would in theory win as they had a huge, massive, giant... Goliath. The Philistines, who had many men, was near certain victory. David was a small boy and was on the side of the Israelites, he said "I can fight Goliath." Everyone laughed; the shepherds, the tradesman and even the army. He walked up to King Saul - King of the Israelites - and said to the king "I will fight Goliath, I am braver than him, I'll only use 1 sling shot and 5 small stones." Everybody was completely bewildered, though Goliath was ready to be challenged. David marched forward and readied his sling shot his stone ready to launch. Whoosh! The stone rocketed to Goliath's forehead. Smash! A bloody red hole appeared on his face, and blood smeared his face. Goliath tumbled and crashed into the floor. The Israelites had won. This is why we respect David, and the star of David is Key to us Jews. Thank you.



→ 2025 LO: to explain how electricity is made.

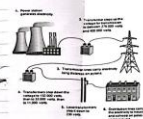
Renewable energy

Wind
Wind is made when the sun heats the earth and the air above it rises and moves around creating the wind.

Tidal
Tidal energy comes from the movement of water in the sea. The flow of water creates the tide, which generates electricity.

Solar
The sun releases solar power which creates a massive amount of electricity every day. The sun sends solar panels which convert electricity into power.

Biomass
Biomass uses electricity from plants and waste materials to make power. Wood and animal droppings can be burnt to steam to turn turbines which make electricity.

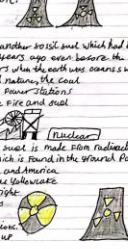


Non-Renewable energy

Oil and gas
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Coal
Coal is another fossil fuel which had been formed millions of years ago. The dinosaurs when they were young's bones thick and making the coal. It is put in power stations to make electricity.

Nuclear
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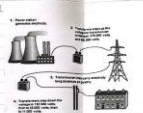
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Renewable

Tidal
Tidal energy comes from the movement of water in the sea. The flow of water is created by the sun. It is used to turn generators that make electricity.

Waves
Waves are created by the wind blowing across the sea and the gravitational pull of the moon.

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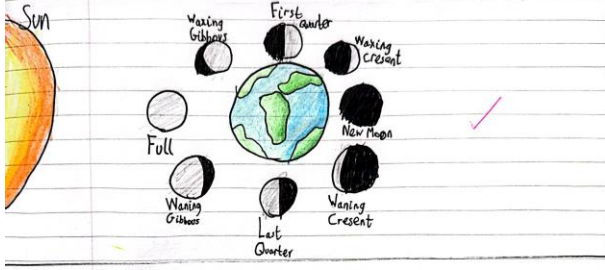
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LO: To understand how the phases of the moon occur



✓ The phases of the moon occur because of the sun's light reflecting off the moon.

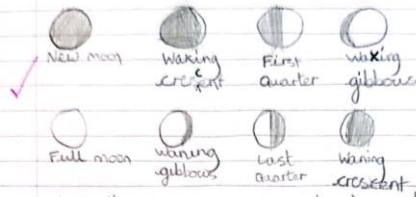
A lovely representation of the phases of the moon.



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PHASES OF THE MOON



When the bright part is getting bigger, the moon is waxing.

When it is getting smaller, the moon is waning.

When the moon is more than half-lit, it is called a gibbous moon.

When the moon is less than half-lit, it is called a crescent moon.

Delovely work, Oliver!



Friday 10th October 2025

Something strange in the playground

On a warm sunny afternoon, the playground was dead silent as everyone was staying in a hushed. There was a shed in the corner of the playground that we never seen before the door was opening and closing, most comung of it's hinges there was no breeze so why is it swinging?

I made my way over to the shed what could it be I was dumb!

BANG!!!

The shed exploded, I got pushed me back. The shed had shattered to particles. The weird green alien with red dots started laughing and ran off toward the school. Do I follow him or do I not. I decide to follow him after five minutes I realize that he is going to miss alien. I thought what is he going to do he had a pencil and goes to the props cupboard and gets some school uniform and a mask and puts it on and goes to mess mats and kept teasing the teacher rolling out his chair and changing the sides but then the teacher had enough and brought him to miss alien and she asked what's your name are you New but then he started to talk gibberish she said "Pardon" all of a sudden it went black that was it I was back in the playground and every think was normal and me and the alien was my friend and I found out his name was Poby pres...

Online Safety

iOS 26

Apple have released their new operating system – iOS 26. Protect Young Eyes have published an article detailing the changes relating to your child's safety, including content filtering in Safari.

Find out more here: <https://www.protectyouneyes.com/blog-articles/a-parents-guide-to-ios-26>

Italian Brainrot


Have you heard of Italian Brainrot? It is a viral trend consisting of AI-generated characters featuring in memes and videos. It originally started on TikTok but can now be seen on other platforms such as YouTube and Instagram. There are also lots of spin-off content including a game on Roblox. Whilst the content is generally nonsensical and children will find some of it funny, some content can include inappropriate/offensive language and content that might not be suitable for your child's age.


ADHD, Screen Time, and Healthy Boundaries

Bark have created this guide for parents of children with ADHD to support you in helping your child create a healthy relationship with technology. You can access it here:


<https://www.bark.us/blog/adhd-kid-and-tech/>

Friends of Great Bookham School

 **Sneak Peek – What's Coming in the New School Year!** Hold onto your hats, PTA pals – the new school year is bursting with brilliant events, and we can't wait to share the fun! Mark your calendars and get ready for a whirlwind of joy, laughter, and community spirit. Here's a taste of what's ahead:

 **Glow Disco** – Three dazzling sessions for every age group to light up the dance floor!



 *7th November 2025*

 **Christmas Fair** – A festive wonderland to wrap up the term with sparkle and cheer.

 *5th December 2025*



 **Smarties Challenge & Easter Egg Hunt** – Sweet treats and springtime surprises await!



 *27th March 2026*

 **Sponsored Bounce** – Hop, skip, and jump your way to fundraising fun!  *1st May 2026*

 **Tea Towel Fundraiser** – A keepsake masterpiece made by little hands, coming this May!

 *May 2026*

 **Colour Run** – A joyful splash of colour to celebrate the end of the year in style!  27th June 2026

Thank you for being the heartbeat of our school community . Your energy, support, and smiles make every event unforgettable. We're already buzzing to do it all again next year! Let the countdown begin... 

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!



FRIENDS OF GREAT BOOKHAM SCHOOL 

WELCOME

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our lovely school and invite you to join us!

We are a charitable organisation made up entirely of parent/carer volunteers from the school - just like you. We are responsible for working alongside the school to organise lots of fun things for the children. This is the list of events planned for this year:

- Glow disco - 7th November
- Christmas Fayre - 5th December
- Bake off and cake sale - 9th February
- Smarties challenge & Easter egg hunt - 27th March
- Sponsored bounce - 1st May
- Tea Towel fund raiser - May
- Colour run - 27th June

Seen available to book on www.pta-events.co.uk/friends/gbs

We always welcome anyone who would like to help out at our events, no matter how much or how little time you can spare. Please do sign up to be part of our volunteers group by contacting friends.gbs@sfet.org.uk

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:

Oakfield Fireworks display - 17th October 2025

Barracudas Activity Day Camps

St Nicolas invites you Sing, Dance and Act! Workshop

Chobham Adventure Farm Magical Christmas Experience

October half term activities at Chertsey Museum

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