

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Issue 6 2025/26

Welcome to Issue 6 - 17th Oct 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen some fantastic trips taking place. On Wednesday, Year 5 visited Hampton Court, where they explored the historic palace and deepened their understanding of Tudor life. Meanwhile, on Thursday, Year 4 travelled to Fishbourne Roman Palace to see first-hand some of the incredible remains of Roman Britain and bring their history learning to life. Next week, Year 6 are off to the Natural History Museum where they will be exploring a wide range of fascinating exhibits to support their science and geography learning.

On Friday, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in their second cross-country event of the year at KGV. Well done to every child that took part, we are so proud of each of you! Thank you to all adults that transported children to the event and supported them.

Recently, school has received a number of complaints in relation to inconsiderate or dangerous parking. Please can I remind parents to park in designated parking areas and be mindful of the impact that dangerous parking is having on both children and local residents.

We are one half term into the school year and we have had the delight of nits being reported in many year groups. Please can I ask that you take the time to check your child's hair and treat them if necessary. With the half term break coming up soon it is the ideal opportunity to try and stop the spread.

We kindly ask all parents, carers and visitors to our school, to support us in maintaining a healthy and welcoming environment for our children by refraining from smoking or vaping on or near the school gates or on school grounds. We understand this may be a personal choice, but with many young children and families passing through at busy times, it's important we set a positive example and keep the air around our school clean and safe.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Next week we are excited to be celebrating and learning about Diwali across the school. All pupils will have the chance to take part in a workshop led by 'Bollywood Vibes' which promises to be a lively and joyful celebration of dance and culture.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Thursday next week. These meetings are a great opportunity to talk about how your children are settling into their new year group and how we can continue to support their progress together.

Have a happy and restful weekend.

Miss Allen

Upcoming key dates

- 21st October - **Parent Consultations - please book an appointment via MCAS**
- 22nd October - **Year 5 Tudor day**
- 22nd October - **Year 6 Trip to Natural History Museum**
- 23rd October - **Parent Consultations - please book an appointment via MCAS**
- 24th October - **Last day of half term 3.20/3.25 finish**
- 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	Arthur & Ayla
Butterflies	Tilly & Amaia
Bumblebees	Jack & Mishitha
Dragonflies	Giorgia & Florence
Foxes	Joshua & Ivy
Squirrels	Ellis & Freya
Hedgehogs	Theo & Blake
Rabbits	Sofia & Jude
Eagles	Mael & Sasha
Hawks	Alfie & Evie
Falcons	Layla & Jack
Kestrels	Alice & Henry

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Attendance

Congratulations to Rabbits for winning the attendance certificate this week with 99.31% attendance!

MAC the attendance bear will visit the classroom this week.



Headteacher Awards

Mollie in Year 3 shared some independent research that she had completed at home all about ladybirds.

Layla and Freddie in Year 2 shared some excellent science work all about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Katie in Year 5 worked very hard to produce excellent work all about why we have day and night.

Silas in Year 3 has been trying very hard with his handwriting and produced the most beautiful example of what he can achieve when he tries his very best - such brilliant progress to see.

Seren in Year 3 was inspired by the book *The Day the Crayons Quit* and chose to produce her own version of the story. There was a huge amount of care and thought put into the production of her book.

Kira, Riley and Aaron in Year 5 produced phenomenal examples of portraits of Tudor kings and queens. They thought so hard about the texture, depth and shading techniques used. They are truly wonderful pieces of work.

Annabelle and Emily A in Year 4 modelled exemplary behaviour during assembly and were fantastic role models for others.

LADYBIRDS

there are 5,000 species of ladybug

lady bugs can spray out juice or play dead when being hurtled

birds, spiders, beetles eat lady birds

lady birds are beetles & and lay up to 1,000 eggs!

short wings but go times a second!

some have stripes instead of spots!

lady birds have 6 legs

they can fly up to 30 miles per hour!

by molly kennedy

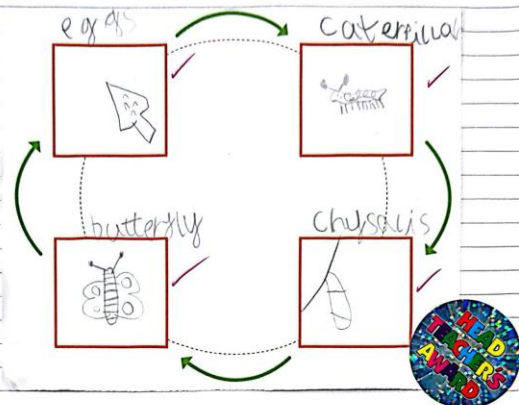
a group of lady bugs are called 'ladybirds'

they can come in blue!

lady birds are a symbol of good luck




Monday 13th October 2025
 LO: To observe how animals change over time.



- The life cycle of a butterfly:
1. The egg hatches.
 2. The egg hatches and is a tiny caterpillar.
 3. The caterpillar turns into a chrysalis hanging from a plant.
 4. Soon a butterfly hatches.
 5. Then the life cycle starts again.

What is a life cycle?
 A LIFE CYCLE
 is something that happens again and again.

What type of animal is a butterfly?
 A BUTTERFLY
 is an insect.

What happens during the egg stage?
 A BUTTERFLY
 WILL LAY ITS EGGS ON A LEAF.



What happens during the caterpillar stage?
 A TINY CATERPILLAR
 EATS ITS WAY OUT OF THE EGG. WHAT DOES A CATERPILLAR EAT?
 CATERPILLAR EATS LEAF.



What happens during the chrysalis stage?
 AS THE CATERPILLAR
 LEAVES ITSELF INTO A CHRYSLIS
 THE CHRYSLIS TURNS
 INTO ANOTHER TIME.



What happens during the butterfly stage?
 WHEN THE
 BUTTERFLY COMES
 OUT OF THE
 CHRYSLIS THE BUTTERFLY
 LAYS ITS OWN EGGS.



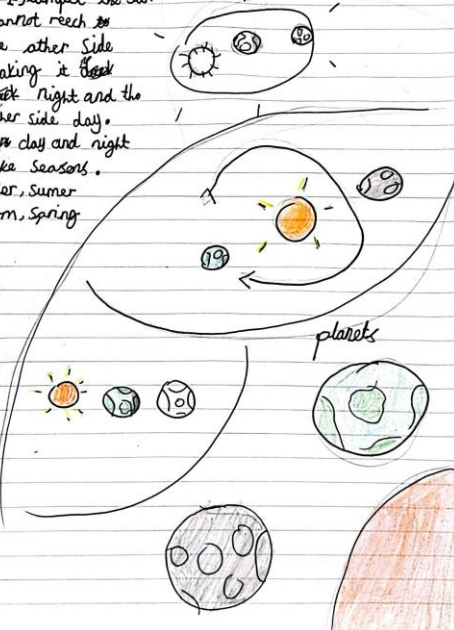
LO: To develop our understanding of the reasons for day and night Tuesday 14 October

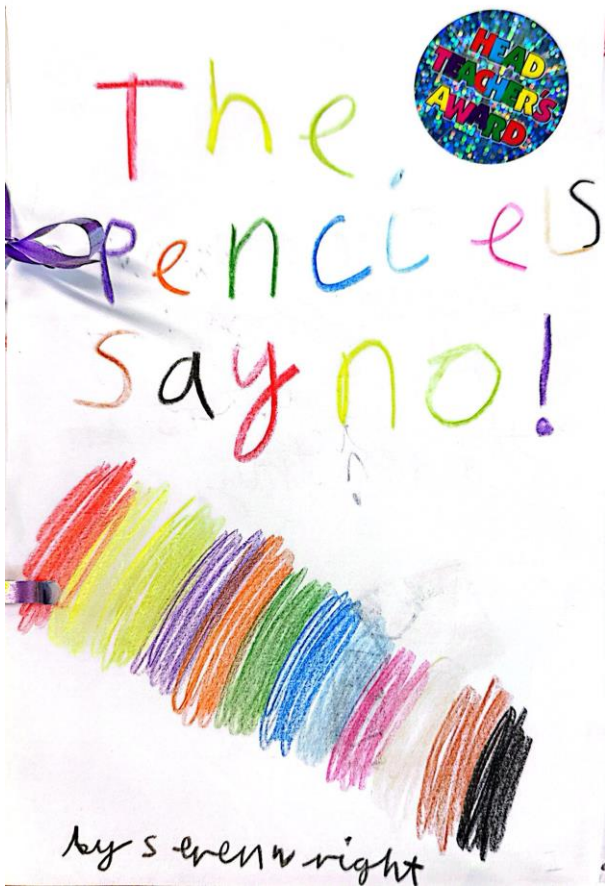
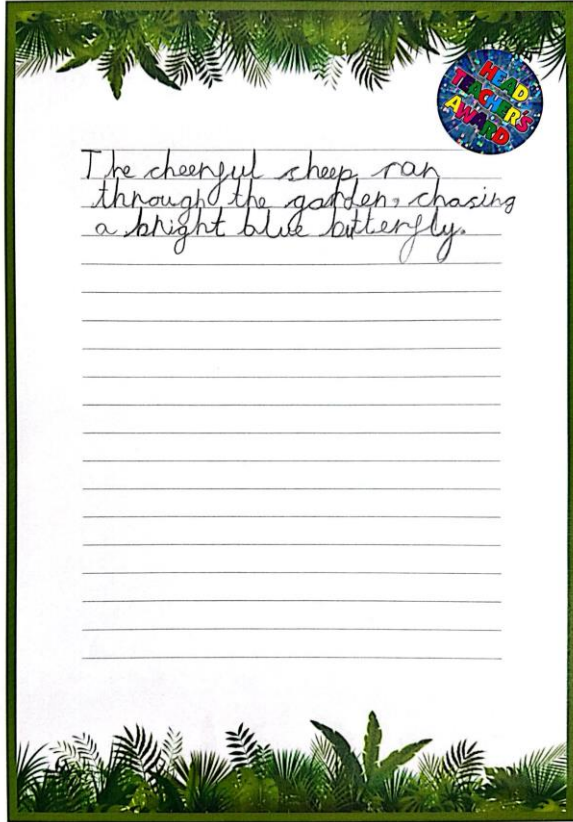
Day and Night

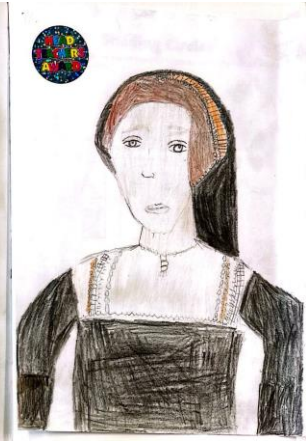
The earth spins around the Sun and as it spins it creates a shadow. The shadow makes day and night so in other countries it's night like Australia.

For example the Sun cannot reach the other side making it dark night and the other side day. As it spins day and night.

Moons also make seasons. Winter, Summer, Autumn, Spring.







Online Safety

WhatsApp

WhatsApp is incredibly popular with young people and is used for group chats, voice messages and video calls. Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on hurtful behaviour?

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- Group chats: Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat.
- Inappropriate content: users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- Location sharing: talk to your child about the potential danger of sharing their location.
- Chat lock/secret code: users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- Screentime due to addictive nature
- AI: WhatsApp includes Meta AI.

What can I do?

- Check privacy settings, for example check who can add them to groups.
- Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>
- Use parental controls such as screentime controls or do not disturb to reduce alerts.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be received by others. Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.
- Chat to your child about the groups that they belong to.

Further information

Find out more here:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zc8vxg8>
- https://faq.whatsapp.com/773166357950949?helpref=faq_content

Friends of Great Bookham School

🌟 PTA Glow Disco – Friday 7th November

Get ready to shine at our PTA Glow Disco — a fun-filled evening of music, dancing, and neon excitement for all year groups!

🕒 Disco Timings:- Infants: 4:00–5:00 PM - Years 3 & 4: 5:30–6:30 PM - Years 5 & 6: 7:00–8:00 PM

🎵 Come dressed in your brightest neon and glow gear — we'll bring the beats, you bring the energy! Please remember to bring a bottle of water.

🍪 Snack Boxes: Available by pre-order only. These tasty treat packs cannot be purchased on the night, so be sure to order in advance.

🎫 Tickets: Available now at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgbs Ticket sales close on Thursday, 31st October — don't miss out!

👤👧 Volunteers Needed: If you're able to help on the night, please select a slot at the bottom of the ticket booking page when adding your ticket to the basket.

Let's make it a night to remember — glowing fun guaranteed! ✨

🎄 **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

£6 ENTRY

FRIENDS OF GREAT BOOKHAM SCHOOL



GLOW DISCO



FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
YR - Y2 > 4:00 - 5:00PM
Y3 & Y4 > 5:30 - 6:30PM
Y5 & Y6 > 7:00 - 8:00PM

IN THE MAIN HALL



No phones please!



Bring a water bottle!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PLEASE SIGN UP WHEN YOU ARE BOOKING YOUR TICKETS

£4 SNACK BOXES (ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER)

OR BRING YOUR OWN SNACK (FRUIT OR VEG ONLY)

DJ, GAMES, TATTOOS, FACE PAINT AND QUIET AREA FOR COLOURING

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BOOK UNTIL THE 31ST @
www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgbs

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:

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