

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Issue 8 2025/26

Welcome to Issue 8 - 7th Nov 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families had a lovely half term break. It's been an action-packed first week back here at school and next week promises to be just as full of energy, creativity and community spirit too!

On Wednesday this week, all of the infant children took part in Forest School sessions to mark Bonfire Night. They each whittled sticks and then roasted marshmallows in front of an open fire. There was complete fascination and concentration from all children and we were incredibly impressed with how beautifully they all behaved – a fantastic outdoor learning experience enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Mrs Morriss for organising and leading this very special event. Thank you also to the PTA who kindly donated money towards the Forest School equipment used.

Some of our fabulous Year 2 children took part in their Sports Crew training and they are now fully fledged sports leaders. Throughout the year they will lead various sporting activities for other children around the school to earn further badges and qualifications - Go Year 2!

On Friday morning Kestrels class wowed everyone with a brilliant showcase assembly sharing all the exciting learning they've been doing so far this term. Well done Kestrels – you made us all very proud.

And finally a big thank you to our amazing PTA for organising the 'Glow Disco' on Friday evening. It was a fantastic event full of fun, laughter and plenty of dancing. We're so grateful to everyone who came along and supported – hopefully a great time was had by all and lots of funds were raised for our school. Photos will follow in next week's newsletter.

Thank you all for your continued support, it's your enthusiasm and involvement that help make our school such a special community.

On Monday we'll be marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week by inviting all children to come to school wearing odd socks. This simple act celebrates what makes each of us unique and reminds us that kindness and respect are at the heart of everything we do. This year's theme, "Power for Good" encourages everyone to use their words and actions to make a positive difference, something we'll be exploring through assemblies and class activities throughout the week.

On Tuesday we will be marking Remembrance Day with a very special whole school service led by our Year 6 children. Please note that if children are members of other community organisations such as Squirrels, Beavers, Brownies etc. they are welcome to wear their uniform for the day.

On Wednesday it is 'Positive Noticing Day' - please see below for detailed information on this and how you can get involved at home.

Then on Friday, we'll be joining in with Children in Need. Children are encouraged to wear pyjamas or spotty accessories alongside their uniform to help raise funds for this wonderful cause. In line with this year's theme, "Challenge Yourself to 25!" the children will be taking part in various challenges involving the number 25 throughout the week including: maths challenges, dance challenges, positive noticing challenges and we'll be taking part in the live Joe Wicks workout and challenging ourselves to complete a range of activities 25 times. If you'd like to make a donation please click on the link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=19563>

Finally we are thrilled to share with you photos from a school in Uganda that are using books that the school donated.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday.

Warm wishes,

Miss Allen

Upcoming key dates

- 10th November - **Odd sock day in support of Anti Bullying week**
- 11th November - **Children who belong to uniformed organisations can wear uniform. I.e. Squirrels, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides**
- 12th November - **Positive Noticing Day**
- 14th November - **Children in Need - Children can wear pyjamas or spotty accessories with their uniform.**
- 17th - 21st November - **Road Safety Week**
- 19th November - **Owls visiting Reception**
- 24th November - **Open afternoon - 3.30pm-4.00pm - all parents are invited to come in and view their child's work**
- 1st December - **Wacky Hair Day in exchange for a Bottle**
- 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**
- 5th December - **Christmas Fair**
- 6th December - **Spirit of Christmas event in Bookham High Street**
- 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**
- 11th December - **Christmas Jumper day**
- 17th December - **Christmas Dinner**

Class Assembly Dates - 9am start

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	An & Violet
Butterflies	Jessie & Alfie
Bumblebees	Deum & Zachary
Dragonflies	Willow & Oscar
Foxes	Mason & Charlie B
Squirrels	Evie & Willoughby
Hedgehogs	Lucas & Noah
Rabbits	Harry & Joel
Eagles	Harrison & Hattie
Hawks	Izzie & Georgia & Henry
Falcons	Izzy & Shakira
Kestrels	Amy & Ashton

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Positive Noticing Day

We are delighted to be participating in Positive Noticing Day this year on Wednesday 12th November.

We will be spending some time during the day thinking about the power of positive noticing. It is simple, practical and highly effective. Being positively noticed by others builds self-esteem, supports behaviour and promotes good mental health.

We will be encouraging pupils (and staff!) to positively notice one another.

We encourage families to join in at home too. You can write positive notes for family members on luggage labels, post it notes or pieces of paper. We know that children who are positively noticed by their parents/carers are happier, healthier and more resilient and secure.

You may wish to use Positive Noticing Day as an opportunity to start daily positive noticing in your home. You can create and share positive labels as a family and save them - stick them on the fridge, the back of the door or put them in an old picture frame.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- 'I noticed that you put your plate by the sink, that's really helped me this morning, you are very thoughtful, thank you.'
- 'Doing your homework without me asking shows real independence. I love the determination you are showing.'
- 'You are so good at sharing with your sister/brother. You are such a kind person.'
- 'I noticed that you were really kind to X at school today. That made me really proud of you.'
- 'Thank you for putting your clothes in the washing basket. I notice that you are following the routine and remembering it perfectly. You are really trying and I appreciate it.'

We hope you enjoy the day, and we want to say that 'we notice you' and the effort you make to support your children, engage them in learning and enrich our school community! Thank you.

You can find out more about positive noticing and Positive Noticing Day at <https://www.positivenoticingday.com/homeadults>

Headteacher Awards

Izzie in Year 5 sketched a sensational portrait of Anne Boleyn, her attention to detail was exceptional.

Eden in Year 3 worked hard to create a bonfire safety poster.

Yahya and Mason in Year 3 wrote excellent documentary narrations inspired by David Attenborough.

Lily, Millie and Hattie in Pre-School painted wonderful firework pictures independently.

Kaydee in Year 5 wrote an excellent description of Professor McGonagall independently.

Daisy in Year 4 showed a very special act of kindness to one of her friends.

Gabriel in Year 5 worked hard in science to produce excellent work.

Hugo in Year 5 wrote an exceptional piece of writing during a recent English lesson.

Oscar in Year 3 had worked very hard during a lesson all about adverbs. I was very impressed by the presentation of his work.

Harlow in Year 5 worked so hard in his maths lesson.

Describe the journey and diet

Elephants have a rather long journey they never stop looking for food. The elephants have to eat plants and leaves especially the highest and the most tender branches of the trees etc.

Describe future of elephants

Elephants can live up to 70 years old in the wild, however African elephants live on average 56 years and Asian elephants live on average 42 years in the wild. If they don't get enough water and food they might get extinct. An excellent documentary narration with lots of facts.







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 5 19.98 + 0.2 = 20 ✓
 6 21.50 + 50 = 22 ✓
 7 26.48 + 0.52 = 27 ✓
 8 34.22 + 0.88 = 35 ✓

Thursday 6th November 2025 Lo: To draft and edit a character description

The big vast oak doors fly open^{as} Professor McGonagall comes pacing in like a lightning bolt her face stern as always her crooked witch hat lopsided on her head and her long green velvet gown dragging behind her with the hundreds of children behind her. Her big boots trot on the hard wood floors, her golden pendent shining like the sun on a hot summers day, and the wrinkles on her face are like ripples along a lake.

Professor McGonagall

She is very serious and stubborn but gentle hearted. She keeps all children a Hogwarts safe and would risk her life for them. Professor McGonagall is very fair in competitions especially in Quidditch. Hogwarts champion of the year she does not tolerate rudeness if she be rude you will be sent to your dorm for the rest of the school ~~year~~ ^{day}.

She goes to the front of the hall and says "the Sorting is in action" she read out "Hermione Granger" Hermione goes on stage the Sorting hats on her head now! "A wise one pertentively good for all houses but she should go into GRIFFINDOR" Said the Sorting hat Professor McGonagall clapped elegantly and she called all the names and got sorted in the houses.

She says this year she might retire she worked at Hogwarts for centuries but she loves the children but who knows will she retire?...



Professor McGonagall

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Tuesday, 4th November 2005

Adverbs

1. The dog barked loudly ✓
2. She danced gracefully ✓
3. He walked slowly to school ✓
4. The teacher spoke clearly ✓
5. The baby laughed happily ✓

1. The mouse moved quickly ✓
2. Ben finished his work quickly ✓
3. The artist painted carefully ✓
4. The children sang sweetly ✓
5. Cat stretched lazily ✓

Amazing! 



Handwritten notes on a page titled "DAY AND NIGHT" with various diagrams and text.

DAY AND NIGHT

Mars:
Average is 53°C. It is about 143 million km from the sun. It is 143 million km from the sun. It is 143 million km from the sun.

Venus:
Average is 462°C. It is about 108 million km from the sun. It is 108 million km from the sun. It is 108 million km from the sun.

Earth:
Average is 15°C. It is about 149.6 million km from the sun. It is 149.6 million km from the sun. It is 149.6 million km from the sun.

Jupiter:
Average is -110°C. It is about 778 million km from the sun. It is 778 million km from the sun. It is 778 million km from the sun.


Saturn:
Average is -178°C. It is about 1.4 billion km from the sun. It is 1.4 billion km from the sun. It is 1.4 billion km from the sun.

Uranus:
Average is -215°C. It is about 2.9 billion km from the sun. It is 2.9 billion km from the sun. It is 2.9 billion km from the sun.

Neptune:
Average is -214°C. It is about 4.5 billion km from the sun. It is 4.5 billion km from the sun. It is 4.5 billion km from the sun.

Pluto:
Average is -230°C. It is about 5.9 billion km from the sun. It is 5.9 billion km from the sun. It is 5.9 billion km from the sun.

A lovely piece of work!



Friday 8th November 2025



Mountains of being hot sand there is very
any hydration left for the elephants
and the elephants struggle to find food
for them to feast on.

They have long wavy tusks with there
big stomping feet and they have flat
scaly skin. With white muddy dirt
tusks.

They look around for food to eat
and feast on in the mountains sand trying
to look for food to eat and keep
themselves safe from the other
animals.

They have a long endless journey
to survive and find food
they move place to place
every day to find food
and survive.



Online Safety

Conversation Starter

Are you struggling to start a conversation with your child about online safety? Why not try discussing this scenario with them? What would they do, and how would you help them?

Amira and her classmates have a WhatsApp group. One evening, Amira notices that some group members are sharing unkind jokes and memes about another student, Leo, who isn't part of the group. The messages start as playful but quickly turn mean-spirited. Amira feels uncomfortable but isn't sure what to do. So, what should Amira do?

First, Amira should not join in with the mean messages. Then, although difficult, she could speak up in the group by saying something kind like: "Let's not be mean. This isn't fair to Leo." Finally, she should tell a trusted adult.

Discuss how group chats should be a fun space for everyone, not a platform for hurting others. Emphasise that being part of a group chat means we all have a responsibility to keep it respectful.






If you see something that doesn't feel right, like Amira did, it's okay to speak up or talk to a trusted adult.


Remind your child that they won't be punished if they tell you something like this. Remember, even if Leo doesn't see the messages, it's still wrong to be unkind. Real legends lift each other — they don't tear others down.

Friends of Great Bookham School

Christmas Fair – Save the Date! 5th December

Get ready for a festive celebration! Our annual Christmas Fair will take place on 5th December, and promises to be a magical event for the whole family.

Here's what's in store:-  Wonka Bars – Will you find a golden ticket?-  Jolly Jars – Packed with surprises and treats-  Bottle Tombola – Try your luck and win a prize-  Raffle – Fantastic prizes to be won-  Hot Chocolate Bar – Warm up with a delicious festive drink

 Plus, we're excited to launch our Virtual Balloon Race – a fun and eco-friendly way to join the festivities from anywhere!


Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. We can't wait to see you there!



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Get ready to spread some festive cheer — Christmas Jumper Day is on 11th December!



We're collecting Christmas-themed clothing donations for the next week. Anything goes — jumpers, hats, pyjamas, and more! All sizes welcome.

 Please hand your donations to your child's class teacher. Stay tuned right here to find out when we'll be selling the donated items to raise money for our school — it's a great way to support a good cause and grab something festive!

Thank you for your generosity and holiday spirit!  

JOLLY JARS

Jolly Jars Ahoy!!! If you are looking for a great after school activity to do this week why don't you make some jolly jars?

Got excess Halloween sweets that you don't want your kids to have? Jolly jars are a perfect way to get rid to pass them off.

All you need to do is clean out some jars and fill them with anything at all that kids will enjoy. Kids can spend time decorating the jars to make them look fabulous. At the Christmas fair children can buy a ticket to win a jar with the corresponding number.

Please hand jars to the teachers there will be prizes for the class with the most jars

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!



Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2027

Surrey County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2027.

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at: [Consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2027](#).

Please make all parents with children at your provision aware of this consultation so they have the opportunity to respond, if they wish to. Please see the '[Summary of the consultation' flyer \(pdf\)](#) that you may wish to share.

The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **Cranmere Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 60 to 30
2. **The Grange Community Infant School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 90 to 60
3. **Chennestone Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Year 3 from 40 to 30
4. **Manby Lodge Infant School** – introduction of a sibling link with Cleves School
5. **Oatlands School** – introduction of a sibling link with Cleves School
6. **Oakfield Junior School** – introduction of a feeder link from Fetcham Village Infant School
7. **Fetcham Village Infant School** and Oakfield Junior School – introduction of a reciprocal sibling link
8. **Closure of waiting lists** – bringing forward the date that waiting lists will close for the normal year of entry, from the end of the academic year to the end of December in the year of admission

The consultation will run until **Tuesday 18 November 2025**. Anyone wishing to submit their views should complete an online response form. Alternatively paper response forms are available by telephoning the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to Surrey County Council's decision-making Cabinet on 27 January 2026. Its decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 3 February 2026. Once determined the final admission arrangements will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

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:

Chobham Adventure Farm Magical Christmas Experience

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