

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Issue 10 2025/26

Dear Parents/carers,

We have had another busy and fun week in school this week.

This week began with our Year 2 pupils taking part in a lively Handball event on Tuesday at school where they developed teamwork, coordination and quick decision making in a supportive environment.

On Wednesday our Reception children enjoyed a special visit from some wonderful owls which linked beautifully to their learning around the text Owl Babies. The chance to see these creatures up close helped bring their story work to life and sparked thoughtful conversations about nature and caring for wildlife. We were very impressed with how beautifully the children behaved and the excellent questions that they asked the owl handler.

That same afternoon the whole school worked together for our Christmas Crafternoon which filled the building with creativity and festive spirit as pupils worked side by side to make decorations that will brighten the school in the run up to our seasonal celebrations. The weather must have known our plans because we were even surprised by a brief snowfall!

Following these mid-week highlights our Year 3 and 4 pupils represented the school today at a Kurling event accompanied by Mrs Pitcher where they showed great perseverance and sportsmanship as they tried out a sport that encourages accuracy patience and strategic thinking. Opportunities to take part in a new sport is always something we look out for so if you or any of your contacts have opportunities within sport, please do let us know.

Year 6 were excited to have a very special visit from PC Ed Ferris and his colleague Lauren who took them to the Guildford Road to use a handheld speed detection device. The children were able to explain to motorists why they feel it is important that they adhere to the speed limit and present them with posters that they had made. The whole school then enjoyed an assembly led by PC Ed Ferris who talked about his role and answered questions that the children had.

The week rounded off with our girls football tournament for Years 5 and 6 where the team demonstrated determination teamwork and growing confidence as they played with enthusiasm and pride. Congratulations to Georgia for scoring an all important goal!

We are looking forward to welcoming all parents and carers to our Open Afternoon on Monday 24th November 3.30pm - 4.00pm. This is a lovely opportunity for children to share their work so far this term and for parents to meet their child's class teacher again.

Please can I remind parents that we are unable to allow dogs onto the school site and ask that they are left securely at the school gate whilst you enter the grounds.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

Miss Allen

Stars of the week

Our stars for this week are:

Ladybirds	Lily & Rebecca
Butterflies	Riley Jo & Sonny
Bumblebees	Humaira & George
Dragonflies	Sasha & Taylan
Foxes	Arthur & Maddie
Squirrels	Gian & Mia
Hedgehogs	Abel & Ruah
Rabbits	Edward & Elsie
Eagles	Kaydee & Gabriel
Hawks	Luna & Blake
Falcons	Isobel & Kaine
Kestrels	Jenson & Max

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OF THE
WEEK**

Attendance

Congratulations to Kestrels for winning the attendance certificate this week with 99.49% attendance!

MAC the attendance bear will visit the classroom this week.



Christmas Poetry Competition

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Inviting all children to enter the
Christmas Poetry Competition

The theme is...

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

(KS1) Y1 -Y2
Write a poem describing a Christmas decoration of your choice.
*Eg. Twinkling, shining and golden,
The star sits proudly upon the tree,
Gleaming like a bright beacon,
For all the children to see.*

(KS2) Y3 -Y6
Write a poem from the perspective of a Christmas decoration and use personification.
*Eg. Shimmering softly, resplendent and bright,
I am a Christmas crown of golden light.
Watching the room and beaming from ear to ear,
I guard the verdant tree, bringing festive cheer.*

*Rhyming or not,
Be brave and give this a shot.
Prizes galore will be won,
Showcase your poem and have some fun!*

Finalists will present their poem in assembly.
DEADLINE is the 10th December 2025.
Please hand in to Mrs Blair in Year 6.

Upcoming key dates

- 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



Headteacher Awards

Poppy, Josie and Bella in Year 3 co-wrote a festive Christmas poem to enter into the school poetry competition. I was very impressed with their collaboration and the language used to create their poem.

Bonnie and George in Year 2 wrote fantastic poems that included alliteration and rhyme.

Max and Rilee in Year 3 wrote a fairy tale based on the story Dick Whittington. Both boys worked exceptionally hard on their presentation and handwriting.

Jessie in Year R used her phonics knowledge brilliantly to write three sentences about the story Owl Babies.

Archer in Year 5 could confidently talk about what a Seder meal is and why it is special to Jewish families.

Bonnie in Year 1 worked very hard to write descriptive sentences for her lost poster about Paddington Bear.



Christmas poem



Christmas is the time of year
 where everyone brings
 Christmas cheer. As snowflakes
 fly in sight, decorations sparkle
 in light. There's reindeer on
 the floor, there is snow on
 the floor. Everyone's excited
 for the night where Santa
 Claus has a flight. As
 they wake up, there's presents
 under the tree, they open them
 and they see colours
 and joy and Christmas
 glory. The tree is beautiful
 and surrounded with cheer.
 Lights are shining in the
 distance with beautiful
 glow and its Christmas
 ho, ho, ho.



Thursday 20th November 2025

To draft and edit a poem using a range of poetic devices.



Missing

Has anyone seen my turtle?
 Slow, snoring slim and sleepy.
 It's hiding the turtle turtle.
 She's got a shiny shell
 a temper too she likes to
 super swim in the zoo.
 She doesn't dig's holes
 in the ground. She greedily
 eats any treat. She will tick
 you when you first meet.
 Has anyone seen my turtle?

Max

1HP



Once upon a time there
was a poor boy heading to London.
Dick Whittington wanted to get money.
He met the king who
was very rich. The merchant
gave Dick Whittington a job
but it was very hard work. He
had to get out.

17.11.25

Owl Babies



PERL LIZARD

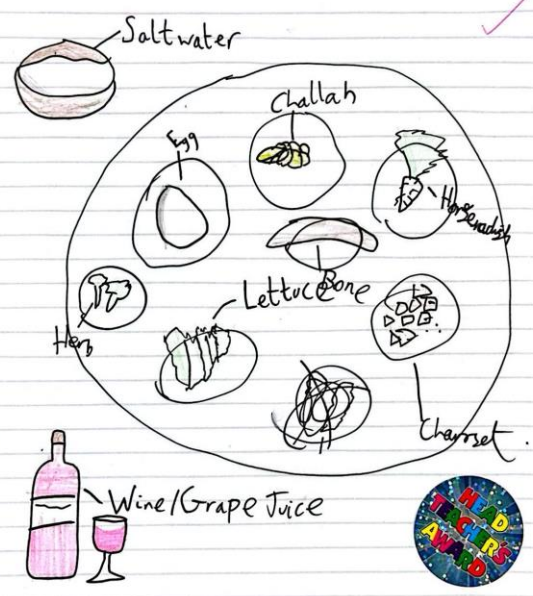


ON A LOG



MUM IS BOAF

Thursday 20th November 2025
 LO: To ~~complete~~ ^{compare} a Seder meal and a shabbat meal



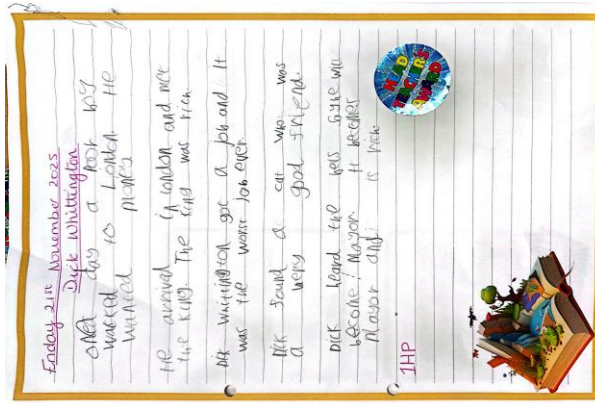
A beautiful depiction of Seder!



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To draft and edit a poem using a range of poetic devices.

Missing
 Have anyone seen my
~~the~~ hedgehog? small, spiky, silly
 and sleepy. Holly the leaf
 hedgehog, she's got a moustache
 now she is spiky too. She sleeps
 in holes and made shelter in
 the zoo. She is the best and
 over all of rest. Has anyone
 seen my hedgehog?



Thursday 20th November 2025

✓ O: To write a character description.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BEAR?

Capital letter Aa	Finger spaces 	Full stop .	Letter formation a	Writing on the line dog
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Paddington

has a

red

hat

~~paddington has a red hat~~

Paddington

is

clumsy

~~paddington~~ is clumsy

Online Safety

Age Ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media, make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Popular apps and their age ratings

Below are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing.

In addition to checking the age rating, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter eg. violence or bad language within a game.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also vital to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it is necessary to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others, and are in-game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information


You can find out more here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>








Friends of Great Bookham School


🎄 Christmas Fair – 5th December 🎄



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




  Jolly Jars Ahoy!  


Let the kids go wild filling and decorating their jars with ribbons, glitter, and festive cheer this weekend! 


At the Christmas Fair, children will buy tickets to win one of these magical jars — it's always a highlight! 

 Bonus: The class that brings in the most jars wins a prize! 

Hand your jars in to your child's teacher by 3rd December and spread the jolly spirit!  

Take part in our  Virtual Balloon Race – Launches at  5 PM on 5th December at the  Christmas Fayre!



 How It Works: Buy a virtual balloon, Customize it with your name & design, Watch it race through the virtual sky, Track your balloon anytime until the finale on 12th December

 Amazing Prizes to Be Won!

 1st Prize: £200 Family Activity Voucher – your choice!

 2nd Prize: £100 Family Activity Voucher – your choice!

 3rd Prize: £50 Family Activity Voucher – your choice!

  To Get Your Balloon Today at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgbs

Great Bookham School
Christmas fair
5th December + 3.30 - 5.30pm
£1 Entry

Jolly jars, Bottle tombola, Raffle, Wonka bars
Hot chocolate and snack bar!
...and lots more

Virtual Balloon Race!
Launch at 5pm
1st prize - £200 voucher
2nd prize - £100 voucher
3rd prize - £50 voucher
Class bonus: every child in the class gets a raffle
Buy your balloons now for the launch during the Christmas fair. Sales close on the 1st December. Raffle ends 12th December @ 5pm.
Follow your balloon up to raise money for school!

WE NEED YOUR HELP
WACKY HAIR DAY - 1ST DECEMBER
Rock a wacky hairstyle in exchange for a bottle

JOLLY JAR DONATIONS - BY 3RD DECEMBER
Decorate empty jars, fill them with sweets and treats and bring to the school - the class with the most jars will win a prize!

£5 per balloon
www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofGBs
QR code

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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