

Great Bookham School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully busy week in school with so many opportunities for our children to learn and shine.

On Monday we welcomed many of you into school for our open afternoon to celebrate the children's work. Thank you for taking the time to come in. Your support means so much to the children. They love showing you what they have been learning and it reinforces the value of their hard work and effort.

On Thursday our Year 5 and 6 boys took part in a football tournament between local schools. They showed determination teamwork and great sportsmanship throughout the event and represented our school beautifully. Experiences such as this help children develop resilience and collaborative skills which are invaluable both in and out of school.

On Friday morning Hawks class led a wonderful assembly linked to their learning about The Tudors. We were treated to Izzy, Jay and Alfie playing music on the guitar and piano whilst the school entered the hall and then a fabulous performance from the class. They spoke clearly, shared their learning with pride and entertained us all with wonderful singing, dancing and comedy! Thank you to the families who were able to join us and thank you to the Year 5 team for co-ordinating this.

Today we have waved a group of Year 6 pupils off who are attending a tag rugby session at Sutton and Epsom RFC. The children left excited and we are looking forward to finding out how they got on!

*Our Reception and Pre-school children have also been busy throughout the week practising their nativity. They are so excited to share their performance with you next week on **Wednesday 3rd December at 9.00am** and **Thursday 4th December at 2.30pm**. We hope this will be a special and memorable experience not only for the children but for you as families*

The Patrick Gardner colouring competition display will be going up in the window on Saturday with more artwork to be added once their grotto arrives. Well done to all the children who submitted entries. I'm sure the display will look fantastic and I hope your child can spot their artwork when they pass by. Activities like this offer our children a chance to express their creativity build confidence in sharing their work and feel part of our wider community.

*We are delighted to have been invited to take part in the local Bookham Spirit event on **Saturday 6th December**. There is a vast array of exciting Christmas activities scheduled with one being children from Great Bookham School singing Christmas carols. We will be meeting at the **top of the high street at 1pm ready to sing at 1.10pm**. All children are welcome to join us so please confirm if your child can attend by clicking [here](#). I will be rehearsing with those children who confirm their attendance throughout the week but they are carols that are familiar to all of us.*

Just a reminder that September 2026 applications for Reception and Year 3 are now open via the Surrey County Council website. If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2021 and August 31st 2022 school then you need to apply for a Reception space by 15th January 2026. If you need any support with this process then please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be able to support you with this.

Please can I remind parents and carers to park considerately and safely outside school. I do appreciate that it gets busy during drop off and pick up times and would urge families to consider parking slightly further away and walking a short distance to school. Parking permits are available for the Lower Shott and Co-Op carpark via Mole Valley District Council.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

Miss Allen

Stars of the week

Our stars for this week are:

Ladybirds	Hallie & Alfie
Butterflies	Leo & Rhys
Bumblebees	Isaac & Romilly
Dragonflies	Ottilie & Zoe
Foxes	Tabitha & Rilee
Squirrels	Ottilie & Amelia
Hedgehogs	Lara & Harry
Rabbits	Olive & Annabel
Eagles	Harlow & Arabella
Hawks	Jay & Hazel
Falcons	Millie & Izzy
Kestrels	Jess & Henry

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Attendance

Congratulations to Hedgehogs for winning the attendance certificate this week with 99% 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

- 1st December - **Wacky Hair Day in exchange for a Bottle**
- 3rd December - **EYFS & Pre-school Nativity - 9am**
- 4th December - **EYFS & Pre-school Nativity - 2.30pm**
- 5th December - **Christmas Fair**
- 6th December - **Spirit of Christmas event in Bookham High Street 1pm meet at Tesco**
- 9th December - **Christingle (Neptune & Saturn) 6.30pm- booking details will be sent out on Monday 1st December**
- 10th December - **Christingle (Mars & Venus) 6.30pm- booking details will be sent out on Monday 1st December**
- 10th December - **KS1 Nativity - 9am**
- 11th December - **KS1 Nativity - 2.30pm**
- 11th December - **Christmas Jumper day**
- 17th December - **Christmas Dinner**

Class Assembly Dates - 9am start

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

Important Dates



Headteacher Awards

Judah and Evie in Year 3 have been working very hard with their reading this term and both proudly came to read to me. I was so impressed with their confidence and their knowledge of phonic sounds and tricky words.

Josh in Year 3 was very proud to show me his maths and he was able to confidently talk about his learning with me.

Jay in Year 4 wrote an excellent poem all about a F1 racing car. He read his poem to me and was obviously very proud of himself.

Cecily in Year 1 modelled excellent behaviour to her peers during a session that I spent in Year 1. She listened carefully and engaged in her learning enthusiastically.

Rilee in Year 3 worked very hard to write his version of the story Coming Home.

Harlow in Year 5 has written an excellent recount of the story Friend or Foe.

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Ch1

1a) $4=8$ ✓
b) $9=18$ ✓

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c) $7=14$ ✓
d) $6=12$ ✓

2a) $20=40$ ✓
d) $50=100$ ✓

c) $0=20$ ✓
a) $30=20$ ✓

Ch2

24 ✓ 8 ✓ 10 ✓ 12 ✓ 14 ✓ 18 ✓ 20 ✓
22 ✓ 24 ✓

4 ✓ 8 ✓ 12 ✓ 16 ✓ 20 ✓ 24 ✓ 28 ✓ 32 ✓
30 ✓ 40 ✓ 44 ✓ 48 ✓

Ch3

1a) $40 \times 2 = 80$ ✓

b) $60 \times 2 = 120$ ✓

c) $90 \times 2 = 180$ ✓

d) $30 \times 2 = 60$ ✓

Excellent
wrote JOSH

2a) $40 \times 4 = 160$ ✓

b) $60 \times 4 = 240$ ✓

c) $90 \times 4 = 360$ ✓

d) $70 \times 4 = 280$ ✓



Friday 26th November

Firstly then check, just then a train, my heart falls down to my toes.

I see a giant mountain in the distance, the sky and the grass as green as emerald. Chirping speckles, whizz by in a colorful blur. Other cars over to my but I sped past on the corner. I cross the fair line, I am the winner!

Fireworks shoot into the sky and people cheer happily and loudly.

From an F1 car



Dad and Tucky went over to Mr Reynolds and asked them
in positive about it and he said yes my son but be back
at noon ok they said ok said Mr Reynolds.

Dad and Tucky said buy some more and sent off to
the shop they had the best seen ever and the
letters one yet so we have one new hour to go I don't see
what to do you no Tucky said.

We need to go back now Tucky said David. Why they
don't we take a shot at it it would be over and
sister says she'll be with us we will go to the river and jump
over it I will go with David now it over the river go David
jump over ok David David!!! David said to Tucky I need
help!!!



Setting and Character Robin
Ricee
One ~~several~~ ~~morning~~ ~~there~~
was a ~~robby~~ ~~rob~~ robin
it was a ~~freezing~~ cold day
and there was snow ~~snow~~
everywhere. ✓
The robin went on a big
journey. ✓

Problem on his journey
The robin had a drink
but ~~fell~~ the robin's eyes
burned.
He was ~~comfused~~ ✓
The robin dived through the
cloud.



Journey home & spotting boat

The rogha made his way
home. He was in a storm
and saw a warped boat
He nearly got distracted by a
man walking ✓

Meeting the man that helps

A fisherman saved the rogha
He was so kind that
the fisherman put him in a
warm boat. ✓
He got the rogha free.

Getting home & meeting friend

He finally found his home He was
overjoyed. He met his
amazing and nice friend
Pico.

Online Safety

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App Store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool, allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user-generated; therefore, they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example, they may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information

Internet Matters has created this useful guide:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/skillsbuilding/capcut/>

Friends of Great Bookham School

🎄 Christmas Fair – 5th December 🎄

🎁 ✨ WE URGENTLY NEED MORE JOLLY JARS HAND TO TEACHERS BY 3RD DECEMBER!

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

Wacky hair day on 3rd December in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola. Any bottle will do. Ketchup, Shampoo or even Champagne 🍷

LAST CHANCE TO BUY VIRTUAL BALLOONS IS 3RD DECEMBER here at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgbs The 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!



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 balloon now for the launch during the Christmas fair. Sale closes on the 1st December. Max each £25. December 6, 2pm.
Follow your balloon up to raise money for the world!

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



Christmas
Jolly Jars

Prize for the class with the most jars!

The best way to get rid of your Halloween sweets:
Decorate jam jars and fill them with goodies!
Add small toys, stickers, erasers, small pencils, Lego, craft items...



Donations directly to teachers



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

