

# Great Bookham School Newsletter

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Last week our school community enjoyed a wonderfully busy week full of exciting and festive events.*

*Our School Council visited The Howard with Miss Fanthorpe to network with local schools and take part in the local School Council Confederation meeting, a brilliant event for sharing ideas and developing leadership skills.*

*Year 6 welcomed a visiting poet on Monday Kate Wakeling and learned about the art of poetry and creating 'Odes'. They then proudly hosted an afternoon sharing their odes with parents and grandparents over a cup of tea and a biscuit; a brilliant event enjoyed by everyone and well done to all the children for writing and performing their own poetry.*

*Our preschool and reception children delighted families with their nativity performances which were enjoyed by all who came to support. Well done to our youngest children for being brave, singing loud and learning lines too, a brilliant job done by all. Thank you to the reception and pre-school team for putting on a fabulous show.*

*Monday also brought plenty of colour and creativity with our Wacky Hair Day to support the Friends of GBS through donations for the Christmas fair. We then looked forward to the Christmas fair on Friday. A huge thank you to the Friends for organising it, to everyone who helped run a stall and to all the families who will come along to support.*

*Year 2 enjoyed a visit from a Fire Marshall this week to learn all about how to stay safe at home and fire safety. Year 3 represented the school brilliantly on their trip to Butser Farm where they showed great listening and enthusiasm throughout the day.*

*Year 6 children attended a local Tag rugby event and played magnificently winning 2 games and one frustrating draw! Our Year 6 boys also took part in a football match against*

*Eastwick today and as ever showed great sportsmanship. They won the match with Jenson scoring twice and great goals from Henry S and Ashton.*

*We are also delighted to share that following a recent visit from the Food Standards Agency, the school received a 5 Food Hygiene Rating.*

*And finally we are proud to announce that the school has been awarded Surrey Healthy School status which recognises our ongoing commitment to promoting pupils' wellbeing, healthy lifestyles and a positive whole-school environment.*

*Warm wishes,*

*Miss Allen*

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## *Stars of the week*

Our stars for this week are:

|                    |                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Ladybirds</b>   | <b>Alice &amp; Jackson</b>          |
| <b>Butterflies</b> | <b>Hamish &amp; Teddy</b>           |
| <b>Bumblebees</b>  | <b>Vesuvien &amp; Orla</b>          |
| <b>Dragonflies</b> | <b>Riley &amp; Freddie</b>          |
| <b>Foxes</b>       | <b>Alfie &amp; Eden</b>             |
| <b>Squirrels</b>   | <b>Luca &amp; Annabel</b>           |
| <b>Hedgehogs</b>   | <b>Jenson &amp; Matilda D</b>       |
| <b>Rabbits</b>     | <b>Jay &amp; Heidi</b>              |
| <b>Eagles</b>      | <b>Jackson &amp; Skyla-Mae</b>      |
| <b>Hawks</b>       | <b>Sophie, William &amp; Mudiwa</b> |
| <b>Falcons</b>     | <b>Lily &amp; Emma</b>              |
| <b>Kestrels</b>    | <b>Aidan &amp; Raevyne</b>          |

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## *Attendance*

Congratulations to Eagles for winning the attendance certificate this week with 97.08% attendance!

MAC the attendance bear will visit the classroom this week.



## *Upcoming key dates*

- 17th December - **Christmas Dinner - please pre-select on MCAS**
- 19th December - Last day of Autumn Term - normal finish time
- 5th January - Back to school

### **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



### *Headteacher Awards*

Amaia in Year R was incredibly helpful to her teacher and independently offered to help her friends.

Aurora in Pre-School drew a colourful rainbow puddle and wrote her name.

Max in Year 3 was very proud to show me his fantastic work in maths.

Eden and Mason in Year 3 wrote wonderful shape poems about Christmas trees.

Jenson and Blake in Year 4 confidently shared with me their detailed understanding of the inner ear and presented their learning beautifully.

Theo in Year 4 worked so hard to improve his handwriting and both Mr Randall and I were very impressed to see what he is able to achieve.

Noah in Year 4 recently joined GBS and has been an absolute delight to teach. He has worked so hard with his writing

Arabella in Year 5 created an excellent plan of her ideas for the next unit of her DT learning. She had carefully experimented with different moving parts and carefully constructed them.

Pierre in Year 4 modelled great kindness and care to his peers.

River in Year 4 wrote a brilliant acrostic poem and then cleverly turned it into a shape poem. We were so proud of River and how hard he tried with this piece of work.

James in Year 4 used his in-depth geography knowledge to create an insightful information page comparing the UK to Tanzania.



Wednesday 3rd November December 2025  
 Christmas shape poems

It's time for Christians were all your trees and decorations  
 angels are up as it becomes december the time for christmas it's a joy for everybody to have a break and a good time spent with family opening presents and all the christmas dinners and sleeping with snow falling as you sleep sometimes washing through the night sky delivering presents to all of the kids and you never know one of them children could be you but you have to stay asleep other wise Santa may skip your house so stay asleep

Amazing ideas Mason!



The human brain can be divided into three main parts: the cerebrum, cerebellum, and brainstem.

The cerebrum is the largest part of the brain and is divided into two halves, the left and right hemispheres. It is responsible for most of the higher-level functions of the brain, such as thought, memory, and language.

The cerebellum is a smaller part of the brain located at the back and bottom. It is responsible for coordination, balance, and fine-tuning movements.

The brainstem is the part of the brain that connects the cerebrum and cerebellum to the spinal cord. It is responsible for basic life-sustaining functions, such as breathing and heart rate.

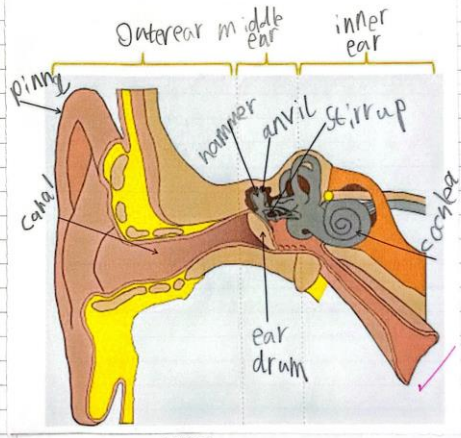
The pons is a part of the brainstem that is located above the medulla oblongata. It is responsible for breathing, swallowing, and other basic functions.

The medulla oblongata is the lower part of the brainstem that connects to the spinal cord. It is responsible for many of the same functions as the pons, such as breathing and heart rate.

The spinal cord is a long, thin, tube-like structure that runs down the back. It is responsible for transmitting signals between the brain and the rest of the body.



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
 to show that sounds can be  
 communication.



Like a  
 The pinna is <sup>like a</sup> funnel the sound goes through it and goes through it into the ear canal. The sound makes the ear drum shake and then the hammer hits the anvil and stirrup. The sound goes to the cochlea and makes the hair inside <sup>vibrate</sup>.



2025 Noah raynor

Elisabeth paws on a crisp  
 bobble shine like  
 a tree by the sea  
 the tree is shining  
 like robes. a ha  
 I see is see chervin  
 o onen prisms like  
 elisabeth bobble.  
 I see ch chervin  
 runen arab





just as I was made I was put by  
 a nice cake Mr Randal  
 I must return a plastic bag  
 and rice in his cake and  
 with him to his gate home  
 were I was put  
 up good and with  
 then I was with  
 that big sack a  
 meal then the rest  
 was mad got a  
 loss a busy hour  
 so later I was taken  
 out as they and

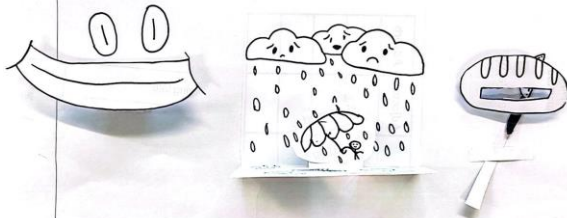


Pop-Up Book Plan

Name: Amelia Date: 3.12.25

Theme of Pop-Up book page: Eye

Page design (include text and label mechanisms)



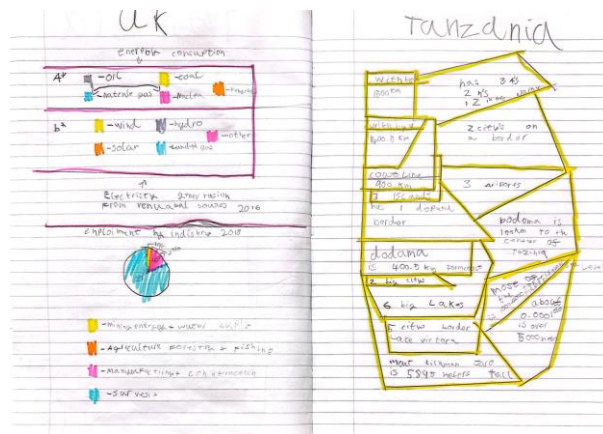
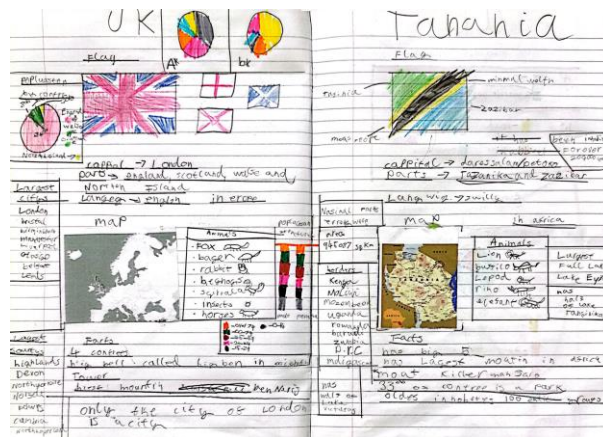
Key vocabulary

moving pivot fixed pivot window wiper horse T-bar slider mouth fold rotator lift-the-flap  
 paper fastener glue sellotape felt tips illustration

River



- P Presents Sparkling like gaudy
- R River awaits for the morning
- E Envelopes lie under the tree
- S Santa's sack sitting on his sleigh
- E eyes sliding down chimneys
- N Naughty children walking to see Santa
- T Time to get up and play in soft snow
- S santa giving out presents time to open



## 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

Thank you so much to every single volunteer who has helped make the Christmas fair a success including those who helped to set up, man and set down the class stalls. These events cannot go on without all the helpers. Thank you to all the parents and children who participated as well. We know Christmas can be busy time so we really appreciate your support for our events. We hope you all had a blast. We cannot wait to share with you all how much we have made to buy learning resources and equipment for the school.

In just under two weeks the PTA has prepared another special event for children only. A very important gentleman and his elves will be visiting the school to give all of the children a gift before they finish the term. Please keep this a secret as we can't wait to see the surprise on the children's faces.

If you would like to help at any of our events please send us an email to be added to our volunteer WhatsApp group. This is the group we use when we need people to volunteer for particular elements of each event. [friends.gbs@sfet.org.uk](mailto:friends.gbs@sfet.org.uk) or message Grace House through our Facebook page

## 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



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