

# Great Bookham School Newsletter

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I hope you all had a wonderful half term. It is hard to believe that the beautiful sunshine has disappeared so quickly. Despite the change in weather, there have been many bright and happy moments in school this week.*

*We started the week with the exciting news that GBS had won the SFET Year 4 maths competition that ran over the half term. Out of all of our trust schools, our year 4 children had practised their times tables the most and got the most correct answers using the Times Tables Rockstars platform. Well done Year 4!*

*On Wednesday, our Reception pupils embarked on a wonderful Pirate Day adventure. It was such a delight to see the children arrive in their costumes, fully embracing the spirit of the day. The excitement and enthusiasm were truly infectious and the activities planned gave the children a rich and engaging experience. I know that they all thoroughly enjoyed baking their golden coin cookies. Thank you to our Reception team for organising such a magical day and helping to create special memories for the children.*

*On Friday, we were incredibly proud of Butterflies class, who delivered their very first class assembly. They rose to the occasion with confidence and shared their learning about dinosaurs. They showcased their learning beautifully, speaking, singing and even rapping with great enthusiasm. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us to support them and special thanks to Mrs Morriss and Miss Mason for their preparation and encouragement of the children.*

*We were delighted to welcome our new Year 3 cohort for another of their settling-in sessions. It was wonderful to see how quickly the children are beginning to feel comfortable in their new environment, with friendships already starting to flourish. These sessions are so valuable in ensuring a smooth transition and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them fully into the GBS family in September.*

*Our EYFS team have also been incredibly busy this week, visiting 19 different settings to introduce themselves to the 60 new Year R children who will soon be joining us for their own settling sessions ahead of the summer holidays. We are very much looking forward to delivering our 'Welcome to Reception' talk this Monday at 6pm to all parents of children joining reception this September.*

*On Tuesday 9th June we are very excited to have the world record holder Pete Thompson The Skipping Ninja visiting the school to carry out a workshop with all children. He will be performing a special skipping performance to all children and we are hoping to see lots of our children inspired to try out the sport - skipping ropes at the ready! Merchandise will be available to buy at the end of the day.*

*Thank you to The Friends of Great Bookham School for organising the ice lolly and popcorn sale after school on Friday. It was lovely to see so many families supporting the event. Your continued generosity and involvement are greatly appreciated and as always, the funds raised will go directly towards enhancing the provision and opportunities we can offer all of our children. We are looking forward to relocating and refurbishing our library space next academic year using the funds raised by events like this.*

*Next week marks the start of The Big SFET Listen, and we would be very grateful if all parents could complete the parent survey. This will be accessible via a link sent out on Monday morning, as well as through QR codes available at the school gates. Your voice and thoughts really matter to us and we warmly welcome your feedback and ideas. Across the Trust, there is a prize for the school with the highest level of engagement, and given how supportive you all are, I have high hopes that GBS stands a very good chance of winning the competition!*

*I hope Year 5 all have a restful weekend ahead of their residential trip to Hooke Court next week and we look forward to another busy week in school.*

*Warm regards*

*Miss Allen*

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# BIG LISTEN



Parents | Teachers | Pupils 8<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June



PETE THOMPSON WORLD RECORD HOLDER AKA THE SKIPPING NINJA

WILL BE VISITING

ON THE

GREAT BOOKHAM SCHOOL

9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



**FULL NINJA SUIT**  
(includes FREE rope, headband & mask)

**£15**



**DRAWSTRING BAG**  
(with FREE rope & headband!)

**£15**



**NINJA HAT**

**£8**



**NINJA KEYRING**

**£2**



**NINJA BOTTLE**

**£8**



**NINJA HEADBAND**

**£3**



**NINJA ROPES**

**£5**



MADE IN THE UK



SCAN ME TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SKIP BEATZ!



**WARNING!**  
THIS ROPE CAN CREATE NINJA SKIPPERS!

Cash & Card Payments Accepted





## Attendance reminder

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

## Parking Reminder for Parents and Carers

We continue to experience ongoing challenges with parking around the school, and we have recently received several complaints from our local community and from patients at Fairfield Medical Centre. These concerns relate to some GBS parents parking inconsiderately, as well as using the surgery car park, which is not permitted.

Please can we kindly ask all parents and carers to:

- Park considerately and ensure driveways, pavements and access points are kept clear.
- Do not park in the surgery car park at all times.

- Walk to school where possible, or use a *park and stride* approach by arriving a little earlier and parking further away.
- Refrain from parking in front of the Griffin Way entrance gates, as this forces families to walk in the road, creating a dangerous situation for our children.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us keep all members of our school community safe.

## Online Safety

### **FreezeNova(Unblocked games)**

FreezeNova unblocked is a website that is free to access and contains a wide variety of games, including shooting, multiplayer and racing games. This site may bypass usual filters, making it easier for your child to access games that you may not want them to play. As there are a variety of games, not all games may be suitable for your child.

There is also FreezeNova Chat, allowing users to chat with their friends and meet new ones. Clearly, there are concerns with any online chat facility, as there is the potential to view inappropriate content, risk of bullying, and grooming. We could not locate any age ratings on this site, and there are constant adverts.

Childnet have a webpage providing advice on gaming and chat features here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-andadvice/gaming/>

### **PEGI is expanding its age ratings**

From June, PEGI is adding new categories. “Newly submitted games will be classified with a broader set of criteria that will focus on content and functionality, such as purchases of in-game content, paid random items, communication features, and features that incentivise players to continue playing.”

Find out more here: <https://pegi.info/news/pegi-expandsage-rating-criteria-interactive-riskcategories>

### **Screen time guidance for under 5s**

The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. Best Start for Life has published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screen time affects your child and how screen time can affect your child’s development.

Find out more here: <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screentime-under-5s/>

## National Year of Reading Booklist

### Best Children's Books for the National Year of Reading

The Department for Education has teamed up with the National Literacy Trust to launch a [National Year of Reading in 2026](#) to revitalise reading engagement across the UK. We believe that introducing pupils to fresh, contemporary voices and modern storytelling is one of the most effective ways to build a vibrant Reading for Pleasure culture.

Throughout the year there will be lots of reading focussed events and activities at GBS - watch this space! To help you navigate the National Year of Reading with the latest titles, we have highlighted these standout picks from the 'books for topics' website -

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/reading-for-pleasure/national-year-of-reading-2026/>

- **EYFS & Year 1:** For our youngest learners, the recently published *The Biggest Breakfast* has a timeless and fun appeal. For a barrel of laughs, younger primary children will also love [We Are Definitely Human](#) and [Dotty Doughnut](#).
- **Year 2:** As children move towards independent reading, new adventures with [Luna Grace](#) or [Watts & Whiskerton](#) serve as a brilliant “bridge”. These titles are a core recommendation for readers ready for [early chapter books](#).
- **Year 3:** Visual literacy is a major focus for 2026, and the recently released [Pablo and Splash: Frozen in Time](#) is already a firm favourite. This graphic novel is a highlight of our [Graphic Novel Reading List](#), offering a high-speed, modern entry point for all readers.
- **Year 4:** For laugh-out-loud relatable fiction, we highly recommend the recent release [The Misadventures of Mina Mahmood: School Trip](#). It holds a prominent spot on our [Year 4 Recommended Reads](#) list. Another fun choice is [Traitor Island](#), which offers a choose-your-own-adventure style twist that our review panel described as a ‘an interactive and immersive read.’
- **Year 5:** Developing stamina in upper KS2 is made easier with contemporary hits like [Bobby Bains Plays a Blinder](#). This book is a key part of our [Year 5 Reading for Pleasure list](#), offering inclusive, modern storytelling that resonates with today’s pupils.
- **Year 6:** For older readers who crave high-stakes tension, the latest from Christopher Edge, [Escape Room: Game Zero](#), is an essential pick which combines cutting-edge themes with intense narrative drive.

Beyond fiction, this collection includes recent non-fiction gems that bring subjects to life. [There Was a Roman in Your Garden](#) is a fresh addition to our [Romans Topic Booklist](#), while the new [Hunt for the Golden Scarab](#) offers a thrilling hook for those exploring

the [Ancient Egypt theme](#). For budding KS1 scientists, the recently published [The Great Pollination Investigation](#) fits perfectly within our [Science & STEM book recommendations](#).

### *Upcoming key dates*

11th June - Reception trip to Windsor Castle

10th - 12th June - Year 5 Residential trip to Hooke Court

15th - 19th June - Year 6 Bikeability

20th June - Bookham Village Day

22nd June - District Sports

24th June - KS1/EYFS Sports day - AM

25th June - KS2 Sports day - AM

26th June Wacky Hair Day - in exchange for a bottle for the PTA Bottle Tombola

27th June - Colour run

29th June - Open afternoon

1st July - Bump up day

3rd July - EYFS Parent lunch

3rd July - KS2 Rock Bottom Theatre performance

16th July - Year 6 Leavers assembly

17th July - Last day of term

### **Class Assembly Dates - 9am start**

19th June 2026 - Ladybirds



## Headteacher Awards

Evelyn in Year 3, showed great care and pride in the presentation of her science work and made a thoughtful prediction about the growth of a sunflower.

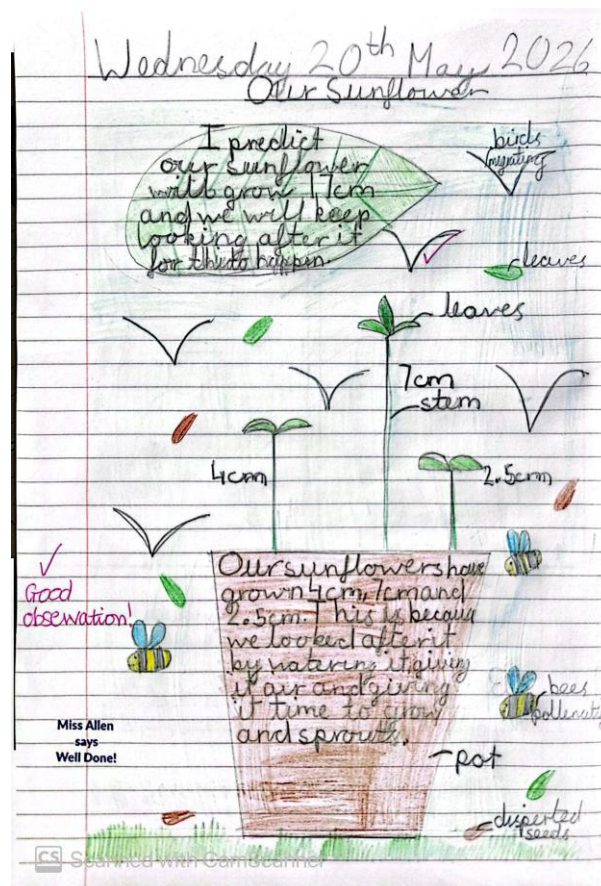
Cecily in Year 1, spoke confidently about the history of beaches, demonstrating growing confidence in her speaking skills.

Ava in Year 6, worked incredibly hard to produce an excellent Greek myth, there were some quite gory parts of her myth!

Michael-John in Year 1, impressed us by independently practising his maths and showing a positive attitude towards his learning.

Mollie in Year 3, took the initiative to independently create a wonderful fact file about snails.

Yayah in Year 3, showed excellent concentration during his lesson on homophones and could confidently tell me a range of examples.



Part 2

Miss Allen  
says  
Well Done!

Some lines

1. I blew the bubbles across the garden. ✓
2. The dog wagged its tail happily. ✓
3. We went to the park after lunch. ✓
4. Dad let the boys over there. ✓
5. Please tie the ribbon in a neat knot. ✓
6. The knight rode his horse at night. ✓
7. Mia ate one biscuit before dinner. ✓
8. I can hear the birds singing here. ✓

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1. Hear → see ✓
2. Sun → son ✓
3. Lower → lower ✓
4. Write → right ✓

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1. I can hear ✓ the music playing.
2. Mum brought a juicy pear ✓ for my lunch box.
3. Please come and sit here ✓ beside me.
4. Dad will meet ✓ my teacher at the gate.
5. The lion ate a piece of meat ✓.
6. I have a matching pair of socks ✓.

Excellent work Yahya!

# THE GREEK MYTH

Miss Allen  
says  
Well Done!

Extending back to an era when the world was still young, a field of warm, fresh daisies layed still. There was a breeze making the grass sway like a romantic opera. There lived a girl named Dotty Stone who was the daughter of the richest man alive. His most known name was Richard Stone but underneath he was known as Dr Jeffery.

Rose lived on a farm with her many goats and sheep. Her ~~favorites~~ <sup>favorites</sup> were her horses (she raced on them). She was a fearsome bullet when she rode with the gusty wind on her face. One morning, Rose came outside to ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> her sheep which had been ~~mutilated~~ <sup>mutilated</sup>. Her eyes teared up as she saw this disturbing sight. Rose murmured, "This must be the temple dweller!" The temple dweller was a devilish, unworthy MONSTER!

As she ran to the front of her house a local farmer said "He hasn't attacked since 1482 and its 1502!"

Why has he come back to  
little island in the Caribbean?  
A local seller who was deli-  
vering fruit whispered, "I heard  
he whipped out the whole  
before! He has eight long arms  
with ~~sharp~~ scales down his  
and eyes that can blow  
up with a stare. The Temple  
means trouble. Giant Jaws  
were left in its wake of its  
attack!"

Late one night, Rose went  
for revenge. She hiked up the  
hill to the temple where the  
Dweller lay sleeping. But the  
unthinkable happened. No w

# FACTS ALL ABOUT SNAILS!!!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Snails can sleep for 3 years straight!

Snails have 100s of teeth!

Snails have been around for over 600 million years!

Snails are dead!

The smallest snail can fit through the eye of a needle which is the size of a →

Some snails eat other snails!

Some snails have hairy shells!

Some people eat snails but don't eat raw snails it will make you sick!



Snails are both Male + female!

The oldest snail is 25!

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Molly Kensington Yr 5 "Snails"

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

LO: To use sources to find out what seaside holidays were like 100 years ago.

<p>A swimming costume from the past would look like this...</p> 	<p>A current swimming costume might look like this...</p> 
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Miss Allen says Well Done!

Why have swimming costumes changed over time?  
 This is because the rules surrounding how much body is allowed to be seen has changed.

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## Friends of Great Bookham School

### **COLOUR RUN TICKETS ARE NOW LIVE!**

Tickets are now available on the PTA website. Under 2's are FREE (please note they must not take part in the run itself).

You can also pre-order:

White Colour Run t-shirts - Available in both adult and children's sizes!

Bags of colour powder also available to pre order

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgbs/>

### **JOLLY JARS ARE BACK!**

We're collecting Jolly Jars for the Summer Fair and would love your help! Simply fill a clean jar with sweets, small toys, stickers or little treats and bring it to your child's teacher by **26th June** Prize for the class that collects the MOST jars!

Thank you for helping us make the fair extra fun for the children!

### **WACKY HAIR DAY!**

Friday 26th June is our fabulous Wacky Hair Day in support of the PTA Bottle Tombola! Instead of a cash donation, we're asking children to bring in a bottle donation for the Summer Fair. Crazy hair encouraged!

Bottles must be unopened

Please ensure all items are in date. Every donation helps make our Summer Fair a success — thank you for your support!

## 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:

Stagecoach lesson in Bookham and Leatherhead

1st Bookham Beavers and Cubs who both have spaces

Weekly groups for babies - toddlers

Swimming lessons

SEND Families meet up

Bookham Tennis Club

Aerial Tumbling Club

London TKD

Leatherhead Football club open sessions

Your Space Therapies

Decreasing depression

Leatherhead Girls cricket

Understanding Teens talk

Colin Bull Swimming lessons

YMCA transition to secondary

Juniper Hall Family Events

Bookham Colts Girls Wildcat Programme