Great Bookham School Newsletter Issue 2 2026/2027

Great Bookham School
The Continual Pursuit of Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school for our Meet the Teacher sessions. Each afternoon, families had the opportunity to meet their child's year group team and find out more about life in their new class, including the curriculum, key learning experiences, expectations and planned trips for the year ahead. Thank you to everyone who attended, particularly those families who are new to GBS. We hope you found the sessions informative and enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the staff who will be supporting your child throughout the year.

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils were visited by two landscape architects this week to talk them about proposed development of some of our local parks. The children enjoyed creating drawings and models of design ideas and equipment they'd like to have at the park. They are looking forward to see if any of their ideas and suggestions are made a reality!

After school on Friday, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in the first cross-country meet of the season at KGV. Well done to all of the runners who represented the school so brilliantly. Thank you also to the families who came along to support. At GBS, we pride ourselves on the encouragement and support our children show one another, and it was lovely to see participants and spectators alike cheering each other on throughout the event.

We have a busy week in school next week with a number of events taking place including the following:

- *Scholastics Book Fair - after school every day outside the junior classrooms next to the field. Every book sold generates money for our school to spend on books.*

- *Reception Parent Information evening - Monday -5pm - 6pm.*

- *Parent Workshop about Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) - Wednesday 2pm - 3pm in the main hall - all welcome to join.*

- *Friends of GBS Pre-loved uniform sale and Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale - Friday 3pm - until all doughnuts are sold!*

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school tomorrow for another great week.

Miss Allen





Breakfast and After School Club Opportunities

We are looking for additional members of staff to join our wrap around care team, especially Breakfast club. If you would be interested or know of someone that would be keen, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Miss Allen to find out more.



A message from Stripey Stork

Dear Families of Great Bookham School

Thank you very much to everyone at Great Bookham School for the wonderful collection of preloved school uniform that you donated to Stripey Stork. It arrived at such a vital time, just as we are at our most busy point making sure that we are able to provide school items for children who need it. We really appreciate all of the items that you gave us and they will all be so useful for the children and young people who receive them.

The scale of our 'School Days' project is huge - so far this year we've supported 5011 local children living in poverty with 19,941 items for school. Having the right uniform makes such a difference to young people. One partner that we work with, Laura from the 'Team Around the School' team at Surrey County Council, explained how not having the essentials that they need for school can affect children's confidence and friendships. She said that "Giving children the right items that they need for school gives children and families dignity and improves their confidence, attendance and engagement at school."

This vital support that Stripey Stork gives families is only possible due to the wonderful donations made by groups such as Great Bookham School. The children who receive the items you donated will attend school feeling more able and ready to embrace their school days. If you would like more information about our charity, then please visit https://stripeystork.org.uk/.

With warmest thanks and best wishes to you all for a very happy new term, Millie

Stars of the week

Our stars for this week are:

Bumblebees **Harry & Jessie**

Honeybees	**Evie & Billy James**
Dragonflies	**Archie & Theo**
Foxes	**Zoe & Sebastian**
Squirrels	**Jessica & Crystal**
Hedgehogs	**Josh & Poppy**
Rabbits	**Oscar & Olivia**
Eagles	**Ollie & Grace**
Hawks	**Elsie & Daisy**
Falcons	**Evie & Blake**
Kestrels	**Matthew & Darcie**

Attendance

Congratulations to Falcons for winning the attendance certificate this week with 100% attendance!

MAC the attendance bear will visit their classrooms next week.



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, Bookham Library 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.

Class Assembly Dates - 9am start

16th October - Kestrels

12th February - Hedgehogs

5th March - Falcons

12th March - Eagles

16th April - Squirrels

23rd April - Dragonflies

30th April - Foxes

7th May - Rabbits

28th May - Hawks

11th June - Bumblebees

18th June - Honeybees

25th June - Butterflies

9th July - Ladybirds

Important Dates



SEPTEMBER

21st – Meet the Teacher - Reception 5pm-6pm

21st - 25th - Book Fair after school each day

23rd - Pathological Demand Avoidance Parent Workshop 2pm - 3pm

24th - Flu immunisations

24th - EYFS and Yr6 child measurement programme

25th - PTA Doughnut and Pre-loved Uniform Sale after school

30th - Year 2 School Trip to Brighton Sealife Centre

OCTOBER

1st - Individual/Sibling Photos

2nd - Year 3/4 Cross Country at KGV after school

2nd - PTA Bingo Event 8pm

6th - Reception & KS1 Harvest Festival AM

6th - Year 5 to Hampton Court

7th - Reception & KS1 Harvest Festival AM

7th – Yr3 Butser Farm trip

9th - Yr5/Yr6 Cross Country at KGV after school

12th - Parents' Evening

13th—Yr4 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip

14th - Year 6 to The Natural History Museum

15th - Parents' Evening

19th - 30th Autumn half term

NOVEMBER

2nd - Back to school

9th - EYFS Owl workshop

13th - Children in Need

16th - Odd sock day

16th - 20th—Anti Bullying Week

DECEMBER

1st - Pre-school and Reception Christmas Performance AM

4th - Pre-school and Reception Christmas Performance AM

5th - Bookham Spirit of Christmas Event on the High St

8th - KS2 Christingle performance

9th - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance AM

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10th - Christmas jumper day

11th - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance AM

15th - Year 5 European Christmas Day

18th - Last day of term (No Puffins)

JANUARY

4th - Back to school

18th - Young voices

19th - 20th - Year 4 Bikeability

28th - Little City for Preschool & EYFS



Headteacher Awards

Tom in Year 2 wrote an excellent setting description and thought carefully about using exciting and ambitious adjectives to engage the reader.

Bonnie in Year 2 independently produced some excellent maths work and worked incredibly hard on her neat number formation.

Everly, Goutham and Rory in Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Hindu gods. Each child chose a god to draw, and I was so impressed by the level of detail they included in their artwork.

Bonnie and Sienna in Year 3 were very proud to share their wonderful writing about a pet adventure. Their enthusiasm for their work was lovely to see.

Taylan in Year 3 has shown such a wonderful attitude towards his learning and has made a brilliant start to the year.

Aaron in Year 6 wrote a very thoughtful acrostic poem about giving thanks. His poem contained some powerful messages that had a real impact on the reader.

Blake in Year 6 has made an excellent start to Year 6. His maths work on negative numbers was particularly impressive, demonstrating both confidence and understanding.

Ronnie in Year 2 produced some excellent writing inspired by *The Gruffalo*. I was particularly impressed by his neat letter formation and well-constructed sentences.

Sophie, Katie, Hugo, Jay and Skyla in Year 6 all worked hard to create original and detailed information pages using the knowledge that they learned about earthquakes.

Harlow in Year 6 was very excited to show me his writing about The Highway Man. He had tried hard to use interesting vocabulary and had thought hard about his sentence strusture.

page 1

wet hilss and tudid rivus. toriste teeeos wit sum ded trees. ✓ Fling bunet (bunnies) chocut deeh. meltid alien green. wet driping cave. ✓ Their homes were mad out of mud brick. ✓ shim roef. woos out of cards and for the roof pensil. ✓ their transpon is d a cdnun. d black hot (hole) d tling black (k)ng. ✓

Miss Allen says Well Done!

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September

LO: To draft and edit a non-chronological report using capital letters and full stops.

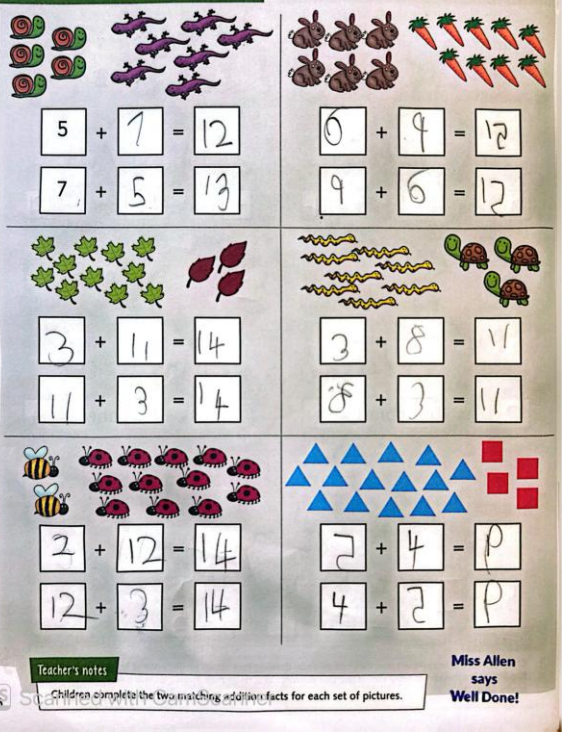
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Unit 1, Week 2, Lesson 1

Date: 14.9.26 2026

Add both ways

Add two numbers in any order



5 + 7 = 12	6 + 9 = 12
7 + 5 = 13	9 + 6 = 12
3 + 11 = 14	3 + 8 = 11
11 + 3 = 14	8 + 3 = 11
2 + 12 = 14	2 + 4 = 6
12 + 3 = 14	4 + 2 = 6

Teacher's notes

Children complete the two matching addition facts for each set of pictures.

Miss Allen says Well Done!

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Thursday 10th September 2026

Lakshmi



Miss Allen says Well Done!

Lakshmi is wealth, good fortune and prosperity. She also has 4 arms. Hindus may pray to Lakshmi for good luck and success. She is shown standing on a lotus flower.

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My pet Adventure

Holly was an orange and black puppy who was cheecky and loyal one summery day she went to a fun exiteting dog park when Holly suddnely saw a butterfly. It was a pretty as a rainbow and she chased it!

Holly was as quick as a Leopard. Suddnely Holly Stoppedthen she noticed she was in the grassy woods. She was scared. Luckily, she sniffther way home she snuggled her way into her bed.

Miss Allen says Well Done!

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My Pet Adventure

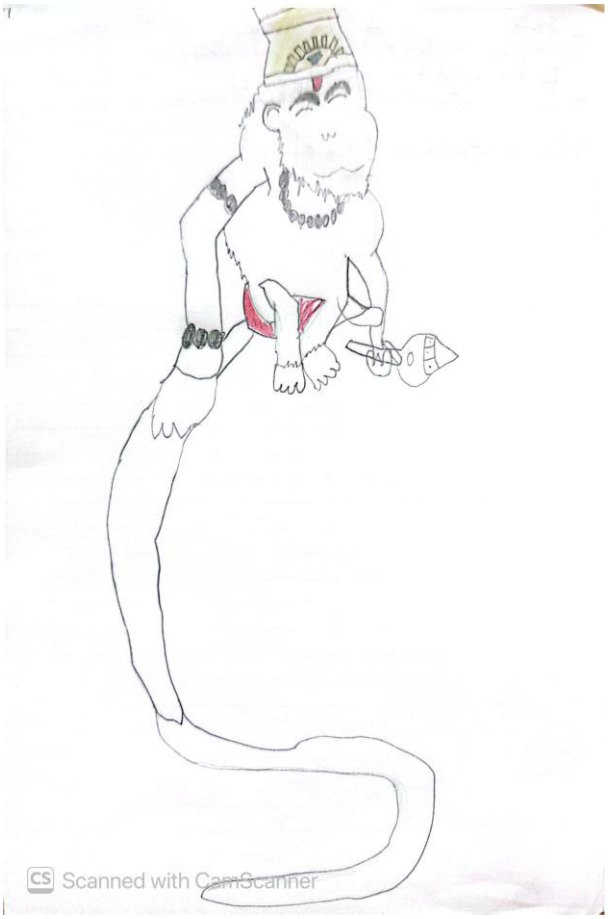
Dusty was a brown dog and he was small, loving. One sunny day he went to the New Park and he spotted a naughty Squirrel and started to chase it. As fast as as a car. Then he chased the Squirrel into the wet woods. Suddenly Dusty relised he was alone. He did not like that he was in the soggy, scary and dark woods.

Miss Allen says Well Done!

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Monday 14th September 2026

~~I'm understand the importance of this Skill on~~

T hanks is important, it helps to all and joy.

H elp others with their problems.

A ny kind action, no matter how small, is helpful.

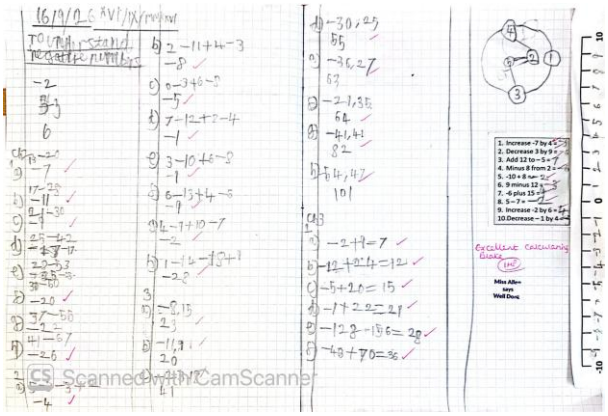
N ever take things for granted.

K eep being positive, never give up.

S peak carefully, kindly, and with my mind your voice will be beautiful

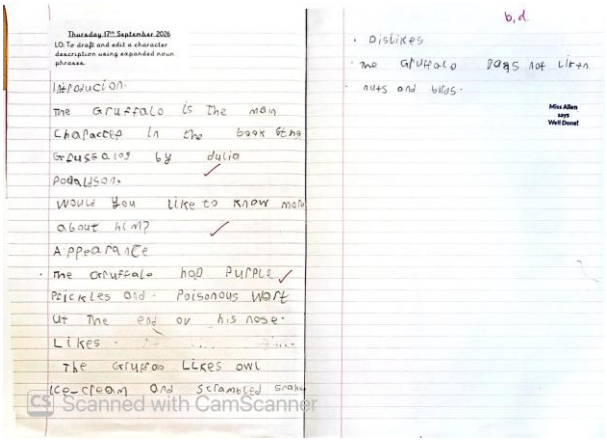
Lovely words Aaron (HP)

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Excellent concentration and effort in class today!

Miss Allen says Well Done!



Thursday 12th September 2024

LO: To draft and edit a character description using expanded noun phrases.

Introduction:

The Gruffalo is the main character in the book being discussed by Julia Donaldson.

Would you like to know more about him?

Appearance

- The Gruffalo had purple prickles and poisonous wart at the end of his nose.

Likes:

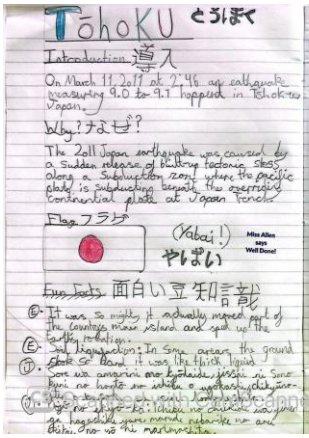
The Gruffalo likes owl ice-cream and scrambled snake

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b, d.

- Dislikes
- The Gruffalo does not like nuts and bugs.

Miss Allen says Well Done!



Tohoku とうほく

Introduction 導入

On March 11, 2011 at 2:46 an earthquake measuring 9.0 to 9.1 happened in Tohoku, Japan.

Why? なぜ?

The 2011 Japan earthquake was caused by a sudden release of built-up tectonic stress along a subduction zone, where the Pacific plate is subducting beneath the overriding continental plate at Japan Trench.

Flag フラグ

(Yabai!) やばい

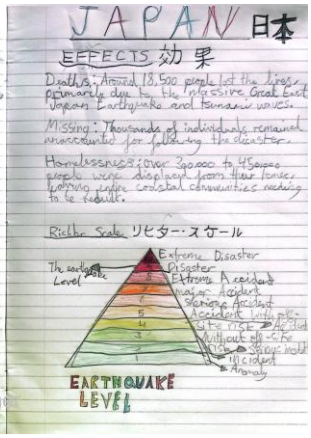
Miss Allen says Well Done!

Fun Facts 面白い豆知識

E. It was so mighty it actually moved part of the country, main island and sped up the Earth's rotation.

E. Soil liquefaction: In some areas, the ground took on a liquid-like consistency, causing buildings and infrastructure to sink or collapse.

T. Sorry we amarini are tsunamis, yoshi in some parts we have no water, a wall of debris, and fires. Ganbatte kudasai. Ichiban no saidaino sangyo hogoshite yume mendo tebanashi no and shitai. Ono wo shi mashoshita.



JAPAN 日本

EFFECTS 効果

Deaths: Around 18,500 people lost the lives, primarily due to the massive Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami waves.

Missing: Thousands of individuals remained unaccounted for following the disaster.

Homelessness: Over 300,000 to 450,000 people were displaced from their homes, leaving entire coastal communities needing to be rebuilt.

Richter Scale リヒター・スケール



Valdivias

In 1960 the Valdivia earthquake occurred in the afternoon and lasted 10 minutes, it was a 9.5 earthquake

What was the damage from the earth quake?

Between 1,000 and 6,000 people sadly died and it cost about $400 million and $800 million

This was once the strongest earthquake ever recorded.

this is called the transform plates

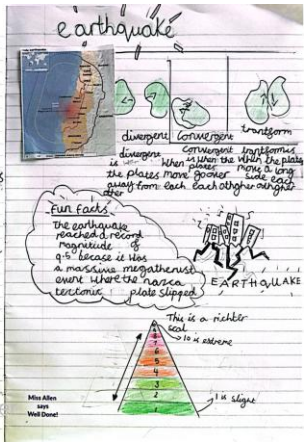
What makes earthquakes

Earthquakes are made caused by the sudden release of energy in the Earth's crust usually due to the movement and friction of tectonic plates

If there is a earthquake

Drop! Cover! Hold

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earthquake

divergent is when the plates move away from each other etc.

Convergent is when the plates move a long side each other

transform is when the plates move a long side each other

Fun Facts

The earthquake reached a record magnitude of 9.5 because it was a massive megathrust event where the Nazca tectonic plate slipped

EARTHQUAKE

This is a richter scal

10 is extreme

1 is slight

Miss Allen says Well Done!

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE

Introduction

In Venezuela, in Guiria a 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck, killing at least 2,600 people and left thousands injured. The earthquake struck at 18:06 local time on June 24th 2026 and caused mass destruction throughout many parts of Venezuela, including the capital Caracas. Just seconds before the 7.5 magnitude earthquake was another 7.2 magnitude earthquake at 18:04 local time. Both earthquakes caused widespread damage to many homes and other building.

EFFECTS of EARTHQUAKE

The 7.2 and 7.5 magnitude earthquakes that struck the North of South America caused several destruction to almost all of the northern half of the country. Some of the destroyed buildings include:

The country's main international airport which is on the outskirts of Caracas.

- A ten-storey building in La Guiria.
- A hotel with only the entrance left standing.

These are some of the most effected buildings, however there are many more buildings damaged - about 59,830 buildings. This is roughly 80% of the buildings in the region.



WHY DID IT HAPPEN

Venezuela sits directly across the boundary of 2 tectonic plates - specifically the Caribbean and the south American Plate, both major tectonic plates. These 2 plates are partially converged, which is partly the reason the Venezuela earthquake happened.



Richter Scale

The richter scale measures earthquakes in orders of magnitude from 2.5 - 10.0. The device that is used to measure earthquakes is kept under ground and is called a seismometer and measures seismic waves. The largest earthquake ever had a magnitude of 9.5. The event happened in Chile 1960 and lasted for 10 min. If there is an earthquake there are 3 steps to remember:

STOP! DROP! COVER!

Which means stop what your doing drop to the ground and cover yourself.

Richter Scale
10.0
9.5
9.0
7.5
6.5
5.5
4.5
3.5
2.5

Miss Allen says Well Done!

THE JAPAN EARTHQUAKE

On March 11th 2011 at 14:46:24 JST an earthquake occurring 9.1 magnitude lasting for 6 minutes happed in Tohoku, Japan.

THE DESTRUCTION...

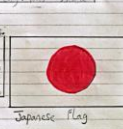
An estimated 19,759 to nearly 20,000 people died, including the earthquake - over 2500 people were missing and all remain unaccounted. After the disaster, many still throughout the week.

FUN FACT!

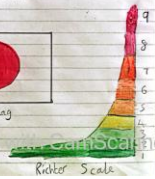
Did you know it took 32 trillion yen (approx 295 M 300 billion British Sterling?) However initially our buildings infrastructure and utilities only 16.9 trillion yen (154 to 211 billion British Sterling) was insured.

Richter Scales

On the Richter Scale, 9 means high danger / more destruction and in the middle can cause widespread damage.



Japanese flag



Richter Scale

Why Did It Happen?

The 2011 earthquake in Japan was caused because a massive release of stress in the tectonic plate boundary in the Pacific ocean at the Japan Trench. Suddenly, Pressure had been building up for decades.

How Many Buildings Were Damaged?

Did you know approximately 122,000 to 138,000 buildings were completely obliterated during the earthquake and up to 745,000 buildings had lots of minor / partial damages?



Which Plates Collided?

Causing the earthquakes were the Pacific plate and the Okhotsk Plate (as the North American). These two plates are colliding each other.

Miss Allen says Well Done!

VALDIVIA EARTHQUAKE!

NAME: Chile
DATE: 22nd May 1960
MAGNITUDE: 9.4-9.8
TIME: 19:11:14

This earthquake lasted 10 minutes and did alot of damages. A HUGE TSUNAMI up to 82 feet high and 1000-6000 People killed. Many buildings where knocked down with no hesitation and it costed 8.7 billion Pounds to re build the Valdivia earthquake was extraordinary.

WHY DID IT HAPPEN?

Because of the 4 pieces of the immence tectonic plates let go as each other that is caused a.....

SHOCK WAVE

There was 2,000,000 people where homeless because of this humungus earth quake shaking the ground very violently (10 seconds).

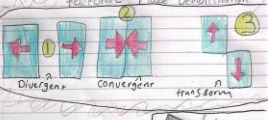
On May 24th a volcano Puyehue erupted sending ash

DROP Cover Hold

And steam as high as 6000 m the eruption continued for several WEEKS!

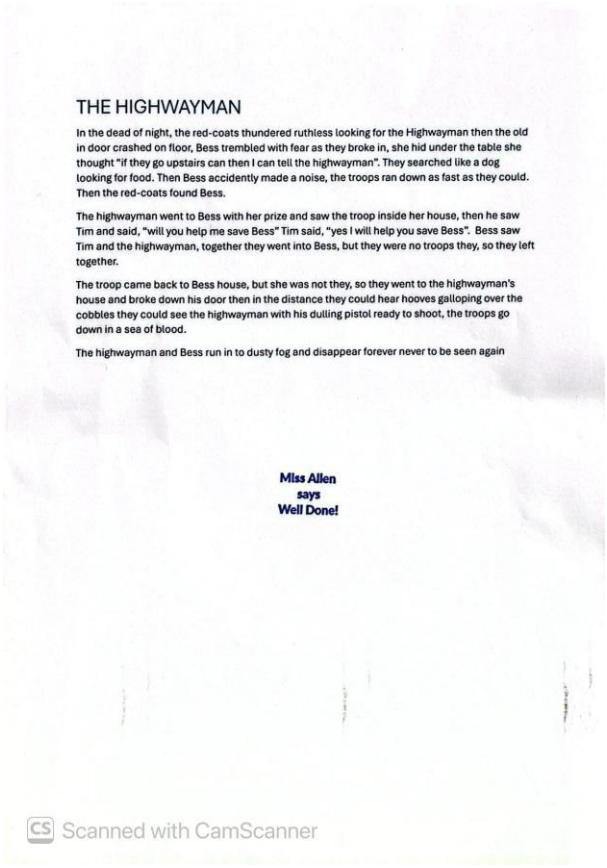


Tectonic Plates Demonstration



Miss Allen says Well Done!





THE HIGHWAYMAN

In the dead of night, the red-coats thundered ruthless looking for the Highwayman then the old in door crashed on floor, Bess trembled with fear as they broke in, she hid under the table she thought "if they go upstairs can then I can tell the highwayman". They searched like a dog looking for food. Then Bess accidently made a noise, the troops ran down as fast as they could. Then the red-coats found Bess.

The highwayman went to Bess with her prize and saw the troop inside her house, then he saw Tim and said, "will you help me save Bess" Tim said, "yes I will help you save Bess". Bess saw Tim and the highwayman, together they went into Bess, but they were no troops they, so they left together.

The troop came back to Bess house, but she was not they, so they went to the highwayman's house and broke down his door then in the distance they could hear hooves galloping over the cobbles they could see the highwayman with his dulling pistol ready to shoot, the troops go down in a sea of blood.

The highwayman and Bess run in to dusty fog and disappear forever never to be seen again

Miss Allen
says
Well Done!

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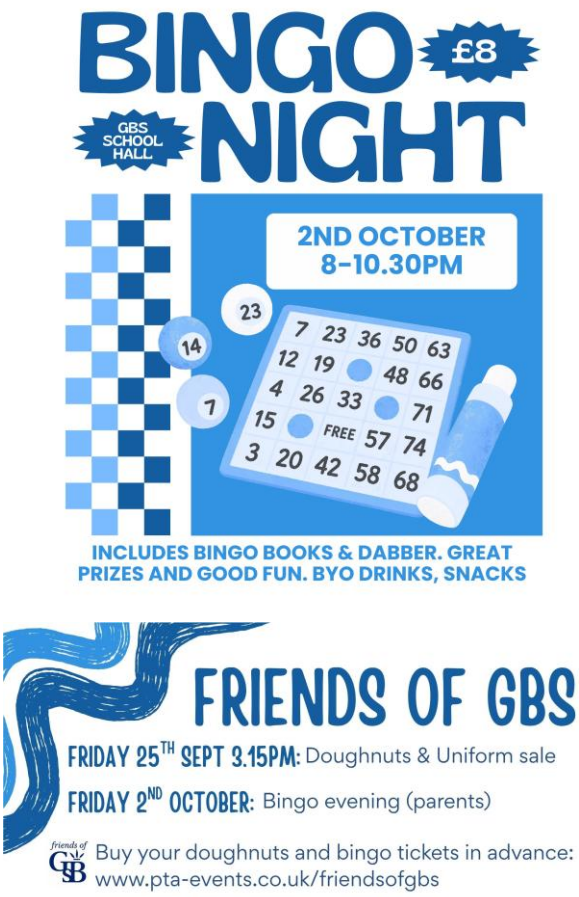
Friends of Great Bookham School

🍩 **Doughnut sale:** Pre-order 6 Krispy Kremes for £8 by **21 September at 6pm**. Singles cost £1.50 on the day, while stocks last. Cash preferred; cards welcome.

👕 **Pre-loved uniform:** Stock up alongside the doughnut sale! Donations are much appreciated—please drop them at the school office before the sale.

🎉 **Bingo night:** Meet fellow parents and play for great prizes—£8 per ticket.Pre-order doughnuts and book bingo tickets herehttps://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgbs/

🙌 **Can you lend a hand?** We're a small PTA team, and even an hour makes a difference. Email us or message your class rep if you can help at these events. We're also forming a festive committee to help make Christmas magical for the children—get in touch if you'd like to join!



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

Your Space Therapies

Decreasing depression

Leatherhead Girls cricket

Colin Bull Swimming lessons

Bookham Colts Girls Wildcat Programme

Bus Stop Forest School October half term Stay and Play

Mole Valley Girls taining sessions

Leatherhead Firestation open day 20th September

YMCA 4 week parent support programme

Horsley FC taster session

Girls Golf taster sessions

Yogamoo sessions

Dance Shack

Home start 10 week parenting course