# Great Bookham School Newsletter Issue 4 2026/2027

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*It has been another busy and exciting week at school, with lots of wonderful learning opportunities taking place both in and out of the classroom.*

*Children in year 1 had such fun chopping up vegetables, cooking them and then blending them into a yummy vegetable soup. It was wonderful to see the children trying new foods and trying their own culinary delights!*

*Our Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Brighton in support of their topic work on the seaside. It was a valuable opportunity for them to bring their learning to life and experience first-hand many of the features they have been exploring in class. The children enjoyed taking in the sea breeze as they ate their lunch on the beach. Thank you to Mrs Morriss for organising and the staff and parents who attended this trip.*

*Year 5 pupils welcomed a member of the fire safety team for an informative fire safety talk, helping them to understand how to keep themselves and others safe and giving them the chance to learn from experts in the field.*

*On Thursday and Friday, we welcomed our new school photographer to take individual and sibling photos. The children looked incredibly smart for their photographs and the photographer worked hard to put the children at ease. The photos looked lovely and we look forward to sharing the results with families soon.*

*Congratulations to all of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils who represented the school in the cross-country event on Friday after school. We are always proud of the enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship shown by our children. Thank you to parents who joined the event too.*

*A huge thank you to our Friends of GBS team for organising the Bingo Night on Friday night - what a fun night it was! Thank you to everyone who came along, for adding to the fun and spirit of the evening and for giving generously, raising funds for our new library development.*

*The Friends of GBS will be holding a Christmas Jumper Sale after school on Friday 13th November. They would be grateful for any donations of Christmas jumpers in good condition, which can be dropped off at the school office between now and then.*

*Looking ahead, next week promises to be another busy and exciting one. Our infant children will be performing in our Harvest Festival celebrations and we look forward to welcoming parents to share these special events with us. We will be collecting food donations to give to the Cobham Foodbank (please see more information below). Year 3 and Year 5 will be heading out on their school trips and we will be celebrating Kindness Week across the school, with a range of activities planned to encourage friendship, empathy and consideration for others.*

*Thank you, as always, for your continued support.*

*Miss Allen*

*Headteacher*

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## Harvest Celebrations

We would like to remind parents about our upcoming Harvest Festival celebrations.

We look forward to welcoming families from **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at 9:00am on Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th October at 9:00am** for our EYFS & KS1 harvest festival in the main hall.

To ensure that we keep adults and children safe, we will be limiting the number of **tickets to 2 per family.**

This year we will be collecting food for Cobham Food Bank so all families are invited to bring in a non-perishable item which we will donate to the charity. Please send your child into school with a donation and these will be collated and then taken to the food bank.

Any donation is welcomed and they are currently in need of the following:

- Tinned soup
- Tinned vegetables (not pulses or baked beans as we have plenty!)
- Tinned meat
- Tinned potatoes
- UHT fruit juice

- Tinned fruit
- UHT semi skimmed milk
- Hot chocolate
- Tinned fish
- Chocolate spread
- Tinned custard
- Smooth peanut butter
- Tinned rice pudding
- Marmite
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Hair conditioner
- Adult toothbrushes
- Deodorant for men & women
- Toothpaste for adults
- Sanitary pads
- Toilet paper
- Liquid hand soap

## Stars of the week

Our stars for this week are:

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| **Bumblebees** | **Leo & Rebecca** |
| **Honeybees** | **Alice & Ossian** |
| **Dragonflies** | **Isaac & Bonnie** |
| **Foxes** | **Seth & Rory** |
| **Squirrels** | **Thomas & Neveh** |
| **Hedgehogs** | **Tabitha & Max** |
| **Rabbits** | **Lizzie & Alfie** |
| **Eagles** | **George & Amaanah** |
| **Hawks** | **Sofia & Lara** |
| **Falcons** | **Izzie & Noah** |
| **Kestrels** | **Lily & Kai** |




## Attendance

Congratulations to Squirrels for winning the attendance certificate this week with 99.7% attendance!

MAC the attendance bear will visit their classrooms next week.




## Attendance reminder

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority 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, 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



**OCTOBER**

6th – Yr5 trip to Hampton Court

6th - EYFS & KS1 Harvest Festival

7th - EYFS & KS1 Harvest Festival

7th – Yr3 Butser Farm trip

9th Cross country yr5/6

13th – Yr4 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip

14th – Yr6 Natural History Museum trip

14th – Yr 5 Tudor day

16th – Kestrels class assembly

16th – Last day of half term

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

17th – Yr1 History WOW day

27th – Show & Share open afternoon

**DECEMBER**

1st – EYFS Christmas performance

4th – EYFS Christmas performance

8th - KS2 Christingle performance at 9.30AM (Mars & Venus)

8th - KS2 Christingle performance at 11AM (Neptune & Saturn)

8th - KS2 Christingle performance at 6.30PM (Neptune & Saturn)

9th - KS2 Christingle performance at 6.30PM (Venus & Mars)

9th – Yr 1 & 2 Christmas performance

11th – Yr 1 & 2 Christmas performance

10th - Christmas jumper day

15th – Yr 5 European Christmas day

18th - Last day of term (No Puffins)

**JANUARY**

4th - Back to school

18th - Young voices at o2

19th & 20th - Yr 4 Bikeability

28th - Little City for Preschool & EYFS

**FEBRUARY**

5th - Show & Share open afternoon

10th – Yr 3 Egyptian Day

12th – Hedgehogs class assembly

12th – last day of half term

15th-19th - Half term

22nd - Back to school

26th – Cross country Yr3/4

**MARCH**

2nd – Yr 2 parent stay and play – scrap heap challenge

4th – Primary singing festival at Dorking Halls

5th – Falcons class assembly

10th—Yr4 trip to Look out discovery centre

12th – Cross country Yr5/6

12th – Eagles class assembly

19th – Red Nose Day

19th – Year 2 WOW day – Great fire of London

19th – Cross Country Yr 3/4

23rd – Class Photos

23rd – Parents evening

24th – Easter service at St Nicholas Church

24th – Parents evening

25th - Last day of Spring term (No Puffins)

26th - Easter bank holiday

**APRIL**

12th - Back to school

16th – Squirrels class assembly

19th & 20th - Yr4 Residential to Henley Fort

21st – Yr2 ELP Music festival

23rd - Dragonflies class assembly

30th – Foxes class assembly

**MAY**

3rd - Bank holiday

7th – Rabbits class assembly

10th - 13th - KS2 SATs

12th—Yr2 trip to Shah Jahan Mosque

17th- 21st – KS1 SATs

21st – Show and share open afternoon

25th-28th - Yr6 Residential to Lower Grange Farm

28th – Hawks class assembly

28th - Last day of half term

**JUNE**

7th - Back to school

9th—Yr1 trip to Wisley gardens

9th – Yr2 Painting with Parents

9th-11th—Yr5 Residential to Hooke Court

11th – Bumblebees class assembly

18th – Honeybees class assembly

25th – Butterflies class assembly

30th– Bump up day

**JULY**

2nd —Junior Theatre production

5th – 9th – Year 6 Bikeability

9th – Ladybirds class assembly

9th – Show and share open afternoon

13th – Yr2 Summer show

14th – Volunteer tea party

23rd– Last day of term

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## Headteacher Awards

Noah in Year 1 carefully painted fruits and vegetables using watercolours. I was so impressed with the detail he included and his excellent use of colour.

Grace in Year 5 produced a wonderful information booklet about the Mary Rose and was able to talk confidently about why this ship was such an important part of Tudor history.

Bella and Arthur in Year 4 wrote excellent letters, pretending to be characters from the story *Escape from Pompeii*.

Edward in Year 4 was able to talk confidently about unit and non-unit fractions, and he used this understanding to help him find fractions of amounts.

Neveh, Ottilie and Everly in Year 3 were excited to show me the comic strips they had drawn and written this week. They could explain how they had used captions, speech bubbles and thought bubbles effectively.

Bailey in Year 2 proudly showed me his maths work, where he demonstrated strategies to support his counting in 3s and answering multiplication questions.

Zac and Jack in Year 2 wrote acrostic poems inspired by their school trip to the Sea Life Centre. Zac had worked very hard on his handwriting and Jack showed excellent progress in his writing too.

Skyla, Kai and Toby in Year 6 wrote gripping newspaper reports about King Duncan's death in the story *Macbeth*. The quality of both their presentation and content was excellent and something they should be very proud of.



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To learn about the loss/discovery of the mary rose

Food & drink

- Pewter crockery.
- Wooden crockery was found too.
- kitchen food cooked in large cauldrons made of bronze and iron.
- High standard of food preparation.

clothes

- wool, silk and leather garments were found
- lots and lots of leather shoes and jerkens found.

Entertainment

- Books, music and games
- dice carved out of bones, used in games like backgammon
- tabor - drum and tabor.
- Shawm or type of oboe
- Books to read
- quills and ink

The carpenter

- wealthy. found silver coins and a sundial in a leather case.

Master gunner

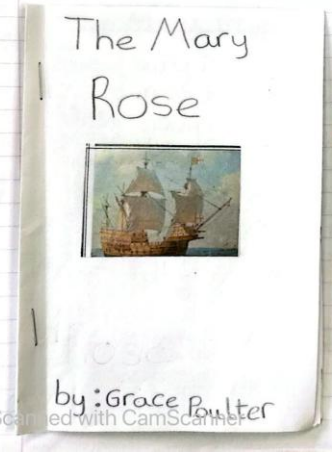
Skeletons show how strong you needed to be to operate. 7 bronze guns.

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Powder monkey carried gun Powder to the gun crews

Surgeon

- Performed amputations
- infection controlled.
- acted as a doctor and a dentist.




An excellent piece of work Grace. 2 HP

Miss Allen says Well Done!

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Tuesday 1st october 2026

L.O: to practice using an informal letter

Dear cousin,

Life has changed forever.

Hello cousin, I am on a greek cargo ship. I am writting to tell you what has happened to Livia and I. Thankfully Livia and I are safe on a Greek Cargo ship.

One hot august day, me and my dad went to the theatre and it had that first pillar. And the pillars were white or white or a ghost ghost. and then everything began to crumble.

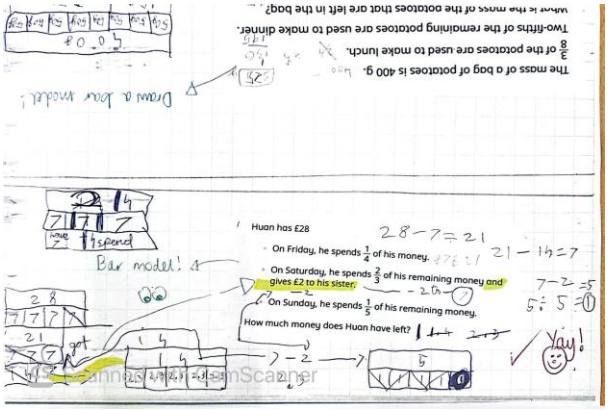
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Without any warning, my dad didnt realise and he said carry on doing the show. So they carried on doing that as I ran for my life and I went to the bakery to pick up Livia. ~~from the shop.~~ and then we ran to the habour to get a boat.

Me and Livia fell ~~asleep~~ asleep on the Greek cargo ship. When I woke up I heard a massive rumble. and Mount Vesuvius had come of erupting everywhere. Luckily We managed to escape. How could this happen in such a safe place?

From Arthur

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## Escape from Pompeii

Dear Cousin,

You won't believe what has happened! I am writing to tell you that escaping from Pompeii wasn't that easy. But you may have heard about the news because Mount Vesuvious has exploded! Thankfully, Livia and I are OKay!

One hot august day, dad took me to the theatre. Inside the theatre, I could see people dancing and it was fun to watch. I had an enjoyable time at the theatre.

Suddenly, out of nowhere the ground began to rumble! Livia grabbed my hand and we ran as fast as we could. Our hearts were pounding as we stopped.

I am grateful to be on the Greek cargo ship. Livia and I felt tired for running. Although we are safe, we kind of missed Pompeii!

From Isaris



**Miss Allen says Well Done!**

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1st October 2026

3 Times Table

Count in 3s

3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30 ✓

Colour in the numbers in the 3x table

Complete the number sentences

1 × 3 = 3
2 × 3 = 6
3 × 3 = 9
4 × 3 = 12
5 × 3 = 15
6 × 3 = 18
7 × 3 = 21
8 × 3 = 24
9 × 3 = 27
10 × 3 = 30 ✓

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| 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 |
| 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 |
| 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |

Count in 3s

3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30 ✓

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1 × 3 = 3 ✓

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Thursday 1st October 2026

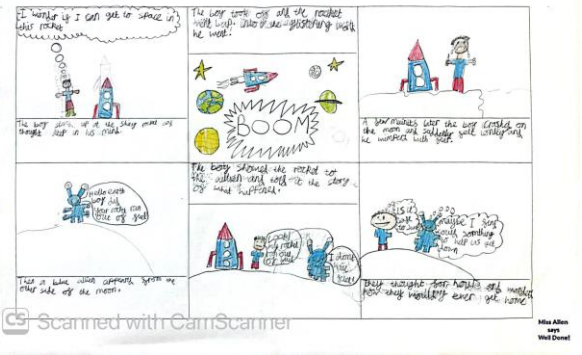
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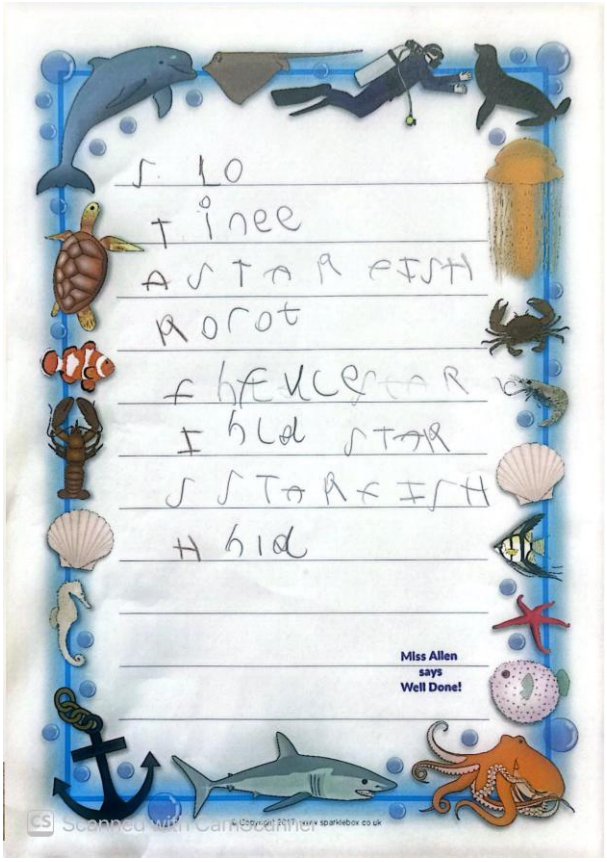
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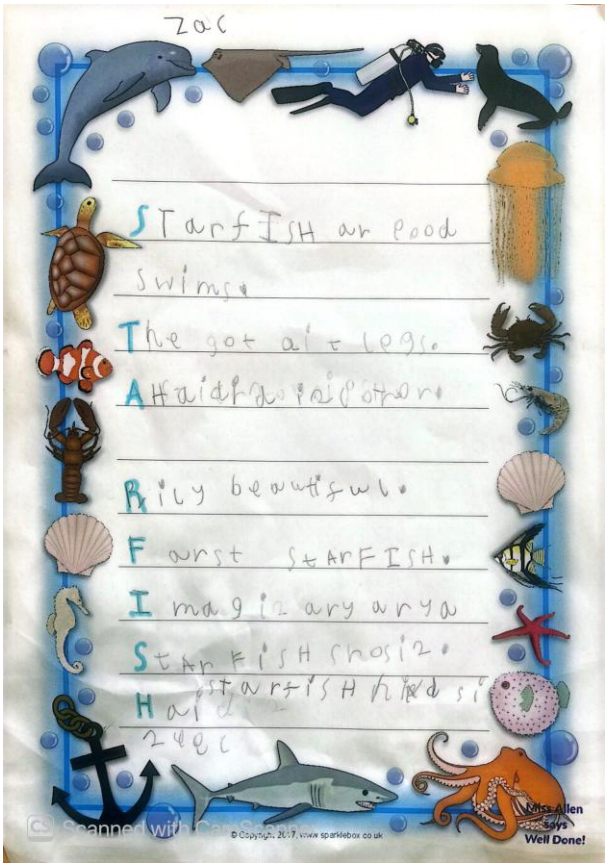

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S Starfish are good swims.

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A Hairdryer

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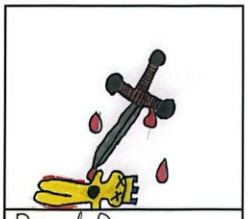
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# SCOTTISH STAR

## Dead Duncan!

### King Duncan's Tragic Betrayal.

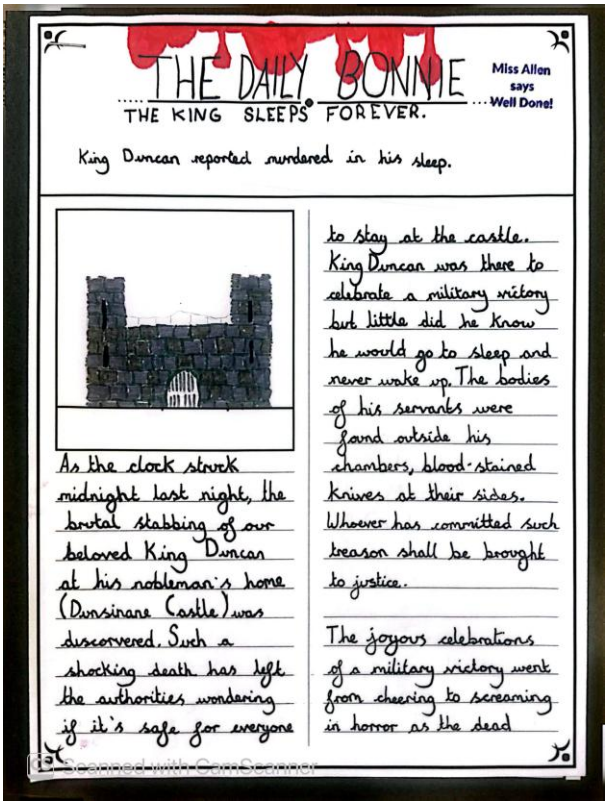


Dead Duncan

Late last night, in in the gloomy, eerie Dunsinane castle, King Duncan's body was uncovered and was found murdered in his chamber. The King had been a guest of Macbeth, Thane of Cawdor, and had been enjoying a victory celebration. The discovery of his murder has shocked the nation and this traitor must be brought to justice.

The thrilling and victorious night yesterday quickly turned to tragedy, disbelief and rancor because King Duncan was found dead in his chambers. His bloody body was discovered with his servants, that Macbeth killed to

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THE DAILY BONNIE

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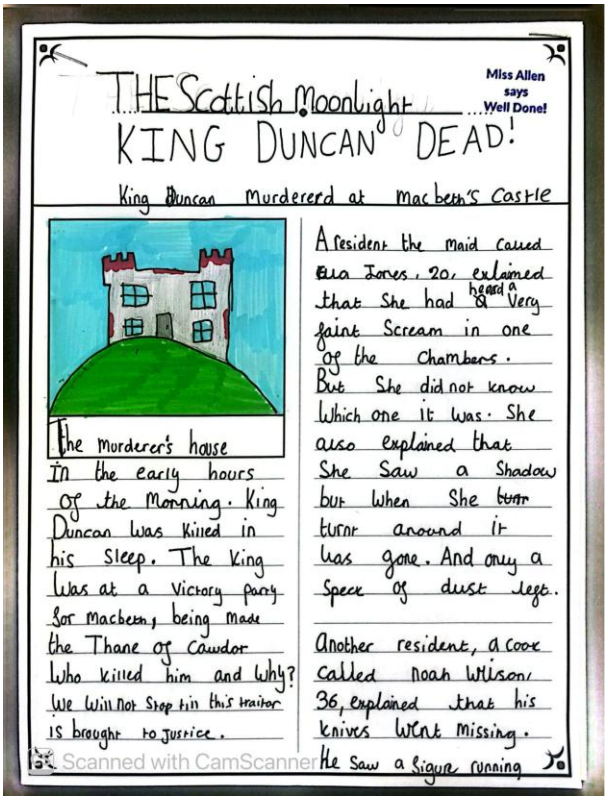
THE KING SLEEPS FOREVER.

King Duncan reported murdered in his sleep.

As the clock struck midnight last night, the brutal stabbing of our beloved King Duncan at his nobleman's home (Dunsinane Castle) was discovered. Such a shocking death has left the authorities wondering if it's safe for everyone to stay at the castle. King Duncan was there to celebrate a military victory but little did he know he would go to sleep and never wake up. The bodies of his servants were found outside his chambers, blood-stained knives at their sides. Whoever has committed such treason shall be brought to justice.

The joyous celebrations of a military victory went from cheering to screaming in horror as the dead

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THE Scottish Moonlight

Miss Allen says Well Done!

KING DUNCAN DEAD!

King Duncan Murdererd at macbeth's castle

The murderer's house

In the early hours of the Morning. King Duncan was killed in his sleep. The King was at a victory party for Macbeth, being made the Thane of Cawdor Who killed him and Why? We will not Stop till this traitor is brought to justice.

A resident the maid called Ella Jones, 20, explained that She had heard a very faint Scream in one of the chambers. But She did not know which one it was. She also explained that She Saw a Shadow but when She turn around it was gone. And only a Speck of dust left.

Another resident, a cook called noah Wilson, 36, explained that his knives went missing. He saw a figure running

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## Friends of Great Bookham School

🙌 **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!

Friends.gbs@sfet.org.uk

## 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

YMCA 4 week parent support programme

Horsley FC taster session

Girls Golf taster sessions

Yogamoo sessions

Dance Shack

Home start 10 week parenting course