

Curriculum Enrichments...

Another GHPS Winner!

We're delighted to share that we have another winning pupil in a local competition – Dexter in Year 5 is a winner in the Royal Ascot photography competition. He has won £100 of John Lewis Vouchers and £1000 to spend on photography equipment for our school! His winning photo is below, along with his description.



'The Nutcracker Ballet is set on Christmas Eve at the foot of a Christmas tree. My big sister got her first pair of pointe shoes this year, so I asked her to pose wearing them at the foot of a Christmas tree for my photo themed The Nutcracker.'

Well done Dexter – great work!



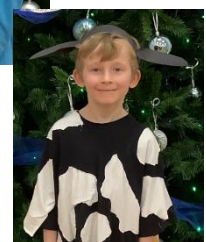
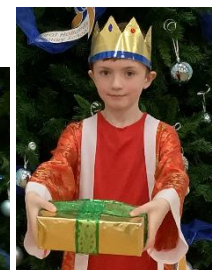
Staffing Update – Reception class

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Spiers, Blue Butterflies class teacher. She has been with us for many years and has helped and supported so many children and families both in Early Years and in LKS2. She will be missed as part of our GHPS family and we are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best on her new adventure.



KS1 Nativity

The children in Years 1 & 2 have shared their amazing production of 'The Sleepy Shepherd' this week. They gave separate performances for children in school, and for parents and carers. Each time, they did a fantastic job of remembering their lines, the songs and dances. Children and staff should all be incredibly proud of themselves for another GREAT production!



Wellness Day for Years 5&6

On Monday, Years 5&6 participated in some wellness themed activities. In Science this term, we have covered two units: the circulatory system and diet, lifestyle and exercise. To fully immerse ourselves in the topics, we celebrated with a range of activities. The children took part in some fitness exercises and healthy food sampling. They got to try feta cheese, rye bread, dried apricots, asparagus, watermelon, humus and carrots. There were some surprising favourites, and the children did really well at sampling food items they hadn't necessarily had before. We all enjoyed our afternoon and it was a fun way to conclude our topic.





Year 3&4

This week the children finished reading the story of *Coming Home* by Michael Morpurgo which told the tale of a plucky little robin trying to get home for the winter. So, the children decided to make bird feeders for the birds in their own

gardens this winter and feed any other birds who are journeying home!



Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – Falcons (98.6%)

2nd Place – Hawks (96.8%)

3rd Place – Hedgehogs (96.3%)



Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2024

Tuesday 17 th	Reception: Nativity Performance for Parents – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
	Whole School: Church Carol Concert at St Michael's Church, Easthampstead – click here for parent letter
Wednesday 18 th	Years R-6: Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day
	Nursery: Christmas Sing Along for all children – 10.30-11.30am
	Year 3&4: Movie Afternoon with popcorn – 1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 19 th	Reception: Christmas Party – 1.00-3.00pm
	Nursery: Christmas Party for all children – 10.30-11.30am
	Nursery: End of Term @ 3.10pm
Friday 20th	Years R-6 End of Term – school finishes at 2.15pm After School Club finishes at 4.45pm

JANUARY 2025

Monday 6 th	Start of Spring Term
Tuesday 14 th	EYFS Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2025 – 9.15am, click here for information

Please note that our Term Dates for 2025-26 are on our website here: [Term Dates 25-26](#)

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Bracknell Library

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

10:30AM TO 12PM

Ages 11 to 18

FREE

LED BY



ALEX BAKER

A fun, creative session for budding writers



This session will explore families and friendships and how these connect to festivals and celebrations.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CALL BRACKNELL LIBRARY ON 01344 423149

Free author visit Bracknell library



Saturday 21 December 10 am
booking not required

Community Learning at Bracknell Open Learning Centre



Lego maths with your child

Fridays 10 January – 14 February,
9.30am – 10.30am

If you are a parent of a child aged 2-4 years, increase your confidence introducing mathematical concepts to them using Lego DUPLO! Building bricks make learning together exciting, engaging and most importantly fun! The sessions are **free** and take place at **The Oaks Family Hub**



To book a course:
Online: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning
Phone: 01344 354220
Email: communitylearning@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
By post: Bracknell Open Learning Centre, Rectory Lane, Bracknell, RG12 7GR

www.facebook.com/bracknelladultlearning



Bracknell library Saturday 14 December



Free Christmas crafts

For ages 8 to 12

10am to 11am

11.15am to 12.15pm

Booking essential

call 01344 423149
or visit Bracknell library





GREAT HOLLANDS
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Open Events

Open Morning (9:15am)

Friday 27 September

Monday 14 October

Tuesday 14 January

Open Morning (10.15am)

Wednesday 13 November

Open Evening (6:00pm)

Wednesday 27 November

Booking is required for this event. Please register using the [online form](#) on our website.



Do you have a child starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2025?

We warmly invite you to attend one of our open events to come and find out what makes us so proud of our school. You will be able to meet school leaders and have a tour through our well-resourced teaching and learning provision.

Our Early Years team will be on hand to answer questions and help you in making this hugely important decision for your child.



Judo For Schools



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, STARTING 15TH JANUARY TO 12TH FEBRUARY 2025
TIME FROM 3:15 TO 4:15 PM

THE COST FOR THE COURSE IS £32.50 FOR 5 WEEKS

All bookings are made via email to: JudoForSchools@judoclubosaka.com

Please include the following information in your email:

Subject Line of email: <Name of school>

Student's Name: Year Group & Class:

Any medical/allergy information or anything else that we need to know about:

My child will be collected from the school hall.

Emergency Contact Details:

Your Name: Phone Number:

Second Contact Name: Phone Number:

Payment Method: Bank Transfer

Payment will be via bank transfer. Details of how to pay will be forwarded to you once the place has been confirmed. Failure to pay before the start of the course will forfeit the place.

Please note that places are limited to 30 students per course; places will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis, as we operate an ongoing progressive course. You will be notified by email as to whether your child has a place or not.

Once your child has a place, they should wear jogging bottoms and preferably a long sleeved t-shirt. It is also advisable that your child has a named water bottle with them.

By applying for a place you are accepting that Judo For Schools coaches cannot be held responsible for injury or loss/damage to personal property.

Judo For Schools is compliant with the EU GDPR legislation.
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