

Curriculum Enrichments...

Picnic Planning in Year 2

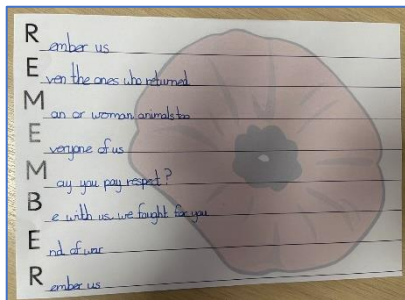
Pupils in Hedgehogs class enjoyed a themed day to launch their topic 'How can we make a healthy lunchbox?' The children dressed up as castle kitchen staff and activities included planning a castle staff picnic to end their topic later in the term.



Remembrance Day

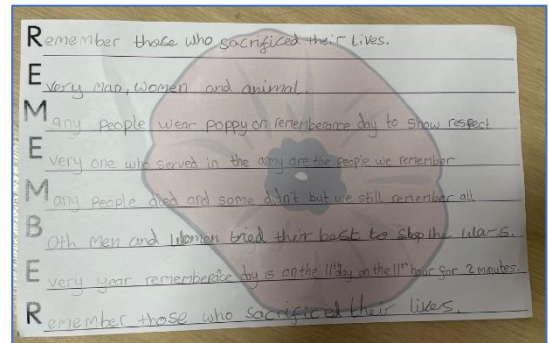
Children across the school all took part in a two-minute silence to mark Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November.

Pupils in Year 5&6 reflected on the purpose of this important day and thought carefully about the sacrifices made by others for our benefit. They created poppies and wrote poems based on the learning.



Left: by Kasia and Ellie
(Tigers)

Right: by Melody and
Lily (Tigers)

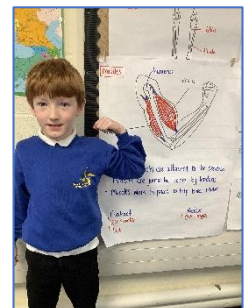


Toy Day for Year 1

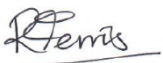
Foxes class were invited to bring in a toy from home to share and talk about with the class in line with their topic work this term. They compared their toys to toys from the past and found out what toys their teachers played with when they were young!

Muscle Power in Year 3&4

Eagles and Hawks classes have been learning all about our skeletons and how they differ from other animal skeletons. We have been labelling and naming the bones in a human skeleton and discovering the different types of animal skeleton. We have also been looking at our muscles and how they make us move.



Wishing you all a relaxing weekend and thank you for your continued support.



Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Panthers (98.1%)
- 2nd Place – Hedgehogs (97.2%)
- 3rd Place – Tigers (96.7%)



FROGS Film Night for Years 1, 2 & 3



Before you know it, we'll be hosting our next FROGS Film Night! They will be screening 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' for our younger pupils on Thursday 28th November.

Flyers for you to book tickets for your child will be coming home with the children – do keep an eye out for them in their school bags!

Harvest Food Bank Donation



At the end of last half term, Reception children shared their Harvest performance with parents.

The donations have been dropped off at the food bank and we'd like to thank everyone who contributed to our collection – it makes such a big difference to local families in need.

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

Parent and Carer Participation Session

We are delighted to be hosting a parent/carers participation session with the Bracknell Parent Carer Forum on Friday 29th November 2024 from 9.15am-10.30am.

The session is open to all parents of children with neurodivergent needs, including autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, Tourette's, learning disabilities, developmental language disorder, and mental health needs who are attending our school – no diagnosis is needed.

To book your place at the session, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/great-hollands-primary-school-parent-carer-participation-session-tickets-1080294783779?aff=oddtcreator>
Booking is not essential but it is recommended to enable us to plan adequately.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2024

Wednesday 20 th	Reception: Family Learning English 'Busy Bags' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
Thursday 21 st	Year 1: Family Learning English 'Story Sandwich' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
Friday 22 nd	Year 2: Family Learning English 'Story Maps' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
	Reception: Phonics Workshop – 2.45pm-3.15pm, entry via Silver Hall
Wednesday 27 th	EYFS Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2025 – 6.00pm, click here for information
	Hawks Class 'Christmas Unwrapped' event at St Michaels and St Mary Magdelene Church, Easthampstead – letter to follow
Thursday 28 th	FROGS PTA: Year 1-3 Film Night – 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' – tickets must be booked in advance, flyer coming home soon
Tuesday 26 th to Monday 2 nd Dec.	Book Fair in School – open after school every day, 3.00pm-3.30pm

DECEMBER 2024

Tuesday 17 th	Reception: Nativity Performance for Parents – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
Wednesday 18 th	Years R-6: Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day
Friday 20th	End of Term – school finishes at 2.15pm

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 – 6.00pm, click here for information

Please note that our Term Dates for 2025-26 are now on our website!

[Term Dates 25-26](#)



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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.

ASCOT

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Students are invited to participate in our photography competition inspired by "The Nutcracker". The competition offers students aged 4-16 the opportunity to win prizes for themselves and their schools and to see their photography on display at our Howden Christmas Racing Weekend.

HOW TO ENTER

Entry Requirements

Submit a digital landscape photograph capturing the theme of **The Nutcracker** alongside a short paragraph explaining why you took the photograph.

Age Categories

Junior - Primary Schools (Years 1-6)
Senior - Secondary Schools (Years 7-11)

Judge

Entries will be judged by royal photographer, Millie Pilkington. One of the UK's most respected and accomplished portrait photographers, Millie's commissions range from informal family portraits to the private wedding photographs of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales, and her work has appeared widely in the UK and international press.

Find out more about Millie at milliepilkington.co.uk



Please send entries to csr@ascot.com alongside your name, age and school. Please send image in jpeg format.

Winners announced - 4th December 2024
Prize giving - 21st December 2024 at Ascot Racecourse

PRIZES

- ➔ £1,000 to spend on photographic equipment for winning schools
- ➔ £100 of John Lewis vouchers for winning photographers
- ➔ Overall winning photograph to appear in the Ascot racecard on 20 and 21 December
- ➔ Winning photographs to be displayed in the Ascot Grandstand on 20 and 21 December

ENTRY
DEADLINE

Extended to Weds
20th Nov.

