

Updates this week...

GREAT Playtimes at GHPS

At the end of last term, Key Stage 2 children were invited to volunteer for positions as Peer Mediators or Playground Leaders. Those interested in doing so were asked to complete an application form, attend an interview and if they were successful, they had training for their new role.



Our Playground Leaders promote purposeful play by leading games and activities, which develop positive relationships and experiences for all our pupils. They are easily spotted on the playground by the red caps that they wear. Our trained Peer Mediators also work around our school at lunchtime to help sort out disputes and conflicts. They aim to ensure that playtimes are happy times for all. To help them be easily noticeable, they wear yellow caps when on duty.



These are extremely valued and important roles within our areas of pupil responsibility. Both roles develop skills in leadership, teamwork and they also help to raise self-esteem and self-confidence.

Fossil Making in Year 3&4

This week, Falcons and Hawks class have learning about fossils and been making some fabulous fossils using salt dough. They still need to be hardened and painted but they are looking really good so far – we'll show you the finished fossils in a later newsletter.



Year 1 Superhero Day!

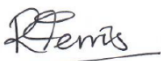
Foxes class had a super start to their topic work last Friday with a Superhero Day! They all had a fun-packed day with some super snack-making, writing and drawing. Thank you all for your support with these activities in school, the children really do enjoy them immensely!

Parents' Evenings

Our first parents' evening meeting will be taking place on 1st and 3rd October and we will be sending home a letter containing booking information next week. Following feedback from parents, we will be holding these meetings on Teams.

These meetings are a really great way to find out how to support your child with their learning at home and discuss their next steps for progress. We hope you are able to join us.

Thank you for your continued support.



Richard Ferris
Headteacher



School Lunches

Please don't forget to order your child's school lunches on ParentPay before midnight on Sunday for next week. You can also order for weeks in advance if you wish to do so!

If you haven't activated your ParentPay account, please make sure you do so as soon as possible and if you need help, pop into the school office.



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Panthers (98.1%)
- 2nd Place – Red Butterflies (96.9%)
- 3rd Place – Hawks (96.8%)



Which class will be the first to get 100% attendance this term?

Open Events for Reception and Nursery Children

We are delighted to announce our Open Events for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2025.

GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.

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Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER 2024

Tuesday 24 th	Year 2: Great Fire of London Workshop in school – approximate cost £10 per pupil – letter to follow
Friday 27 th *amended time*	Reception: Phonics Workshop – 2.45pm-3.15pm, entry via Silver Hall
	EYFS Open Event for parents of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2025 - 9.15am, click here to book your place

OCTOBER 2024

Tues 1 st	Parents Evening (via Teams) – letter coming home next week
Wednesday 2 nd	Whole School: Individual Pupil Photos
Thursday 3 rd	Sibling Photos (pupils in school only)
	Parents' Evening (via Teams) – letter coming home next week
Thursday 10 th	Anxiety Toolkit Workshop led by Bracknell Forest Family Learning, Session 1 of 3 – 1.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday 17 th	Anxiety Toolkit Workshop led by Bracknell Forest Family Learning, Session 2 of 3 – 1.00pm-3.00pm
Friday 18 th	Reception: Phonics Workshop – 2.30pm-3.00pm, entry via Silver Hall
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 5&6: Trip to Winchester Science Centre (approx. cost £15)
Wednesday 23 rd	Years R-6: Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 24 th	Anxiety Toolkit Workshop led by Bracknell Forest Family Learning, Session 3 of 3 – 1.00pm-3.00pm
	Reception: Harvest Celebration – 2.30pm-3.00pm in Silver Hall
Mon 28th October - Mon 4th November	HALF TERM BREAK

NOVEMBER 2024

Tuesday 5th	INSET DAY
Wednesday 6th	Children return to school – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am
	FROGS PTA: Family Fireworks Display, details to follow
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 – 2.30pm-3.00pm, entry via Silver Hall



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Sport4Kids at Great Hollands Primary School



10th September to 22nd October

GYMNASTICS & DANCE YR 3-6

Tuesday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM

BOOK NOW >>



11th September to 23rd October

FOOTBALL YR 1-2

Wednesday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM

BOOK NOW >>



12th September to 24th October

NERF CLUB YR 3-6

Thursday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM

BOOK NOW >>



13th September to 25th October

FOOTBALL YR 3-6

Friday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM

BOOK NOW >>

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Judo For Schools



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, STARTING 11TH SEPTEMBER TO 23RD OCTOBER 2024
TIME FROM 3:15 TO 4:15 PM

THE COST FOR THE COURSE IS £45.50 FOR 7 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 OR Walk home on their own?

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.

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