

Curriculum Enrichments...

Year 5&6 Fire Safety Visit

Children in Panthers, Lions and Tigers classes had a visit from the local fire brigade this week and had a talk about fire safety in the home and steps we can take to make sure we are prepared for an emergency.

Each child was given a fire safety activity book to take home and had the chance to look around the fire engine and see the tools and protective clothing fire fighters use in their job.

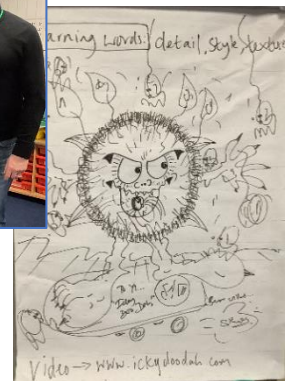


Author Visit for Years R-3

This week, the author and illustrator Simon Murray came to work with children in Reception and Years 1-3.



He shared his exciting story about a fluffy, little character called Icky Doo Dah and showed the children how to draw their own Icky Doo Dah.



The children drew some brilliant pictures of the character and had a great time learning during this lively and fun-packed workshop.



Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped

Year 4 went to St Michaels Church in Easthampstead on Wednesday afternoon. The fabulous volunteers from the church, supported the children through their learning and understanding of the Nativity story. The children were able to speak to the Inn Keeper, Mary, the wise men, Archangel Gabriel and the shepherd and ask questions about different parts of the story.



The children then iced a delicious cookie in the shape of a star and were even treated to a visit from Father Christmas.





Goodbye to such a Good Boy!

For several years now, we have had the pleasure of working with Clare and Dennis from Canine Assisted Learning. They have helped and supported so many throughout their time with us and have been a key part of our Great Hollands family.

The time has come for Dennis to hang up his jacket and enter his doggy retirement, so we will be saying farewell to them both. They had their last day in school with us today.

We wish Dennis all the best for a relaxing retirement and want to thank them both for all they have done for so many children (and staff!)

We will be welcoming another canine colleague to school and will update you all with the details very soon.

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 – Tigers (98.0%)

2nd Place – Lions (95.7%)

3rd Place – Foxes and Hawks (95.0%)



FROGS Christmas Fair

The FROGS Christmas Fair is fast approaching and will take place on **Saturday 7th December from 1.30-4.00pm**. Our fantastic FROGS are working hard finalising all the arrangements and are really looking forward to this huge event in the PTA calendar.

If you can lend a hand on the day, please get in touch via email to frogspta@gmail.com

Please come along and support our amazing school and PTA – Santa will be there and we hope you will be too!

Message from Bracknell Parent Carer Forum

The Bracknell Parent Carer Forum are a group of parent carers who take your views of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) services in Bracknell Forest (Health, Education and Social Care) to the service providers. Their annual **SEND Services Survey** is now live, and they would really appreciate lots of participation. The survey will close on **2nd December 2024**.

They kindly ask that you:

- Complete the survey, even if you haven't accessed all services in the last 12 months.
- Submit a separate response for each child/young person with SEND in your family, as experiences can vary.

Your feedback helps them monitor service performance, compare with previous surveys, and advocate for necessary changes. It provides crucial evidence to demonstrate the impact of SEND Services on children and young people in Bracknell Forest.



School Nurse – Parent Drop-in Sessions

We are fortunate to be able to offer some drop-in sessions with the school nursing team on Tuesday 3rd December between 9.00am-11.00am.

They are able to offer information, guidance and support on issues such as growth and development, healthy eating, sleeping patterns, continence issues, specific concerns relating to long term health issues i.e. asthma, epilepsy, and severe allergic reaction within the school community.

If you would like to book in for one of these, please contact our SEN team via email to ghpsen@maidenerleghttrust.org

NHS Berkshire Children, Young People and Families Workshops

There are a selection of online workshops available from CYPF services from NHS Berkshire coming up which may be of interest to you, please click the links for more details or to book.

[Sensory Processing online workshops | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)

[Handwriting Essentials online workshop | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)

[Children's speech and language therapy workshops](#)

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2024	
Tuesday 26 th to Monday 2 nd Dec.	Book Fair in School – open after school every day, 3.00pm-3.30pm
DECEMBER 2024	
Monday 9 th	Year 5&6: Wellness Day – letter to follow
Thursday 12 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance for Year 1 Parents – 2.00pm in Gold Hall – letter to follow
Friday 13 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance for Year 2 Parents – 2.00pm in Gold Hall – letter to follow
Tuesday 17 th	Reception: Nativity Performance for Parents – 2.00pm in Gold Hall – letter to follow
Wednesday 18 th	Years R-6: Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day
	Nursery: Christmas Sing Along for all children – 10.30-11.30am
Thursday 19 th	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](#)

**GREAT HOLLANDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024
1.30PM - 4PM**

SANTAS GROTTO, TOMBOLAS, LUCKY DIP,
CHRISTMAS GIFTS, CANDY CANE LANE,
SECRET PRESENT ROOM,
BISCUIT DECORATING
AND SO MUCH MORE

ADULTS £1, CHILDREN FREE



Virtual Coffee Morning

Friday 6th December

10am to 11.15am

25 spaces available!

Join our virtual coffee morning for an open discussion, providing parents and carers with the opportunity to meet and chat freely with others who understand and relate to their experiences.



Celebrate your success with other parents/carers, share your experience and gain support during our coffee morning

Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net



0800 999 1342

Bracknell Christmas Toy Bank

If Christmas brings financial hardship and worry, and a little extra support could be helpful for your family, the Toy Bank is here for you.

We invite you to come along and choose from a selection of kindly donated toys for **FREE**.

The Toy Bank is an inclusive space for anyone in the community who needs help to make Christmas extra special this year. Come and visit us:

Saturday 14th December, 12pm-4pm
Involve Community Services, RG12 1AE
(opposite Bracknell library)

If you have any queries, please email bracknelltoybank@gmail.com



Virtual Coffee Morning - Autism/ADHD and the family

Friday 20th December

10am to 11.15am

25 spaces available!

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- Balancing needs of siblings, parents and the child
- Routines and rituals affecting others at home
- Advocating for your child and managing other family members



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Learn More...



Access to our 'Learn More' animations

Covering a range of topics, our 'learn more' animations can be viewed at your own leisure and frequency once you have requested your link.

Please contact the GEMS Team on **01753 373244** or at gems.4health@nhs.net to obtain your link for any of the following topics

- What Is Autism?
- Autism & Communication
- Autism & Sensory Difficulties
- Autism & Anxiety
- Autism & Navigating Services
- Autism & Practical Budgeting Skills
- What is ADHD?
- Managing ADHD
- ADHD: From Diagnosis to Management





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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.
The data collected is for our use only and never shared with any third parties.



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