

Curriculum Enrichments...



A Very Special Visitor at GHPS

There was a very special guest at our whole school assembly this afternoon. The Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest, Councillor Jenny Penfold paid us a visit today.

The Mayor's Christmas Card competition invited primary school children in the borough to submit a design for her to use as her official Christmas card. This year, one of our pupils was selected as the second runner-up in the competition and he received his prize from the Mayor in our assembly.

We would all like to say a big 'well done!' to Elias in Hedgehogs class and we hope he enjoys his prize!

Mince Pies for Year 3&4

In Year 3 and 4, the children have been learning all about British foods and where they are grown. The children made traditional mince pies. Making the pastry from scratch and then adding their fillings - I hope you all agree they tasted delicious!



KS1 Healthy Snacks

Year 2 pupils ended their topic "What makes a healthy lunchbox?" with a class picnic. They enjoyed making a healthy wrap using the skills they had learnt in Design Technology. They had a great

time trying a new snack, listening to music and playing games they had planned at the beginning of the term.



We hope to see lots of you at our Christmas Fair on Saturday – doors open at 1.30pm and the choir will perform at 2.00pm. Santa will be there, along with lots of family fun. Please note – no parking on site (thank you!)

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – Panthers (97.7%)

2nd Place – Hawks (96.6%)

3rd Place – Tigers (95.7%)



Minor Illnesses and School Attendance

At this time of year, there is an increase in the number of coughs, colds and minor illnesses and it is important to know what to do and when to keep children at home or if they can come into school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-issues-health-advice-following-the-half-term-break>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Diary Dates

DECEMBER 2024	
Saturday 7 th	FROGS PTA: Christmas Fair – 1.30-4.00pm
Monday 9 th	Year 5&6: Wellness Day
Thursday 12 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance for Year 1 Parents – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
Friday 13 th	Year 1&2: Nativity Performance for Year 2 Parents – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
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
	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](#)



Bilingua Sing
Love Learning Languages

Multi-Award Winning!

Free Spanish Christmas song and story session

Thursday December 19, 11:15

A free song and story session suitable for 0-4 year olds

Bracknell Library, RG12 1BH




Festive fun for little ones



Music, sensory fun and holiday magic



Sing, dance and celebrate



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Spanish, French and Italian classes for children aged 0-4 in Wokingham & Bracknell

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We're excited to welcome Father Christmas back to the libraries this December. He will be joining some of our regular library events for the under 5's for some Christmas themed activities:

Thursday, 12 December 9.30am to 10am **Binfield**
50p per child

Monday, 16 December 10.30am to 11am **Bracknell**
Free


Monday, 16 December afternoon 2pm to 3pm **Birch Hill**
50p per child

Wednesday, 18 December 10am to 10.30am **Whitegrove**
50p per child

Thursday, 19 December 10.30am to 11am **Bracknell**
50p per child

Thursday, 19 December 3.30pm to 4.30pm **Sandhurst**
£2.50 per child including a gift. *Booking Required.*

Friday, 20 December 9.30am to 10am **Great Hollands**
50p per child

 *No booking required unless otherwise stated.*



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024
1.30PM - 4PM

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

ADULTS £1, CHILDREN FREE

Toy safety

“I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces.”

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.

Buying safely

- Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous
- Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
- Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit gov.uk and search 'product recalls'
- If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.

Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children. Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.

Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings. If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

Which toys are most dangerous?

- Toys with:
 - accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
 - super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
 - long cords that can strangle your child
 - small parts that can choke your small child
- Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed
- Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.

Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:

- Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the box
- Check for any loose small magnets
- Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
- Look for long cords or access to stuffing
- Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.

Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:

- Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133
- Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0808 223 1144
- Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0808 164 6000
- Northern Ireland Consumerline: 0300 123 6262

capt.org.uk

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

[@capt_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

child accident prevention trust



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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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