



# Great Hollands Primary School

Thinking and Learning Together



# Welcome to Great Hollands Primary School

We are delighted you have chosen to work with us and to give your child an amazing learning journey at GHPS.

We hope you will find this meeting helpful in learning about us and in supporting you, as your child starts in our Reception Class.

We are very proud of our unit and have been delighted at how our children have grown and developed this year. They are happy, confident, creative and fully engaged little people who have effective, positive relationships with other children and adults in EYFS.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in September so we can take our first steps on our learning journey together.



# Our School Values

<b>G</b> enerosity	Be kind and caring
<b>R</b> esilience	Learn from your mistakes
<b>E</b> mpowerment	Look after our school and make it better
<b>A</b> mbition	Always try your best
<b>T</b> eamwork	Treat others with respect

# Children at Great Hollands ...

- ✦ Great behaviour for learning
- ✦ Great growth mind-sets
- ✦ Value themselves and others
- ✦ Develop a 'can do' attitude
- ✦ Value collaboration
- ✦ Are a team



**Ms York (DHT)**  
**EYFS Lead**



**Mrs Kalampaliki**  
**EY Teacher**



**Mrs Spiers**  
**EY Teacher**



**Miss Sharp**  
**EYP**



**Mrs Griffin**  
**EYP**

**RECEPTION TEAM**

**NURSERY TEAM**



**Early Years  
Team**

**2024-2025**



**Miss Jordan**  
**EYP**



**Mrs Parry**  
**EYP**



**Miss Scaplehorn**  
**EYP**

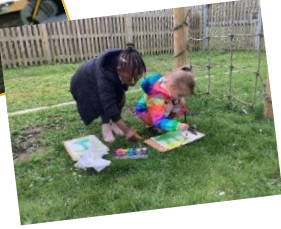
# EYFS Groups



- ✦ We operate as an EYFS class – we are all **Butterflies**
- ✦ We also have smaller groups for morning work and for snack and chat; **Red, Purple** and **Blue Butterflies**
- ✦ Each smaller group has a key adult – Mrs Kalampaliki, Mrs Spiers, Mrs Griffin or Miss Sharp.
- ✦ We will arrange the best groupings for our children once we have met all of them. We will let you know before their first day at school.



# The EYFS Framework



These are the areas of learning developed over the year.

- ✦ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ✦ Communication and Language
- ✦ Physical Development
- ✦ English: Reading and Writing
- ✦ Maths
- ✦ Understanding the World
- ✦ Expressive Arts and Design



# Characteristics of Effective Learning

## Engagement

### Playing and Exploring

#### Finding out and exploring

- Showing curiosity about objects, events and people
- Using senses to explore the world around them
- Engaging in open-ended activity
- Showing particular interests

#### Playing with what they know

- Pretending objects are things from their experience
- Representing their experiences in play
- Taking on a role in their play
- Acting out experiences with other people

#### Being willing to 'have a go'

- Initiating activities
- Seeking challenge
- Showing a 'can do' attitude
- Taking a risk, engaging in new experiences, and learning by trial and error

## Motivation

### Active Learning

#### Being involved and concentrating

- Maintaining focus on their activity for a period of time
- Showing high levels of energy, fascination
- Not easily distracted
- Paying attention to details

#### Keeping on trying

- Persisting with activity when challenges occur
- Showing a belief that more effort or a different approach will pay off
- Bouncing back after difficulties

#### Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

- Showing satisfaction in meeting their own goals
- Being proud of how they accomplished something – not just the end result
- Enjoying meeting challenges for their own sake rather than external rewards or praise

## Thinking

### Creative and Critical Thinking

#### Having their own ideas

- Thinking of ideas
- Finding ways to solve problems
- Finding new ways to do things

#### Making links

- Making links and noticing patterns in their experience
- Making predictions
- Testing their ideas
- Developing ideas of grouping, sequences, cause and effect

#### Choosing ways to do things

- Planning, making decisions about how to approach a task, solve a problem and reach a goal
- Checking how well their activities are going
- Changing strategy as needed
- Reviewing how well the approach worked



# GHPS Curriculum

We learn through topics – exploring them through play



Our First Topic will be

**What will my first  
Autumn at school be  
like?**



# GHPS Curriculum



**Au2 - Why are people, places, times and things special?**



**Sp1 - What changes in Winter and is it the same everywhere?**

**Sp2 - Who helps us to stay safe, healthy and well?**



**Su2 - Have things always been the same?**

**Su1- How is life in the UK different to other places around the world?**



# Timetable of a Typical Day

- ✦ **8.40 Finger Gym** – developing fine motor control
- ✦ **9.00 Phonics** – learning to read and write with sounds
- ✦ **9.40 Snack and Chat** – developing communication and language skills
- ✦ **10.00 Child Initiated Explore Time** – developing personal and social skills
- ✦ **10.50 Exploring (play) with a focus on Maths** – developing mathematical skills
- ✦ **11.40 Story Time** – listening to and exploring stories including retelling
- ✦ **12.00 Lunch** – developing self-care, social skills and physical skills
- ✦ **1.00 Singing/Wiggle Time** – developing the expressive arts
- ✦ **1.15 Writing letters and numbers** – developing pencil control and writing skills
- ✦ **1.30 Learning through stories**– developing knowledge and understanding of the world
- ✦ **1.40 Exploring (play) through our topic** – developing self-expression, arts and imagination
- ✦ **2.40 Story Time** – developing comprehension and vocabulary



# Preparing Your Child For School

## Please Help Them To:

- ✦ Dress and undress themselves
- ✦ Use the toilet independently
- ✦ Tidy up after themselves
- ✦ Look after things, e.g. toys, books, animals, people
- ✦ Recognise their own name
- ✦ Feed themselves
- ✦ Share toys and equipment
- ✦ Listen and follow simple instructions



# What You Can Do Before Your Child Starts School

- ✦ Give your child varied experiences
- ✦ Get them used to pencils, crayons, paints, scissors
- ✦ Count everything
- ✦ Talk to them about everything and anything
- ✦ Listen to them
- ✦ Share stories, books and rhymes

[Book at bedtime](#)



# How You Can Help

- ✦ Encourage your child to be as independent as possible (support them so they can do it for themselves)
- ✦ Develop bedtime routines so your child has good sleep habits ready for school
- ✦ Get yourself used to a routine, giving enough time for you and your child to have a stress-free time before school
- ✦ Be positive! Show your child school as an enjoyable experience



# School Uniform

We are proud of how well presented the children of our school look.

This is our uniform for **School** and **PE**. Please remember that we expect children to wear **standard black school shoes**.

## School Uniform

- ✦ Grey/black trousers / skirt / smart, tailored shorts
- ✦ White polo shirt, preferably with school logo
- ✦ School jumper / cardigan with embroidered school logo
- ✦ Plain black/grey socks / tights (not on PE days)
- ✦ Black school shoes with sensible heel: not trainers / boots
- ✦ Summer dress – blue and white check
- ✦ Plain white socks may be worn with summer dresses
- ✦ Hair accessories should be **simple** and **blue or white**: Long hair tied back
- ✦ **All** items must be **named**



# PE Kit

Once the children are settled in, we do PE weekly. This is likely to be on a Thursday afternoon.

## PE Uniform

- ✦ Plain black /dark blue shorts
- ✦ White T-shirt without school logo
- ✦ Plimsolls (initially optional )
- ✦ Drawstring PE bag, sensible sunhat and named water bottle
- ✦ **All** items must be **named**



**Jewellery** is not permitted in school, except for one pair of **simple stud earrings**. Please do not get new ear piercings during school term-time, as studs need to be removed for PE days.

Watches may be worn on non-PE days and are brought to school at the children's own risk.



# Clothes and Items for School

- ✦ Wellies with a waterproof jacket and trousers – all named
- ✦ Winter clothing for cold weather, e.g. hat, scarf, gloves – all named
- ✦ Sun hat in the summer months - named
- ✦ PE Uniform in drawstring bag – all named (leave in school)
- ✦ Named spare clothes and pants in a small named plastic bag (leave in school bag)
- ✦ Named water bottle
- ✦ Named book bag (not a rucksack please)
- ✦ No accessories / stud earrings only for pierced ears
- ✦ Nut free school (Free school dinner or packed lunch)



# 'Stay and Play' for Children New to Great Hollands Primary School

You will have been invited to an afternoon session to 'Stay and Play' with your child.



**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm-4.30pm**

**or**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm-4.30pm**



This is a chance for you and your child to see the school, meet their teachers and become familiar with GHPS.

Please come to Silver Hall where you will be escorted through to EYFS.

# 'Come and Play' for All Children Starting at GHPs this September

Your child will have been invited to a morning or an afternoon session to **'Come and Play'** for an hour or so.



**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am or 1.30pm**



- ✦ This is a chance for your child to see their teacher and play inside and outside in a relaxed way as part of transition in a small group.
- ✦ While your child is with their teacher, we will hold a parent meeting in Silver Hall. We will go through all the important bits with you and answer any questions you may have. Once we have finished, we can join the children again.
- ✦ Entry will be through Silver Hall for both sessions

# First Day at School

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

This is the day your child will wear their new school uniform.

Please enter the school via the side entrance and walk across the playground

Please arrive on time - from **8.40am (by 8.45am)**



This will be the place and time for all morning drop offs and collections **once the children are full time.**

# First and Second Day at School Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024



**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Collect at 12.00pm – come to Silver Hall door**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Collect at 1.30pm (after lunch) – come to Silver Hall door**



**From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Arrive 8.40am and collect at 3.15pm from the classroom door**

# Forms to Complete

Please complete all your admission forms by your  
'Stay and Play' session next week

**Please bring your child's birth certificate with you so it  
can be copied and returned to you**



# Further Information

HOME

INFORMATION

NEWS & EVENTS

PUPILS

EARLY YEARS

STAFF & TRUST MEMBERS

CONTACT US



## Great Hollands Primary School

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**Morning Club from 8.00am**

**£3.00 per session**

**After school Club until 5.45pm**

**£4.00 until 4.00pm**

**£8.00 after 4.00pm**

**Bookings are online via ParentPay**

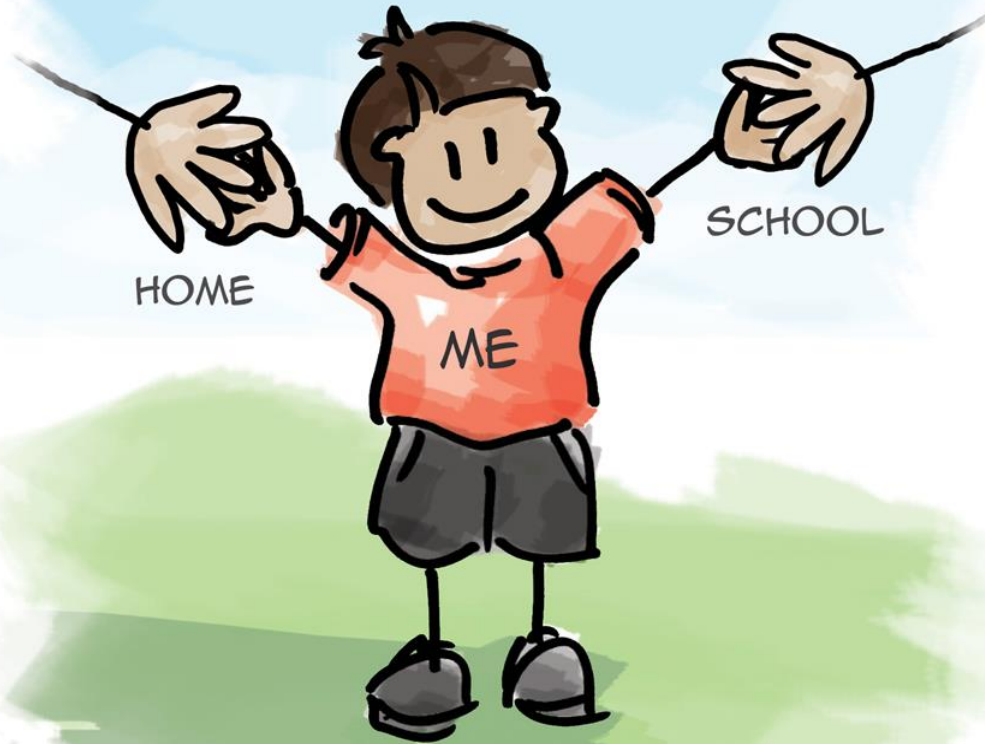
**– initial bookings can be made via**

**the school office.**



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# BETTER TOGETHER



HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



# Home-School Communication

- ✦ Member of EYFS Staff at the door
- ✦ Child's Home-School Diary
- ✦ Notes handed to staff
- ✦ Face to face catch up meetings after school
- ✦ Phone school office – 01344 424911
- ✦ Text message service
- ✦ Online school – check emails and website



**Please ensure the school has your up-to-date contact details**

# Working with Parents

- ✦ Weekly FS2 Newsletter
- ✦ School Newsletter
- ✦ 'Come and Join Us' sessions
- ✦ Parent Meetings
- ✦ FLT Workshops
- ✦ Phonics (RWI) - Autumn Term



# Family Learning at Great Hollands Primary School

You are invited to a series of Family Learning activities. The sessions are short and informal, giving you the chance to join your child in school and find out what they get up to during the day. They are run by members of BFC's Family Learning Team in partnership with staff.

Busy Bag Writing

**Wednesday 20th November (morning)**

Magic Pebbles Maths

**Wednesday 29th January (afternoon)**

Please do try to come along - the children really benefit from these events.



Family Learning at Great Hollands Primary School



Dear Parents,

As part of our welcome to you and your child, we are delighted to offer you a series of practical, fun sessions to help you and your child settle in to school life.

You are warmly invited to join us in school to work with your child and find out more about their learning.

# Our PTA – FROGS Friends of Great Hollands School

Our PTA, the FROGS, are always keen to meet new parents. Joining the PTA is a fantastic way to get to know other parents and get involved with the school. Please visit their Facebook page for more information.

Charity Registration Number: 1207341



## Frogs - Friends of Great Hollands School

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### Intro

FROGS are a small group of parents and teachers, we organise events and fun things for the children to do, to help raise money for the school.

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please contact us if you need further information**

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**Email: [ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org)**

### **Dates for your diary Autumn:**

- ✦ Stay and Play – (new to GHPS) **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm**
- ✦ Come and Play – all **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am or 1.30pm**
- ✦ First Day of School – **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 8.40 -12.00 noon**
- ✦ Second Day of School – **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 8.40 -1.30 pm**

### **Other Dates**

- ✦ FLT – Busy Bags **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (am)**
- ✦ Harvest Celebration **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October (pm)**
- ✦ Nativity **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (pm)**
- ✦ FLT - Magic Pebbles **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (pm)**
- ✦ Phonics workshops – **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 22<sup>nd</sup> November (2.45pm)**



**We look forward to working with you!**

**Nicky York**



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