



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Spring Term Week 1

First of all, may I wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful time over the Christmas Holiday with your family and friends.

It has been great to see the children come back in such an enthusiastic and happy way and I am pleased to say that they have been really focused and productive in their classrooms.

New topics have been started – Nursery & Reception = Starry Night (Space!) and Winter Wonderland and Year 1 = Bright Lights, Big City.

We have also started our new class texts: Nursery = 'Going on a Bear Hunt', Reception = 'Whatever Next?' and Year 1 = Send for a Superhero!

It has been extremely cold this week and, so, has been good to see everyone wrapped up snugly and keeping warm at playtimes and lunchtimes. I hope you enjoy your weekend and that it warms up a bit for next week!

### The Griffin Admissions Consultation

Just to remind you that our Admission Arrangements, for 2026-2027 ends at 12pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025. It is available on the school website [www.thegriffinprimary.uk](http://www.thegriffinprimary.uk) and hard copies are available upon request from the office.

### Year 1 Superhero Day

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Year 1 children are invited to dress up as a superhero. This could be a 'known' superhero, someone who is a superhero to them or a superhero of their own invention! This is linked to their class text.

### Invite an Adult to Lunch Day

We are really pleased to be able to ask children to invite an adult to lunch with us on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The menu is Veggie Nuggets or Fish Fingers, served with vegetables and chips, as well as a dessert to be chosen during service. The cost for this cooked meal will be £3.50 and will be payable through ParentPay.

N2 Nursery parents would need to arrive at 11.30am for an 11.45am service.

Reception parents would need to arrive at 11.45am for an 12pm service.

Year 1 parents would need to arrive at 12pm for a 12.15pm service.

### Visitors

We are delighted to be hosting a placement for a university student for 2 weeks. Miss Dhillon will be spending 3 days in each year group, working alongside the class teachers and teaching assistants, supporting the children in their learning.

On Wednesday we had our first assembly visit from Reverend Diane. She focused on our half-termly value of 'We talk' and she and her puppets showed us how important it is to use kind words to make people feel happy.

### Clubs

Recorder Club started back today and I was so impressed with what the children had managed to remember from last term.

Singing club will start back on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January from 12.30-1pm – if any more children would like to join this club, please sign up directly with Emma Butler via [emma@truemusic.uk](mailto:emma@truemusic.uk).

Cooking Club is on a Monday after school – places have already been allocated for the next 3 weeks and emails sent to those participating.

These clubs are for children in Reception and Year 1.

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Daniel for having such a positive attitude and contributing so well in class sessions since returning this term.

**Reception** – Azylah for always being kind, working hard and making great choices.

**Year 1** – Ethan K for returning with such enthusiasm and putting in 100% effort in all that he does at school.

## House Points



The winning house this week is .  
Well done to everyone in Emerald House for earning the most Dojo points.

## Wraparound Club - Spring Term

Please find the list of clubs for the club session (3.20-4.20pm) for the Spring Term:

**Monday** – Games Club – Board Games and table top air hockey, table tennis, football.

**Tuesday** – Arts and Crafts

**Wednesday** – Mini-Rugby

**Thursday** – Multi-Sports

**Friday** - Gymnastics/Yoga

We also have singing club on a Tuesday lunchtime – new members welcome (contact the school office to find out more if your child is interested) - and recorder club on a Friday lunchtime (currently full).

## Thank You

A heartfelt thank you from staff for the Christmas gifts they received. It is very kind and generous of you to think of us at Christmas and is much appreciated.

## Volunteers

Please do let us know if you would like to volunteer a small amount of your time to help in school during the day – we always have class admin – photocopying & laminating - as well as listening to children read, as volunteer roles. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are interested. We try to allocate volunteers to year groups other than the one their child(ren) are in, so as to keep home and school separate.

## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

**17/01 Year 1 Superhero Day** – Year 1 children can come dressed up as a superhero on this day.

**22/01 'Invite an Adult to Lunch' Day** – N2 to Y1 children can invite an adult to join them for a cooked school lunch

**29/01 Chinese New Year** – activities linked to this will take place in school.

**06/02 FROGS Meeting** – 7pm at school.

**13/02 Reception Trip to the Space Centre** – voluntary contributions via ParentPay.

**17/02 – 21/02 Half Term**

**25/02 – Parents' Evening**

**27/02 - Parents' Evening**

## News from The FROGS



Now that you have seen what wonderful work our FROGS do, from attending the Christmas Fayre (and what a lot of fun it is!), why not come along and see what we are all about?

Our next meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in school – we will be planning our next event and thinking about other events we could run this year to raise funds and so the more heads and ideas the better. Feel free to speak to Jenny (the Chair) or me if you want any further information but otherwise, just come along.

