



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 5

Your children all looked super smart and I think I saw some new haircuts too, as they arrived on Monday, ready for their school photograph. As soon as we have the copy back in school we will send it out to you for you to place your orders.

It has been such a pleasure to see and hear the children playing outside this week after the recent bad weather. They do love being in the fresh air and having the space to learn in different ways to those in the classroom. This week in school, Nursery have been thinking about 'same' or 'different' using pairs of socks. The Reception children have retold their class story of 'The Little Red Hen' and also been labelling within their writing sessions. They have been thinking about why family is special and about special events we do with them. Year 1 children have been learning about the properties of materials in science, creating their own personal timelines in history and been ordering numbers using 'greater than' or 'less than', including recognising the mathematical symbols. So at the end of another super week, we hope you have a restful weekend and that the sunshine continues for us all to enjoy.

Harvest Festival – Next Friday

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Harvest Festival next Friday at 9am. At this, we support the Rugby Food Bank by bringing in donations of much needed food items – lists of items are by each classroom door and also in the main entrance. If any parents have Harvest/Autumn decorations and/or are able to come in at 2.45pm on Thursday afternoon to help decorate the table for the produce to be displayed on, it would be much appreciated. Please let the office staff know.



'Hello Yellow' Day – Next Week! On Thursday 10th October, we are asking children to come to school wearing something yellow – this could simply be a yellow badge on their school uniform, a yellow headband or cap, or they could wear a yellow T-shirt, jumper, trousers or socks. Who know we may even get some yellow onesies! This is all to support World Mental Health Day and 'MIND' who raise awareness of the importance of looking after young people's mental health. If you would like to donate to this charity, we would suggest £1 donation. Mrs Isaac's will set up ParentPay for this.

School and Nursery Times

Please remember that the end of the day for Nursery and school are different. School finishes at 3.20pm and then Nursery finishes at 3.30pm – 10 minutes later than the school to allow anyone with children in both to collect each child on time.

If you are more than 5 minutes late to collect in Nursery, there is a late charge. In school, we will take your children to the 'late pick-up session' of wraparound and there will be a £1 charge plus a non-booking fee of 50p.

Service Road

We are not allowed to use the road that runs along the side of the school – this is for construction vehicles, Bloors employees or contractors only. Bloors have helped the school in many ways since opening and so please help us to keep this good relationship by adhering to this.

Parent Trustee Election - Ballot

You will have all received a ballot paper – please complete this by the deadline and return it to the school in a sealed envelope – feel free to recycle the envelope it came in. We will announce the new Parent Trustee once we have counted the votes.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week, which now also includes our Nursery children ahead of our planned schedule of after half term as we are so impressed with how well they have settled, and think they are ready to join us for this special assembly:

Nursery – Carter, for excellent effort in his learning, his kindness and friendship and also his superb manners.

Reception – Sahib, for his amazing perseverance and determination to be able to write his name.

Year 1 – Denver, for generally being a ‘Star’ in all that he does. He always tries his best and makes sensible choices.

House Points

The winning house this week is  .

Well done to everyone in Sapphire House for earning the most Dojo points.

Olio

Thank you to those parents who have offered us donations when they have taken some of the Olio food. We are not allowed to take donations for these items but, we will set up a ‘donations’ section on ParentPay, as the school can receive donations generally and, of course, they are always gratefully received.

GameOn Half Term Holiday Camp

Half-Term is fast approaching. If you need holiday care for your children, Mr Martin has sent details of this via Class Dojo – please book places directly with GameOn using the form provided. Thank you.

Parents’ Evenings

A link will be sent today on Dojo, so that you can sign up for your time slot for the forthcoming Parents’ Evenings on the 15th and 17th October from 3.45-6.30pm. If your child is in Nursery E2 (2 year olds), Mr Pouton will be holding separate meetings for parents on Tuesday 12th November from 3.45-6.45pm. We will send out further information closer to the date.

New Faces

From next week, on a Friday, Nursery will be welcoming Miss Tate who is completing her Early Years College course and will be on placement.

Dates for the Diary

10/10 – Tours for Prospective 2025/26 entry

10/10 – ‘Hello Yellow’ Day – World Mental Health Day

11/10 – Harvest Festival (9am – all parents welcome.

Food donations – see information at classroom doors.)

14/10 – Tours for Prospective 2025/26 entry

15/10 – Parents’ Evening (3.45-6.30pm)

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24/10 – Halloween Costume/Pyjama Dress Down Day

(bring a gift for the ‘Rainbow Raffle’ - further information to follow)

25/10 – Teacher Training Day

28/10 – 01/11 HALF TERM

12/11 – E2 Nursery Parents’ Evenings

20/11 – Vision Screening (Reception Class only)

21/11 – Flu Vaccinations (further information to follow)

21/11 – Maths Information Evening for Parents – 6pm

(Reception & Y1 - children welcome)

29/11 – ‘Break the Rules’ Day (further information to follow)

11/12 – Reception/Y1 Christmas Production – 2.30pm

12/12 – Reception/Y1 Christmas Production – 9.30am

13/12 – Christmas Jumper Day - £1 (Save the Children)

13/12 – FROGS Christmas Fayre (3.30-6pm in school)

18/12 – School Christmas Lunch

19/12 – Nursery Christmas Celebration 11.15am &

3.00pm (details to follow)

20/12 – End of Autumn Term

And finally.... We are monitoring attendance on a monthly basis, aiming for at least 95% attendance across the year.

September’s attendance was 96.8%

We have had 13 occasions where a child has arrived late to school.

It is really important to be here on time in the morning.

From October, parents of pupils with attendance below 90% (deemed persistently absent) will receive a letter asking them to attend a meeting about attendance.