



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 11

Monday was Remembrance Day and the whole school gathered in the hall at 11am to observe 2 minutes silence. I could not have felt prouder of the children, who were superb in showing the respect that this day deserves. Afterwards we listened to the last post and went back to classrooms to continue with our learning. This week, Nursery have been busy comparing amounts with the vocabulary 'more' and 'less', as well as playing 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' and reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' for their topic of 'Once Upon a Time'. Reception children have been learning what a celebration is and the importance of 'giving' – not just in regards to presents, but also about giving hugs and smiles to make people feel happy. They have also been exploring the school looking for 'Marvellous Machines', which is their topic this half term. In maths, Year 1 have been finding missing parts in addition sentences, they were labelling body parts, linking them to the five senses in Science and, in Geography, have been looking at maps and drawing their own maps of the local area. So, as you can see, the children have done some incredible learning and we hope they have a great weekend.

Hunts Book Fair – Next week!

Please do come along to the Book Fair next week – it will be in the learning street at the end of the school day. It is also available after wraparound for those children who stay. There are always beautiful books and some of them are even signed by the authors!

Shoeboxes – 4 days left!

Thank you to those of you who have taken part in the shoebox appeal – you are spreading joy around the world! Tuesday 19th is the final day for this appeal – there are spare shoeboxes and leaflets outside the main entrance for you, if you would still like to do one.

Lucky us!

We have won a competition run by Dobbies and the prize is a real Christmas Tree – how exciting! Thank you to Mrs Shuker for letting us know about this competition.

Green Fingers

We have also been given some free tree saplings by PTI Express Ltd, a local company, and will be planting these out on Monday afternoon. Our Nursery children have all been busy planting daffodil bulbs and, throughout next week, we will be asking our Year 1 and Reception children to each plant some bulbs.

Children in Need – please use this link

Everyone looked wonderful in their Pudsey items and spotty outfits today. Just a reminder to use the link below to make a donation to Children in Need, as they will then receive all of their donation- ParentPay is not charging their % cost for this good cause.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15170>

Reception Admissions 2025

The webpage www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions has helpful information, including a video with tips and things to consider before making your application. To apply please visit

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/421/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>

If you have applied in recent weeks there is no need to reapply – to check the details of your application, you can do this through your Parent Portal. Please remember the deadline to apply is **15 January 2025**.

When applying, please ensure you list several preference schools, ideally including your local catchment school as one of your preferences. This will reduce the likelihood of you getting an unplaced offer. **If you apply after the national deadline, your application will be considered as late and will not be processed until after primary offer day, the 16 April 2025.**

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Jose, for being such a smiley, cheerful and enthusiastic person.

Reception – Neriah, for being a great role model – happy, kind and confident – in all that she does.

Year 1 – Summer, for being such a kind person, not only with her peers, but also by helping the staff in the classroom.

House Points



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

Christmas Card Competition Time

Don't forget the competition from Rugby's MP, John Slinger. If your child would like to enter please send entries directly to John on the address provided in last week's Dojo messages. Good luck!

Lantern Procession

Rugby First, in conjunction with St Andrew's Church, are organising a lantern procession, which takes place late afternoon (about 5.30-6.15pm) on Saturday 14th December. The procession will be led by a lively and colourful samba band, following a short route around the town centre that starts and finishes at St Andrew's Church. They provide free materials for you to make a lantern at home with your child, which you would then bring along to the procession. We need to order materials in advance so, if you are interested in your child taking part, you will need to let school know **on Monday**, as I need to contact Rugby First by 10am on Tuesday, with the number of kits required. If you would like siblings to take part, please let us know the number of lantern kits you require. Thank you.

Unfortunately, we do not have the time in school to make these with your child and so it will need adult support at home, but there is an online instruction video and I can send the link - I have just watched it and it is quite easy.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

From now on we will only be putting the dates for the next month into the newsletter but will update the original dates for the whole academic year document we sent out with any new dates and events in red.

18/11 – Hunts Book Fair in school all week after school – come and buy some wonderful books for Christmas presents. The school earn commission on total spend.

20/11 – Vision Checks - Reception children only

21/11 – Flu Vaccinations – Reception and Y1. Consent is due by 10/11/24

21/11 - Maths Information Evening for Parents – 6pm
All year groups.

29/11 – FROGS Break the rules day – see below.

29/11 Christmas Decoration Workshop – 1.30pm.
Parents welcome. For N2, Reception and Year 1 children.

04/12 – It's Panto Time! – in school. Contributions via ParentPay.

11/12 – Christmas Performance – Reception and Y1
2.30pm. Parents & family welcome.

12/12 – Christmas Performance – Reception and Y1
9.30am. Parents & family welcome.

13/12 – Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' – suggested donation of £1.

13/12 – Our first 'FROGS' Christmas Fayre – 3.30-6pm

News from The FROGS

Book Donations

If you have any 'like new' books that you no longer want, we would love them to wrap for the Book Lucky Dip stall at the Christmas Fayre on 13th December.

There is a box where donations can be left in the main entrance lobby.

Break the Rules Day

Coming soon – information on Class Dojo

Cake Sale

We are having a cake sale at the end of the day on 22nd November. 50p per cake. If you are able to provide cakes it would be appreciated – due to several of our children having allergies, you must list the ingredients and send them in with the cakes. Please name any containers so that we can get them back to the right person. Thank you.

