



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Autumn Term Week 14

Phew! This week has whizzed by! We had a really fabulous time watching the pantomime of 'Puss in Boots on Treasure Island' by SPLATS PANTOS, on Tuesday afternoon. The children were joining in brilliantly – 'it's behind you' and 'Aye Aye Jim!' were regular features as well as clapping along to the songs, particularly the 'Cheese Song'! I was super proud of all of the children as they were a wonderful audience. There were parrots, snakes, dragons, a cat, a mouse and all sorts of creatures appearing during the pantomime and, when I asked a child today what their favourite part was, it was when the cat ate the mouse but had the tail dangling from its mouth.

Obviously, the children have all been busy putting the final touches to the Christmas Production in Reception and Year 1 – the dress rehearsal is on Monday and then we look forward to sharing 'Simply- The Nativity' with you next week. I haven't seen it yet and can't wait! Nursery children have been busy practicing their singing for their Christmas Performance and, having heard a snippet from one of them earlier today... you are in for a real treat!

### Warwickshire Admissions Consultation

Warwickshire County Council is consulting on its Admission Arrangements, Coordinated Scheme and In Year Admissions Process for 2026-2027.

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, the local authority must consult on their admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

Please find a link below with more information for parents.

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools/schooladmissionarrangements2026-27>

### Applications for a Reception 2025 Place

This is a reminder to all of our Nursery parents of children who are in N2 that you must apply for your child's Reception place for next September – the deadline is fast approaching. If you do not get your application in on time you will go to the bottom of the list, so it is really important. If you need any help with the forms please do not hesitate to ask us and we will be happy to offer our support with the process but we cannot provide advice about placements or schools.

### Cool Milk

*Is your child registered for*  
**SCHOOL MILK?**

*Child*  
**UNDER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

*Child*  
**OVER 5**

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY**

Register online  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Need help?  
Send us a message  
at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact)  
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

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## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Niyara for showing such a huge increase in her confidence and for making some wonderful friendships.

**Reception** – Hugh for having amazing ideas, smiling constantly and having an excellent imagination.

**Year 1** – Zara for her constant kindness, friendship and positive attitude – she spreads joy everywhere she goes!

## House Points



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

## A Big 'Well Done' to You All



## Treat Time

Thank you to the ladies in the office – Mrs Tucker, Mrs Isaac's and Mrs Harrison for providing the children with a treat after assembly today of hot chocolate (with marshmallows if so desired) to say well done for a great term and have a Merry Christmas. As you can imagine there was a lot of excitement in the hall when this was announced!

## Christmas Postbox

We have a Postbox for children to post their Christmas Cards into if they want – please put the child's name and Year group on the envelope so that we can make sure it gets to the right child. Please bear in mind you may also need the initial of a child's surname – your child will know if this is needed.

## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Please also see the Christmas Countdown Chart you were given.

**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

**18/12** - Christmas Lunch

**19/12** - Nursery Christmas Celebration 11.15am and 3pm

**20/12** - End of Term

## News from The FROGS



## Christmas Fayre – one week to go!

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, from 3.30-6pm, we are holding our first ever Christmas Fayre. There will be lots of events and stalls for you to enjoy, including Where in the World is Santa?, Name the Penguin, Hook a Santa, Wine or Water, The Snowball Game, Tombola, Lucky Dip Book Stall, Crafts, Refreshments – including warm Samosas! – and a Raffle with lots of impressive prizes!

Of course, we also have 2 very special guests visiting from the North Pole – Santa Claus and Mrs Claus cannot wait to see children in their grotto. It promises to be a really fabulous event – we hope you can come along and support it.

**Cash and Card accepted.**



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