



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Autumn Term Week 15

WOW! What a spectacular performance we had on Wednesday and Thursday! The children sang beautifully, acted their hearts out and spoke so clearly and confidently that it was easy to forget that they are only 4-6 years of age. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to support their child and helped with the preparations, learning lines, providing costumes and a massive thank you to the Reception and Year 1 teams for their hard work in making it such a success.

We had a visit from the Rugby Firefighters this week, as Year 1 learned all about how to keep themselves safe from fire and how to 'drop and roll'. The children really enjoyed this visit. In Nursery, children have been practicing for their Christmas performance in the hall and are looking forward to seeing their parents/carers/family members next Thursday. The FROGS have been so busy getting the Christmas Fayre ready and it really is going to be an impressive event – **COME ALONG FROM 3.30-6PM TODAY – IT IS NOT ONE TO BE MISSED!**

### The Griffin Admissions Consultation

We are consulting on our Admission Arrangements, for 2026-2027. In accordance with the School Admissions Code, we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years. Our consultation will go live on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December and the proposed Admission Arrangements for 2026-2027 will be available on the school website [www.thegriffinprimary.uk](http://www.thegriffinprimary.uk)  
Hard copies will be available upon request.

### 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>

### School Lunches

Please remember to order your child a lunch – over the last 2 weeks we have had a lot of people forgetting and this makes it harder for Alex, our school cook.

### Christmas Postbox

You may have noticed our fabulous Postbox in the entrance lobby. If children would like to post their Christmas cards for their school friends or teachers into it, we will then have some 'Post People' to help deliver them to classes – please put the child's name and Year group on the envelope so that we can make sure it gets to the right child. You may also need the initial of a child's surname – your child will know this.

### Local Rugby Training Sessions

There are free taster rugby themed classes on Saturday mornings at 10am. See the link below for further information.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1308972343818777&set=a.754603045922379>

### Nursery Celebrations

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December we are inviting our Nursery parents to join us for a celebration at 11.15am or 3pm. This will be held in the hall and parents will be asked to enter via the door at the end of the hall. Please do not arrive before 11am or 2.45pm.

### Panto Donations

If you have not yet contributed £8.30 towards this and would like to, this is still open on ParentPay.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Tillie for brightening everybody's day with her smile and her positive approach towards school.

**Reception** – Neriah for her courage in singing her solo so beautifully and the whole class for being such shining stars during their production – AMAZING!

**Year 1** – Oscar for his superb attitude to learning and the whole class for being such shining stars during their production – AMAZING!

Next week we will not be having 'Star of the Week' as we have some new 'Values Ambassadors' awards to present each half term – across the year, all children have the opportunity to be a values ambassador. 5 children will be chosen each half term from each class (one child per value) who, we feel, are always great role models to others in their chosen value. Our values are 'We listen' ; 'We talk' ; 'We are kind' ; 'We are Respectful' ; 'We are Considerate' ;

## House Points

The winning house this week is  . Well done to everyone in Sapphire House for earning the most Dojo points. This term 'Ruby' are the overall winners and will be having an extra playtime next week.

## Training Opportunities



**STUDY SMART**  
Free Online Courses

**aspire Education**

**ncfe** | **cache** | **Education & Skills Funding Agency**

**Fully Funded School Support Course**

**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

\*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

**6 Week Course**  
**Mon - Fri**  
**Daily sessions**  
**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**  
**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

**www.studysmartuk.online**

## Late Arrivals

We know the traffic has been awful this week, and appreciate your efforts to get children here on time as it is so important for children to start school on time. Please remember that, even if the playground gate is still open, if you arrive after 8.55am you need to report to the school office, as the class register will be closed. Thank you.

## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

**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 - Whole School Movie\*

\* **We would like to show the Movie 'That Christmas'**

'That Christmas' follows a series of entwined tales about family and friends, love and loneliness, and Santa Claus making a big mistake, not to mention an enormous number of turkeys!

**It is a PG – please let us know if you do not want your child to watch it.**

## News from The FROGS



## Christmas Fayre – TONIGHT!

We hope you can come along tonight from 3.30-6pm. A few of the treats in store are.....

**The Choir opening the Fayre**  
**Where in the World is Santa?**

**Name the Penguin**  
**Wine or Water**  
**The Snowball Game**  
**Tombola**  
**Lucky Dip Book Stall**  
**Gifts**  
**Crafts**



**Refreshments – including warm Samosas!**  
**Raffle with lots of impressive prizes!**  
**Santa's Grotto**

**Cash and Card accepted.**

## Thank You

We are delighted to announce that through the Asda Cashpot fundraising initiative we have raised £112.38 and through IQ cards we raised £48. This is wonderful – thanks for your continued support.