



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 16

Well – the end of term is finally here and what a fantastic term we have had! We could not be prouder of the way your children have developed and progressed since September. For some children, they have just completed their first term at school and they have amazed us every step of the way.

We have had a great last week in school – our Nursery children shone so brightly when they sang their hearts out during their Christmas Celebration. We had a great turnout of parents and family members and hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you for coming along.

We had a virtual visit from Santa today and some children asked him questions like “Why do you use a sleigh?” and Santa let us into a secret – he has a new sleigh this year with heated seats as it is cold on the journey. It was a really magical time and the children sang Santa some Christmas songs.

Thank you for all your support over the past term – have a great Christmas and we will see you next year, in 2025!

The Griffin Admissions Consultation

Our consultation on our Admission Arrangements, for 2026-2027 is now live and available on the school website www.thegriffinprimary.uk
It end at 12pm on Tuesday 28th January 2025.
Hard copies will be available upon request.

Christmas Singalong

What a wonderful way to end the Autumn Term with so many people gathered around our Christmas Tree, singing (and dancing!) beautifully – we then had our Countdown to the End of Christmas at The Griffin with our oldest child (Patryk) and our youngest child (Noah W) turning off the lights on the tree.
We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Winners Galore

Congratulations to Ethan K (Y1) who won a ‘highly commended’ from the recent competition to design a Christmas Card for our local MP, John Slinger to send out. His design was made into cards and sent to him from the House of Commons and he received them in our celebration assembly.

Well done also to Jude (Y1) who correctly guessed that the hidden vegetable in the cake tasting competition was brussell sprouts! He was presented with a prize at lunchtime today.

Eco – Champions

From January, each week we will be asking 2 children from each class to be our Eco-champions – they will bring the paper recycling bins to a central collection point and also be on the lookout for any lights that have been left on and need turning off.

They may also be asked to do litter picking or planting, to help keep our school grounds looking beautiful.

Visitors

I was delighted to meet Reverend Captain Peter Bone and Reverend Diane Bussey this week. One of their duties is to support schools within their Parish and that includes The Griffin. Diane will be visiting the school once a month to lead our assembly on a Wednesday afternoon, using our school values as the basis for the assembly. She can also work with us when we are studying Christianity and places of worship in our RE and I found out that we have a 13th Century, Grade 2 listed church within walking distance of the school!

St Michael and All Angels’
Church



Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

None being awarded this week!

Values Ambassadors

These new 'Values Ambassadors' awards will be presented each half term. The ambassadors will meet with Mrs Hine and help think about how we can make sure everyone knows and uses our values as well as they can.

The ambassadors for the Spring Term are:

'We Listen' – Ivy (YN) ; Charlotte (YR) ; Bella (Y1)

'We Talk' – Carter (YN) ; Annapoorna (YR) ; Jude (Y1)

'We are Kind' – Noah K-P (YN) ; Ezgi (YR) ; Zara (Y1)

'We are Respectful' – Maria (YN) ; Luca (YR) ; Maahi (Y1)

'We are Considerate' – Pola (YN) ; Finley (YR) ; Theo (Y1)

House Points

No house points this week.

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.

- Cooking Club (already booked)

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).

Crib Service

Below is some information about the crib service which is taking place at 4pm on Christmas Eve at the historic St Michael & All Angels' Church, Brownsover Lane, opposite Brownsover Hall Hotel.

Please bring your own torch (or phone torch) and be aware that there is no parking by the church.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

06/01 Teacher Training Day – No children at school

07/01 Spring Term Starts – all children back

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

29/01 Chinese New Year

News from The FROGS



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ATTENDING THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

It was such a fabulous event and a huge success. We will announce the amount raised after the holiday but it looks like it will be a good profit! If you enjoyed coming along, seeing the amazing grotto and think you would like to get involved in this fabulous fundraising group, please email frogs2072@welearn365.com with your name and child's year group.

As a school, we are so lucky to have such a committed group of parents who volunteer their time to put on such amazing events and, I am sure you will agree, that they go the extra mile and pull out all the stops!

A HUGE thank you needs to go to Jenny and her brilliant committee for everything they do to enhance your children's time here at The Griffin, whilst raising funds to help us provide 'extras' for your children.

