



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 1

Welcome to the Summer Term! The children have come back keen to learn and they have been so focused in class, which is quite hard when it is so warm! Our Nursery children were very resilient when they had to spend the day in our school building due to the Nursery being used as a Polling Station – we were so impressed with them. Each year group has started their new topics – Nursery: ‘Sunshine and Sunflowers’ and ‘Shadows and Reflections’, Reception: ‘Animal Safari’ and ‘Creep Crawl and Wriggle’, Year 1: ‘School Days’.

This week in Nursery the children have had a walk in the local area to look at how plants change in the Spring. In maths, they have been recognising numerals to 10 and they have also started their new ‘Talk for Writing’ book – The Three Little Pigs! There’s been lots of ‘huffing and puffing!’.

In Reception this week, the children have been drawing and writing about their favourite animals, they have been working on ‘odd’ and ‘even’ in maths and they received a letter from the King to say that some of his gold had been stolen! They then created ‘Wanted’ posters. This linked to their new text ‘Jack and the Robbers’.

In Year 1, the children have been experiencing what it was like to be in a Victorian classroom, with their classroom in rows and lots of rote learning. They have also been learning about equal and unequal groups in maths and thinking about safe places in PSHE. We wish you all a super Bank Holiday and we will see you all back in school on Tuesday.

Headlice

We have a case of headlice (or nits) in Reception Class. This is highly contagious. To prevent lice spreading, hair should be treated with appropriate treatment or wet combed regularly – see NHS advice below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Could **all Reception parents** please check their child’s hair this weekend, and treat if required. If nits are found, you should also check and treat household members.

2025-2026 Term Time Dates

We can confirm that the term dates for next year are:

Autumn 1: 01/09 and 02/09 Teacher Training Days

03/09 Start of Term for the Children

24/10 Teacher Training Day

Half Term: 27/10 – 31/10

Autumn 2: 03/11 – 19/12 **Christmas Break:** 20/12-04/01

Spring 1: 05/01/26 Teacher Training Day

06/01 Start of Term for the Children

Half Term: 16/02 – 20/02

Spring 2: 23/02 – 27/03 **Easter Break:** 30/03–10/04

Summer 1: 13/04 Teacher Training Day

14/04 Start of Term for the Children

Half Term: 25/05 – 29/05

Summer 2: 01/06 – 16/07

20/07 Teacher Training Day

Summer Holiday: 21/07 – 03/09

2025/26 and 2026/27 academic year term dates are now on the website.

Competition Time

Children are welcome to take part in a competition to celebrate Refugee Week.

The theme is ‘Community as a Superpower’. Children are asked to think about the small things they can do to create a kind, welcoming community.

This competition, titled ‘My superpower for a kinder community’, is open to those aged 4 to 18 years in full-time education. Anyone wishing to enter is asked to think about a super thing people can do to make their community kinder. This might be an imagined superpower or a real action that helps others feel included and welcomed– like offering a kind word, playing together, or sharing.

Entries can take many creative forms – including drawings, paintings, sculptures, photographs, or a written response of up to 300 words.

Donated prizes will be available for the winning entrants and selection of the submitted artwork will be displayed in Warwickshire libraries during Refugee Week (16–22 June 2025), offering recognition and celebration for the young artists involved. How to enter: to take part, email your entries to migration@warwickshire.gov.uk with your name, age, school name and address by 11.59pm on 11 May 2025. For full details about this competition visit the Warwickshire County Council website

‘Happy, Kind and Confident’

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Jakub for trying really hard with his language and communication – well done Jakub.

Reception – Joel for a wonderful learning attitude, his friendly approach and impressing staff with his work.

Year 1 – Zainab for super progress in her phonics and reading.

House Points



The winning house this week is .

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

Values Ambassadors

Well done to the children who have been selected to be this half term's Values Ambassadors. As this half term is so short, these children will be ambassadors until Friday 13th June.

We Listen – YN – Amaia, YR - Moussa, Y1 – Arvinder

We Talk – YN – Noah W, YR - Casper, Y1 - Summer

We are Respectful – YN – Harley, YR - Sahib, Y1 - Esmae

We are Kind – YN - Jakub, YR - Evangelia, Y1 - Aaron

We are Considerate – YN - Tillie, YR - Arjun, Y1 – Fabian

Well done to you all.

If you still have an Ambassador or Star of the Week badge from a previous term please return it to school.

Thank you.

Raising Awareness of Discounted Home Broadband

Home broadband is increasingly essential for supporting learning. Households receiving benefits such as Universal Credit could be eligible for discounted social tariffs, helping you stay connected at lower costs. The DfE have asked schools to signpost these offers to eligible households. For more information, please visit Ofcom's website.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-and-broadband/saving-money/social-tariffs>

Melting!

We have noticed that some children's packed lunches have items in them that melt in the heat eg. Chocolate covered items. It may be worth considering putting an ice-pack in the lunch box to keep items cool on hot days.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

02/05 FROGS' End of Friday 'Treat' – Fruit pots 50p

05/05 Bank Holiday – No school!

08/05 'Invite an adult to lunch' Day – book via ParentPay

08/05 Road Safety Visit – Reception and Year 1 pupils will learn how to stay safe near large trucks on the road and as a pedestrian.

10/05 FROGS 'Strictly The Griffin' Dance & Meal Event – 7-10pm. Book via ParentPay.

12/05 Scholastic Book Fair – in school for a week -see Class Dojo.

13/05 Year 1 Victorian Trip – St John's Museum

14/05 Animal Workshop (in school) - Reception and E1 & E2 children

26/05 – HALF TERM

02/06 – Teacher Training Day – No pupils in school or Nursery

03/06 – Children back to school

09/06 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week

10/06 New Parents' Information Evening – Nursery 5.30-6.15pm / Reception 6.30-7.15pm

11-13/06 Arts 'Week' – further information to follow!

Boom Reader

Following some feedback on the Reading Records for Reception and Year 1, we are going to trial a new system called Boom Reader. We can have a month's free trial and we will be asking Year 1 parents to trial it for us in June so that we can make a decision ready for the new academic year.

Water & Hats

All children must have a water bottle in school every day in order to keep them hydrated and healthy. In sunny weather, all children must have a hat as we play outside in the midday sun and we do not have any shaded areas.

News from The Frogs

LAST CHANCE !!!

TUESDAY IS THE DEADLINE TO BOOK TICKETS FOR OUR DANCE EVENING ON SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 7-10pm. WHY NOT COME ALONG WITH A FRIEND FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT (£20 pp including a 2 course meal) To book, email frogs2072@welearn365.com