



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 3

We have had a wild week this week at The Griffin with our Nursery E1 and E2 children, as well as all Reception children, taking part in an animal workshop. They held a snake, stroked a tortoise and had a tarantula on their head! Year 1 children did some time travelling on Tuesday when they went to St John's Museum in Warwick to spend the day as Victorian school children. This week in nursery, in topic, children have listened to the story 'My Butterfly Bouquet' and discussed how their caterpillars have made cocoons. In maths, Mr Pouton has been super proud of how well children have understood 'Part-Part Whole Models'. Here are lots of photographs of our exciting week! Enjoy the weekend.



Healthy Start

Are you aware of this amazing NHS scheme to help families buy healthy food for their children?

What is Healthy Start?

If you are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you are eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. The NHS will add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks. You can use your card to buy:

- Plain liquid cow's milk
- Fresh, frozen and tinned fruit and/or vegetables
- Fresh, dried and tinned pulses
- Infant formula milk based on cow's milk

You can also use your card to collect:

- Healthy start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

For further information please visit <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Lorelai for her exceptional writing and drawing of a caterpillar's life cycle.

Reception – Harriet for her great contributions in class and her keen learning attitude each and every day.

Year 1 – Ethan S. for his fabulous multiplication and division (sharing) in maths this week – very impressive.

House Points

The winning house this week is  .

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

Household Support Fund (HSF)

On 30 October 2024, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the Household Support Fund (HSF) would be extended for a further twelve months, from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The primary objective of the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund grant is to provide crisis support to vulnerable households in most need with the cost of essentials, in particular food, energy, and water bills. If you are struggling financially please visit the links below to see if you can access the HSF.

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme - 01926 359182 or 0800 4081448

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

For information about wider support from the council and other services, go to:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/costofliving>

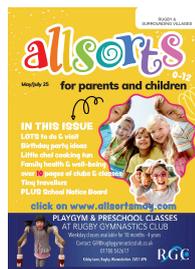
Year 1 Reading Trial

Following some parental feedback about our current system, we are trialling 'Boom Reader', an online app for recording home reading. Parents will get an invite via email next week, so please do sign up and we will be starting this after the holiday.

Allsorts Magazine

The latest edition is out now with lots of great offers and ideas for activities inside. Please see the link below:

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_MAYJULY



Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

22/05 – Cemex Truck & Road Safety for YR and Y1

23/05 – Recorder Club Performance in Assembly 9am (Parents Welcome)

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!

Parent Survey

It is time for our Annual Survey for Parents so that you can let us know how we are doing and feedback to us about possible ways to improve and shape the school in the future.

This is done on a Microsoft Form and the link is <https://forms.office.com/e/SMFY3ukRVK>

It should not take any longer than 15 minutes so please do complete it – your thoughts are important to us. Thank you.



Next Week's Meals - A Message from Alex (School Cook)

It has come to our attention that a batch number of baked beans has been recalled due to an issue with the tins. Unfortunately, all of my remaining tins of baked beans have this batch number. I would like to stress that there is no issue with the beans themselves and that no tins with this batch number have been opened and used this week. Our nominated supplier has paused all sales of these baked beans and I currently cannot order them until the investigation is over. This unfortunately means that there will be no baked beans available next week, if you could please bear this in mind when ordering your child's meals. I apologise for this inconvenience, we must order through this nominated supplier to be compliant with allergy

And Finally...Thank you for visiting the Book Fair this week.