



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 4

I want to start this week's newsletter with an enormous 'Thank you' to Cemex for bringing one of their trucks onto site on Thursday to help teach our Reception and Year 1 children about Road safety near trucks. The children had a really interesting and helpful classroom session on road safety and then went out to look at the truck, sit in the driver's seat to see how high up it is, what the visibility is like and beep the horn! (they loved that). Nursery children also came out to have a quick look at the truck as they were super excited to see it!

On Wednesday, Reception and Year 1 joined in with a session led by The Royal Ballet and Opera. They saw how scenery and props are made and transported nowadays as well as travelling back in time to see the costumes and dancers from the past. They followed along with some moves and it was a fantastic morning!

Also, this week in nursery, they have been focusing on shadows as part of their 'Shadows and Reflections' topic. The children have been trying to create their own shadow puppets using their hands. In maths we have been working hard on number recognition to 10.

In Reception the children have been learning that the further you move forward from another number, the bigger the number becomes. They have also looked at rainforests and compared the animals and environment to ours and drawn shadow drawings.

Year 1 children have been creating 3D art based on work by the artist James Rizzi, using prototypes they created. They have categorized garden plants and wild plants in their science.

I also wanted to say how proud I was of the Recorder Club today who performed 2 pieces in assembly – a medley of tunes and also the accompaniment to a tune from the musical 'Wicked'. It is not easy to perform in front of others but, despite a few nerves, they did so confidently and really shone! Well done everyone – I know you have practiced hard.

So, at the end of this very short but extremely busy half term, we wish you all a happy and safe half term. Remember that Monday 2nd June is a teacher training day and so we will see the children back at school on Tuesday 3rd June.

Trustee Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Trust Board.

Although this is not a Parent Trustee Position (when parents of the school elect the Trustee) parents or members of the local community are welcome to apply. The successful person will be selected and approved by the Trust Board.

We are open to any applications as we want keen and committed people but we do have skills gaps in legal, health and safety or HR services. and so these would be of particular benefit to our board.

Please contact the school office on admin2072@welearn365.com or 01788249115 if you are interested in supporting the school in this way and we can provide further information. Please note that this is a voluntary role and will require attendance at between 6 and 10 meetings a year.

Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a cleaner for 7 hours a week to start in September.

We also have a vacancy for an apprentice Teaching Assistant. They will also need to attend wraparound at the beginning and end of the day. A knowledge of PE would be helpful.

Both of these jobs are to start in September.

Adverts and job descriptions will be on the website after the holiday, as will the application form.

Year 2 Teacher

I am delighted that I can finally announce that the Year 2 teacher for September is Miss Fitzpatrick. She is an experienced teacher and cannot wait to meet the Year 1 children and start getting to know them.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Rafi for always being respectful and working extremely hard in his Wellcomm screening.

Reception – Aahil for making great strides in his levels of independence.

Year 1 – Elizabeth for her wonderful handwriting and effort in her learning.

House Points

The winning house this week is .

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

Star Quality

Congratulations to Alex, our school cook, for being awarded Star of the Month by AiP. We nominated her as she is fabulous with the children, knowing them all individually, she is an amazing cook and she always goes the extra mile eg. 'Invite an adult' and decorating the kitchen.



Our Seat Safety Roadshow advice

We have seen several occasions where children are not in a car seat when parents drive off at the end of the day. This puts your child at risk, even if you only live around the corner and is also against the law.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is hosting free car seat check and vehicle advice events across

Warwickshire from 23rd to 30th May 2025. We will be providing free advice on choosing, buying and installing car seats.

All of these events are free to attend, open to all, and booking is not required. Event dates and locations:

- **Tuesday, May 27:** Asda, 12 Chapel St, Rugby

For more information, visit Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadsafetyeducation/>

or contact Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership events/ or Road Safety Education team at:

roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk.

For more car seat safety tips, visit:

- <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>
- <https://capt.org.uk/car-safety/>
- <https://www.childcarseats.org.uk/>
- <https://www.goodeggcarsafety.com/>

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

26/05 – Half-Term

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

03/06 – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

06/06 – Parent Survey Deadline

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!

12/06 – Bollywood Dancing and Lappan Art (part of Arts 'Week')

17 & 20/06 – Nursery Play Sessions (new N2 pupils)

21/06 – Trip to Hunstanton (7am to 7pm)

23/06 – Year 1 Trip to Ryton Pools

24 & 27/06 – Stay and Play Session (new 2 year olds)

01/07 – New Nursery Intake - Home Visits

01/07 – Road Safety Assembly (Reception and Year 1)

02/07 – Move up Morning (spend time with your new teacher)

04/07 – Sports Day (in the afternoon)

08 & 10/07 – New Intake Reception - Home Visits

08/07 – Silent Disco for all year groups – more information to follow

09/07 – New Nursery Intake - Home Visits

09/07 – Singing Club Performance (2.50pm parents welcome)

11/07 – Annual Reports sent home

14-17/07 – Reception Class Bikeability

18/07 – LAST DAY

Nursery Leavers' Assembly (9.15am)

Reception Graduation Ceremony (11.15am)

Family Picnic (11.55am)

Parents welcome to all the activities on the last day

Eco-Club

Mrs Hine, Mrs Gough and Mrs Fearn will be starting an after school Eco-Club on a Thursday from 3.20-4.20pm, for children in Reception and Year 1. We will be thinking about lots of different ways of looking after our local environment and the world, starting with endangered animals. We have teamed up with Better Planet Schools. There is a cost of £3.50 per child and this will be set up on Parent Pay if your child is successful in getting in. Please Dojo Mrs Isaac's in the office to express an interest and then we will select children randomly, as places are limited to 12 children. If we are oversubscribed we will change members on a termly basis and children can re-apply for a place. Please respond by Friday 6th June as the first club will be on the 12th June.