



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 5

We had some visitors this week starting with our photographer on Monday morning. On Tuesday, Year 1 were lucky enough to welcome the local fire brigade, who came to see the children to teach them about how to keep themselves safe. They treated us to a blast of the siren and horn on the fire engine – they certainly made me jump in my office! The eco-club have been busy planting primroses in our planter at the front of the school to provide some winter colour. This week in Nursery, the children have been exploring the signs of autumn through the story 'Leaf Man' and developing their understanding of "all gone" and the number zero in maths. They also created a story map for 'Rosie's Walk' and added their own actions.

Reception children have been looking at Rugby in the past and also continuing with their text 'The Little Red Hen'. Year 1 children have been busy writing guides on 'how to become an astronaut', inspired by our story 'Astro Girl.' They also discussed and recreated famous portraits in art, and were introduced to part-whole models in maths.

Year 2 children have been counting in 3s in maths, using adverbs in their writing and learning about good hygiene. They also thought about why we need the correct utensil when working with food. We started the week with warm temperatures and ended the week with our first wet lunchtime – the children coped really well with this! Enjoy the weekend, whatever it brings!

Parent Trustee

Our recent recruitment campaign for a new Parent Trustee to join our Trust Board ended on 19th September.

We had a very strong candidate and I am delighted to announce that, as there were no other nominees, we do not have to go to a voting process and can announce the appointment of Mr Arunprasath Thiyagarajah as Parent Trustee. Information about our trustees is on the school website, if you are interested in finding out more.

School Photos

You should have received the proof of our child's school photo. We hope you are happy with them. All of the instructions are on the envelope about how to purchase a copy (or more – they make great Christmas presents for grandparents!)

'Hello Yellow'

Next Friday, 10th October, is World Mental Health Day and we will be supporting this by choosing to wear a yellow item with our school uniform on that day. A donation of £1 is suggested to help the MIND charity conduct their vital work. This is now set up on ParentPay.

September's Attendance Data

This year we are aiming for a whole school target of 98% attendance. Here is September's data for Reception to Year 2:

Reception: 98.53%

Year 1: 95.32%

Year 2: 98.17%

Whole School: 97.3%

Lots of the absences so far have been due to being a few minutes late – please ask for support if getting your children here on time in the mornings is proving to be difficult for you.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Tobias for his fantastic answers and excellent knowledge, linked to the class texts.

Reception – Aayan for being such a great role model to others in all aspects of school life.

Year 1 – Hugh for his kindness. He generously shared his creative materials with a classmate, spreading joy in our classroom and modelling The Griffin's values

Year 2 – Denver for excellent listening, effort and team spirit in PE!

Presentation Awards

Reception – Amaia for her super name writing .

Year 1 – Ezgi for taking great care to ensure her long letters reach the top of the line and her 'curly caterpillar' letters finish with a neat flick.

Year 2 – Aaron for outstanding cursive (joined) writing in all subjects.



House Points

Well done to everyone in Ruby House for earning the most Dojo points this week and being the winning house.

Parents' Evening – Booking opens tonight!

The booking system for parents' evening slots goes live tonight at 6.30pm. The links for each class are on Class Dojo. It is first come, first served – remember to make a note of your time somewhere safe. If your child is unwell on the day and you cannot attend, please cancel and then rebook a new time with your child's class teacher directly. Thank you.



Flu Immunisations

These are on 23rd October for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. You will be receiving an e' mail about this shortly. On this email will be information that you need to return directly to the school nursing team who come to deliver the immunisation in the form of a nasal spray.

Heights and Weights – Reception Class

On the 21st October, Reception class will be having their height and weight check from the school nursing team. More information will be coming out about this on Monday 6th October.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

I hope you found the whole year planner that we sent out last week useful and have put it somewhere safe to refer to.

Each week we will publish the dates that are coming up in the next month, so that you don't forget.

09/10 - Tours for prospective 2026/2027 intake
9.30/10.15/11am

10/10 - Hello Yellow Day – Wear something yellow and £1 donation on ParentPay

13/10 - Tours for prospective 2026/2027 intake
1.15/2.00/2.45pm

14/10 - Sugar Swap session with AiP – Year 2 (more information on page 3)

17/10 - Harvest Festival – 2.30pm – Parents Welcome. Please note the change of time. This is because our Year 2 children will be leading the assembly and each of the other classes are singing a song. Donations for the foodbank can be dropped off at the office at any time between now and then. If anyone is able to come to school at 2pm and help set the Harvest table up that would be much appreciated.

News from the FROGS



Autumn Disco

Our first event of the year will be on Friday 17th October. Please see the poster for more details.

Christmas Cards

You should have received the proof of our child's Christmas Card today – they look so good! If you would like to order some to send to your friends and family this year the information is on the envelope. Money raised will go to the FROGS to help us increase our stock of books in our school library!



A Polite Reminder

Please do not allow your child to ride their bicycles or scooters within schoolgrounds at the beginning or end of the school day, as it is too busy with other people.

The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2025

The Mayor, Councillor Barbara Brown, is inviting children aged between 4 – 16 years old to design her annual Christmas card. The theme for the entries is 'Peace and Joy' to reflect her mayoral theme for the year of 'Hearts and Minds', highlight the importance of physical and mental wellbeing. **The deadline for designs is Tuesday 7th October.**

Designs should be A4 only but may be in either a portrait or landscape orientation – only the front design of the card will be required, with **no text** included. The entries must be suitable for scanning for electronic use as this will be used to create an e-card. Cards can be designed using either artist/craft paint, colouring pencils, felt tip pens or wax crayons. One winner for each age category (4-7/8-11/11-16) will be selected.

By entering this competition, you allow the artwork to be reproduced for printing and electronic circulation and it may be publicised on our social media and website.

The Mayor is really looking forward to receiving all the designs. A representative from the Mayor's charity will assist her and her consort with the judging which will take place on Wednesday 15th October. Winners will be notified after this date.

The child's full name and school should be clearly be marked on the reverse or included with the entry to enable winners and schools to be identified.

The address for entries is:
The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2025
Rugby Borough Council
Town Hall
Evreux Way
Rugby CV21 2RR

AiP Sugar Swap Workshops

Our catering team from AiP will soon be delivering a number of Sugar Swap sessions to pupils, designed to highlight the importance of understanding sugar in our diets and making healthier choices. The sessions will explain the difference between naturally occurring sugars, such as those found in fresh fruit and plain milk, and "free sugars," which are added to foods and drinks such as cakes, fizzy drinks, and syrups. Pupils will also learn about the recommended daily limits for sugar intake: no more than 19g for children aged 4–6, 24g for those aged 7–10, and 30g for children aged 11 and over.

A key focus of the workshops will be helping pupils to see how much sugar is hidden in everyday foods and drinks, while also encouraging healthier swaps. Examples include choosing water with fruit or herbs instead of fizzy drinks, opting for fruit-sweetened bakes rather than sugary cakes, and enjoying fresh fruit and vegetables as snacks. The sessions will also highlight the vital role of water in maintaining good health, reminding pupils to aim for 6–8 glasses a day to support concentration, energy, and overall wellbeing.

Through these interactive activities, pupils will gain a clearer understanding of how sugar impacts their health and will be encouraged to make small but effective changes in their daily habits. The aim is to empower them with practical knowledge so they can enjoy treats in moderation while keeping a balanced and nutritious diet.

