



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Autumn Term Week 3

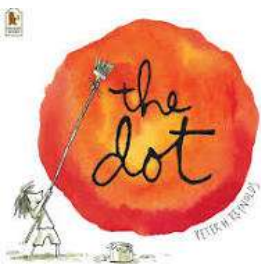
Did you know that it was International Dot Day this week? Neither did I until Miss Barrow, our Arts lead, mentioned it. It is an annual celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration held around September 15th, inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' children's book 'The Dot'. The event encourages people of all ages to express themselves, take small steps to discover their potential, and make their mark on the world. Every day is a learning day! Talking of which.....

In Nursery this week, children have been making leaf hedgehogs and learning about shape and number in maths. In Reception, children have been continuing with the story 'The Little Red Hen', looking at different types of home and thinking about the question 'what is a journey?'

In History and Geography, Year 1 children have been identifying features of a timeline and looking at how events are placed in chronological order. They have also explored maps and used this knowledge to design their very own towns! In Year 2 this week, the children have been learning to use co-ordinating conjunctions and expanded noun phrases in their writing. They have also been learning about what makes a balanced diet in science and how to use the inequality signs in maths! There really has been some fabulous learning this week from all of the children. Enjoy the weekend and we will see you all next week.



**We've been going 'dotty' this week!**



### Year 1 Home Learning Information Evening

Next Wednesday, at 6pm, we are holding an information evening to explain how home learning in Year 1 works. As we all know, Year 1 looks very different to Reception, and so we hope this session with Miss Barrow and Mrs Hine will answer any questions you may have around how to support your children at home with their learning.

### Reception Phonics Information Evening

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we are holding an information evening to explain how Phonics works in Reception at The Griffin. It is from 6pm – 6.45pm. If you need to bring your children with you, that is fine, but please ensure they have something to keep them occupied whilst Miss Byrne does her presentation.


'Happy, Kind and Confident'

### Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:  
 Reception – Maninder, for a great start to Reception!  
 Year 1 – Arjun, for outstanding writing, when he concisely and carefully retold the class story.  
 Year 2 – Niamh, for always trying her best in all subjects – great effort!

Nursery will start ‘Star of the Week’ next week.

### House Points

The winning house this week is Emerald!   
 Well done to everyone in Emerald House for earning the most Dojo points.

### Safe and Active Travel Survey

We completed this survey this week and here are the outcomes:

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Totals
Walk	20	10	10	38
Car	6	20	12	37
Public Transport	0	0	0	0
Cycling	4	0	5	9
Scotting	0	1	3	4

### Gremlins!

We seem to have a few Gremlins in the building at the moment!

Our phone is playing up if you choose option 2 to talk to the office – for now, if you are unable to get through on line 2 please hold on and it will return to the menu. Select option1 (report a child’s absence) and leave a message on there. The office team will pick it up from there.

Our front doors are also playing up (when on auto, they just keeps opening and closing halfway non-stop!) and so we have had to turn them off, requiring you to open the doors manually. The doors are heavy but please note that the right-hand door coming in/left-hand door exiting, is slightly lighter.

We know this is not ideal and are working hard to get the problems fixed.

### 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.

- 23/09** - Reception Parents’ Information Evening – Phonics 6pm (children welcome)
- 23/09** - FROGS Meeting - 7pm – Open to all parents
- 24/09** – Year 1 Home Learning Information Evening
- 29/09** - School photos – 9.30am – Individual for All Years
- 30/09** – Year 1 Fire Education – 9am
- 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
- 17/10** - Harvest Festival – 9am – Parents Welcome

### Booking Clubs

A few parents are asking the office to book a place for the children on the before and after school wraparound clubs with Mr Martin. As I am sure you can appreciate, the office is incredibly busy and this is a task that parents can do via ParentPay.

For the school teacher led clubs – cooking, football, recorder and eco-club - Mrs Isaac’s does need to book a place for children - this is when you need to pop into the office. Thank you.

### Pupil Premium Grant

Is your child eligible to receive the Pupil Premium Grant to support them in school? Please see the information I am putting on Class Dojo. If you need further information please speak to the ladies in the office.

### News from the FROGS



Why not come along to the first FROGS meeting of the year and see how you could help us fundraise for the school and children? It is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm in school.

