



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 1

Welcome back to the Summer Term! It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school safe and sound. It seems as though we are all raring to go and to achieve lots this term.

In Nursery, it has been great to be back in their building and the children have been fantastic! They have started their Talk for Writing story, The Three Little Pigs, and even had a surprise visit from the Big Bad Wolf. They have also begun exploring their new topic of shadows and reflections, along with learning about sunshine and sunflowers.

In Year 1, children have been working on their new text 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and creating transient art, inspired by the weather.

This week in Year 2, children have been learning about measuring mass using grams (g) and kilograms (kg). In English, they began their new book '*We Are Water Protectors*', which inspired the children to think about how they can care for our environment. They discussed why people might stand up against decisions, such as Rugby Council's plan to build on the River Avon, and how their voices can help protect nature, finishing with a march around school with banners!

We ended the week with a wonderfully musical celebration assembly! Our fabulous music group performed 3 songs and their singing was truly beautiful and then True Music gave us an 'Intro to Instruments' and the range of parent-funded instrumental lessons we will be offering from September to our children. They will be leading another assembly on 26th June but I am sending a flier out via Class Dojo now, so that you can start thinking about whether you would like your child to participate. Any child who is eligible for Pupil Premium will be offered the opportunity to have music lessons at a discounted rate.

Have a super weekend and we will see you back next week for another wonderful week of learning.

Neurodiversity Support

Do you have a child who has, or you suspect may display, neurodiversity?

As part of the PINS (Partnership for the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) initiative Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice (WPCV) has created an online resource to help parents and carers better understand and support their neurodivergent child. For access to support and advice please visit:

<https://padlet.com/warwickshireparentcarervoice/neurodiversity-zph0uxsv5qzagx5v>

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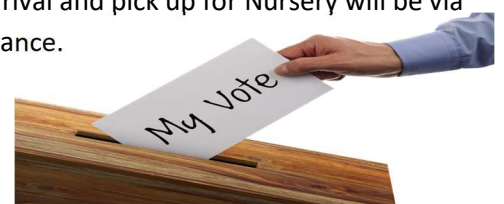
I would like to welcome Mrs Vanessa Gilbert to our staff team. She is our new SENCO and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role. She will be in on Wednesdays and is looking forward to working with parents, staff and children.

Welcome back Mrs Cole!

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Cole following her recuperation – the children and staff have missed her!

Polling Station

The Nursery building is once again being used as a Polling Station on Thursday 7th May – however, this will not affect the school and it will be business as usual. On that day, Nursery children will be taught in the main building. To safeguard our children, there will be barriers just beyond the pedestrian crossing to prevent the general public being able to see into the school. Arrival and pick up for Nursery will be via the main entrance.



'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Mishika- for showing great determination and resilience, even when things feel a little tricky.

Reception – Henry for great reading and his wonderful ‘wanted’ poster.

Year 1 – Moussa for his amazing home learning.

Year 2 – Arthur for his brilliant attitude in all lessons and being a fantastic role model!

Presentation Awards

Reception – Srihitha for her fabulous ‘wanted’ poster.

Year 1 – Joel for superb determination in joining his letters.

Year 2 – Jude for amazing detail and presentation in his observational drawing and analysis.

Mr. Martin’s PE Award

None this week – back next week!

House Points

Well done to everyone in Sapphire House for earning the most Dojo points this week.

Area SEND Inspection: survey for parents/carers

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting Warwickshire, as part of an inspection. They will be looking at arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). If you have a child with SEND aged 0-25, they would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives. You can provide your views by completing an online survey at the following link:

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10414225>

Your views are important to them and will help inspectors understand your child’s experience of the SEND arrangements within your area. The survey will close at 9am on 21 April 2026. It is voluntary, and you do not have to take part. The responses will complement the evidence collected by inspectors during the inspection. They do not ask for your name. If you complete this survey, you consent to the transfer of your information from SmartSurvey to Ofsted.

Lunch Orders

Please remember to order your child’s lunches in advance.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

29/04 Captivating Creatures Workshop – E2 and YR

04/05 Bank Holiday

07/05 Polling Day – Nursery Building being used

07/05 Invite An Adult To Lunch – Nursery and YR

08/05 Family Bingo Evening

11-15/05 Scholastic Book Fair in school

14/05 Nursery Sports Day (pm)

15/05 Reception, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (pm)

25/05 Half Term

03/06 Recorder Club performance (PM)

09/06 New Intake Parents Evening – Nursery and YR

12/06 Class Photos

15-18/06 Nursery Home Visits

19/06 Marvellous Men (Fathers and Others) Gift Trolley

26/06 True Music and Singing Club Performance

11/07 Summer Fayre & Farmers’ Market

Safeguarding Information

Following the recent news of a death caused by a dangerous dog, I thought I would share a link about safety around dogs. We know that pets can have physical and emotional benefits for children as well as teaching them about responsibility, but we also need to be mindful of the potential risks, which is one of the reasons why we do not allow dogs on site.

<https://www.bluecross.org.uk/advice/dog/behaviour-and-training/be-safe-with-dogs>

Routine Appointments

Please arrange routine check-ups, e.g. dentist or optician, out of school hours as we do not want children’s learning or attendance to be affected.

Jewellery & Other Items

Please remember that jewellery, other than stud earrings, analogue watches or jewellery for religious purposes is not allowed in school. Please send an email to inform us if your child wears jewellery for religious reasons.

We are also getting quite a few unnecessary items coming in from home, eg toys. Please can you check and ensure these do not come in.