



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

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Autumn Term Week 7

Thank you all so much for your generosity with your Harvest donations for Rugby Foodbank, which will help so many families in their time of need. We had a wonderful Harvest Assembly, led brilliantly by our Year 2 children, and with fabulous singing from our other Year groups. A particular “well done” to our Nursey children for their performance of “Big, Red Combine Harvester” and our Year 3 children for singing “Hope will Rise” so beautifully.



This week in Nursery, our 3–4-year-olds have been focusing on changes in amounts of objects in Maths and have been innovating their Talk for Writing story, ‘Rosie’s Walk’. They have also been learning about ‘people who help us’ in our community and exploring their different job roles. In our two-year-old provision, children have been enjoying the story ‘Dear Zoo’ and exploring the concepts of heavier and lighter and big and small through their play.

In Reception, children have been using their story map to retell the story of ‘The Little Red Hen’. They have been finding fewer and more in maths and printing with Harvest vegetables.

In Year 1, children explored a range of materials and their properties, identifying which would be most suitable for building a shelter. They also took part in activities that helped them experience life with sensory loss, developing their understanding and empathy for others. In history, they travelled back to the 1950s, comparing childhood then and now. Year 2 children have been adding three 1-digit numbers, writing their own versions of the text ‘Grandad’s Camper’ and making delicious pizzas – the smell permeating through the school made my tummy rumble!

Our Year 3 children have been learning about muscles and how they work in science, comparing the Iron Age to the Bronze and Stone Age and they have started their new text, ‘The new drawing’.

Have a super weekend – remember that we only have a 4 day week for the pupils next week and then half term.

Local Police Visit

You may have spotted our local PCSOs outside of school on Thursday after school. I had asked them to visit to observe and advise on our parking situation at drop off and pick up. They agreed to pop back every now and then to keep an eye on it and I will be contacting the people responsible for the road markings to see if they can be repainted to make them more visible.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an administrative assistant.

Further details are available on:

<https://www.thegriffinprimary.uk/page/?title=Vacancies>

PE Kits – Week beginning 19th Oct is Wk B

	Week A	Week B
Reception	Tuesday	Friday
Year 1	Monday & Tuesday	Monday & Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday & Friday	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday & Friday (Swimming)	Tuesday & Friday (Swimming)

Parents’ Evening Booking System

A link to book your Parents’ Evening appointment will be going live on Monday. Please book promptly.

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Star of the Week Celebration Assembly



This will resume after half term.

The Griffin's own Harvest

I was delighted to be joined by children from last year's Eco-Club to harvest the produce from last year's work. There were so many potatoes to be dug up and our own Pumpkin Patch (just one plant) produced the most enormous Pumpkins!

Our children must have very green fingers!



Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

22/10 - FROGS Halloween style Dress Down Day, Autumn Disco & Scare Hunt

23/10 - Teacher Training Day – No children in school or Nursery

26-30/10 Half-Term

03 & 04/11 Nursery Parents' Meetings (1.30-3.30/4-6.30pm)

03 & 04/11 School Parents' Evening (3.45-6.30pm)

04-6/11 Arts Week

06/11 Arts Exhibition (6-7.30pm)

07/11 Arts Exhibition (10am-12pm)

10/11 Tours for September 2027 Intake
9.30/10.15/11.00am

11/11 Tours for September 2027 Intake
1.15/2.00/2.45pm

Generous Donation

A huge "THANK YOU" to Lisi Aerospace for their very kind donation of £500 towards the outside learning area of our Nursery. We will put it towards a piece of outdoor equipment for the children to use, enhancing their physical development, play and wellbeing.

Christmas Card Designs

You should have received your child's Christmas Card design proof today as well as your child's school photo (if ordered).

Young Engineers STEM Club

We had an assembly this week from Daniela at Young Engineers as, from January, we are exploring the possibility of hosting the above from 4.20-5.35pm on a Tuesday. It is for children aged 6 and above and children from The Griffin and/or siblings would be welcome. It is £12.50 per session.

Below is a link to provide some ideas of what this will involve.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwiOas6VI58>

We need to gauge interest for this and so please send a Dojo to the school office by the end of November if you are interested. Thank you.

Coats Please

It is that time of year when all children need their coats every day. Please double check that they are named.

Year 3 visit to St Michael and All Angel's Church

Thank you to Reverend Diane and our Year 3 children for a wonderful Harvest celebration this afternoon. It was a pleasure to be able to be a part of it. Our Year 3 children represented the school so well, not only in this beautiful medieval church but also when walking to and from it. We hope the parents who joined us enjoyed it too!

African Dance Workshop

On Thursday 5th November, as part of our Arts 'Week', all children will be taking part in an African Dance Workshop. A company is coming into school to lead this and we are asking parents to make a contribution of £5, to include the cost of this workshop and also the resources/consumables for the rest of the 3-day Arts 'Week'. It is a great experience for the children, developing lots of artistic skills and using a range of techniques. At the end of the 'week' on Friday 6th November from 6-7.30pm we will be exhibiting all of the wonderful work the children have created and then the school will also be open on Saturday 7th from 10am-12pm to view the exhibition.

After the exhibition we will continue to display some work but the majority will be coming home to you.

A ParentPay item will be set up for the £5 contribution.

Thank you – any contributions mean that we can continue to do these exciting activities each year.

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News from the FROGS

DRESS DOWN DAY Thursday, 22 October

Come to school in a Halloween costume, fancy dress outfit or even in your pyjamas!

In return, please bring an item in your House colour for our traditional Christmas Rainbow Raffle.

It could be anything, such as sweets, toys, toiletries, candles or other goodies in your House colour!

🍂 Autumn Disco 🍂 Thursday, 22 October £2 per child (A snack will be provided)

3:30–4:30 pm — Nursery, Reception and Year 1

4:30–5:30 pm — Years 2 and 3

- Please bring your own water bottle.
- Nursery parents are asked to stay with their children.

👻 Scare Hunt 👻 Thursday, 22 October

Come and uncover the school's darkest secrets when night falls... but beware — the school will be haunted by teacher ghosts! Enter if you dare... but you'll need to find the secret password to get out!

Bring your own torch, or you could be lost in the dark school FOREVER! 🔦 Escape before time runs out!!!

Enter accompanied by a parent or guardian from 5:30, last admission 6:00 pm. Spooky scavenger hunt with a small gift included. **£3 per child.** Come and have frightfully good time! Spookily yours, The FROGS

For the Disco and Scare Hunt, please pay by cash in an envelope - put it in the payment box by the office. Write your child's name and class clearly on the envelope. **PAYMENT DEADLINE: Tuesday, 20 October**

