

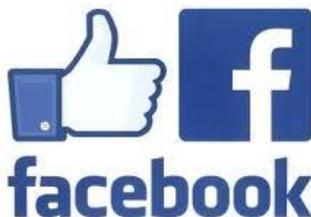
# GRAYSHOTT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 'Acorns to Mighty Oaks'

Newsletter 7 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025



Have you liked and shared our Facebook page?



**LOVE**

OUR SCHOOL VALUES ARE:  
**COURAGE RESPECT**

**JOY**

NEW DATES ADDED TO DIARY DATES

### November 2025

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

No Computing or Lego Club due to Student Progress Meetings

No Board Games or Basketball Club due to Progress Meetings

### Pottery Parking

Dear Parents and Carers

Our friends at Grayshott Pottery have asked me to remind you of the following.

- Parents are **welcome to use the pottery car park in the morning** at drop off time. This is a very kind arrangement we have with them to use their private land.
- Please **do not park in the pottery car park in the afternoon** at any time. This is prime sales time for their café and shop and they have to ensure there is adequate parking for their own customers.

Please help us support this great local institution by respecting their wishes.



Incorporating  SURREY CERAMICS

Thank you  
Richard Austin

### Movie Night

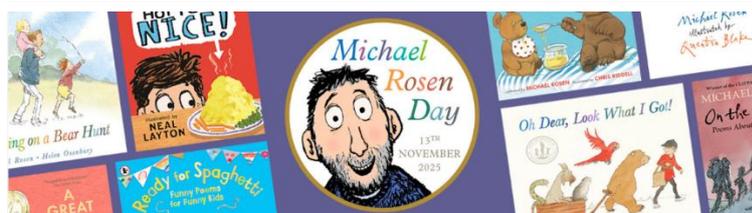
Thank you to everybody who attended our Movie Night. It was great to see the children get so involved, singing and dancing along to the songs in the hall. We're very grateful to our PTA volunteers who organise it all and make sure things run smoothly.



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## Poetry Competition



We will be celebrating **Michael Rosen Day** in school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Children who enter this Poetry competition may read or perform their poem for our special assembly. Please give Mrs Tickner a copy of your poem with your name and class before the Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Extract below is copied from the [Michael Rosen Day Poetry Competition website link](#)

### Playing with Words

#### A funny food poetry competition

*"Food is funny. Food is funny when it's too horrible, too nice or too much. It's funny when someone makes a noise eating it, or when people eat food in bed. Food is funny when people talk about food and when they complain about food. So, let's write about food, what it looks like, what it tastes like, what we look like when we eat it, what people say about food! Let's write poems we can eat!"* **MICHAEL ROSEN**

Inspired by Michael Rosen's brilliant poem "Hot Food: Nice!", we're challenging *you* to write your own **funny food poem**. Whether it's about spine-tingling spaghetti, carrots from outer space or monsters who eat marmalade, your poem just needs to do two things: 1. Be **creative** and 2. Be **funny**!

Winners will be selected by our panel of expert judges, including **Michael Rosen**; **Nicolette Jones**, *Sunday Times* children's book specialist; **Alice Primmer**, Commissioning Editor at Walker Books; and **Aoife O'Connor**, from [National Poetry Day](#).

**Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> October** <https://www.walker.co.uk/michael-rosen-day/poetry-competition/>

**WHAT YOU CAN WIN** There will be four winners in total.

- **TWO winners in each age category** (see below) will have their poems shared by Michael Rosen himself at the HUGE official Michael Rosen Day livestreamed event on 13 November! Find out more and register to join [here](#).
- PLUS, each winner will receive a signed bundle of ten Michael Rosen books for themselves and their school

## Yellow and Blue Classes visit Stickman



**Blue** and **Yellow** classes had a wonderful trip to the theatre this morning to see a special performance of Julia Donaldson's *Stick Man*. The children really enjoyed it and were impeccably behaved; a real credit to the school.



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## Harvest



It was lovely to see so many of you at this week's Harvest Service at St. Luke's. It was a packed house and a lovely occasion. Thank you to Susie for hosting us, and to Mrs Tennant and the staff for all their hard work putting it together. We received the following message of thanks from Headley.

*To all pupils, parents and staff*

*We would like to thank you all from Headley Down Food Bank for your kind harvest gifts. Donations of food are at an all-time low at the moment and so these gifts are very much appreciated. We currently help 60 families (101 adults and 75 children) every week. Each family receives a bag containing tins, packets, chilled or frozen food and another bag of fresh vegetables. So, you can see that your donations are in great demand! Once again, thank you for supporting us again this year.*

*With best wishes.*

*Pauline Firman, Headley Down Food Bank Co-ordinator*

## Bohunt Endball



Well done to our team of Endballers from **Blue Class**, who participated in the Bohunt tournament on Tuesday. They all tried really hard and mastered the rules as they went on, playing against teams from Liss and St Bartholomew's.

## Dance Off!



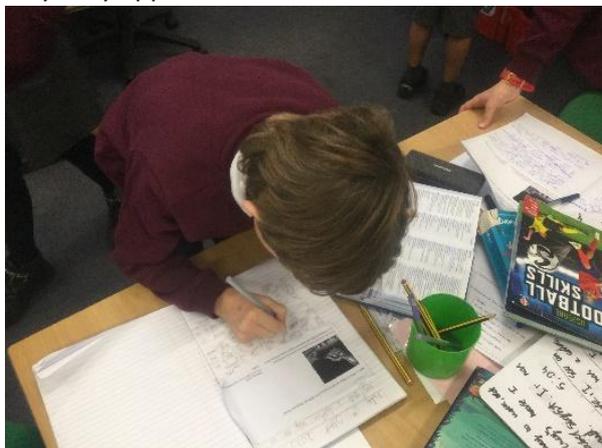
Congratulations to Caitlyn in **Green Class** for her wonderful performance in a recent Bible Kalotsavam dance competition, in which she has qualified for regional finals in the solo category, and as part of a team that has progress to the National competition.

We're so happy for you. Keep up the great work!



## Check and double check!

**Green Class** have been working on one of the most reviled aspects of writing – editing your work. This task has plagued writers since the first glyph was carved on a cave wall, so it was good to see our children getting down to it with enthusiasm. Of course, it always helps to have someone else to look at your work. The children were peer editing and using dictionaries to check spellings. Editing may be a pain, but it is the key to a good finished product. It's a job I can't abide, so I salute them for the steadfast way they approached it.



Dear Diary,

I was waiting in my window, hoping The Highwayman - who I loved - would soon be waiting below.

I waited.... and waited.... and waited, the room was dark, it was getting late, I stood there, silently beside my bed.

Then suddenly I heard galloping, it was the Highwayman! He skidded to a halt outside my window. I was relieved.

5:00 am next morning

I woke up early to the sound of marching.

Then I looked out of my window and saw the Kings men marching down the road!

Next I looked around and waited there and suddenly I heard my bedroom door open! Then men quickly rushed in and tied me up! I was tied up next to a chair struggling. The Kings men were at my side, ... weilding 'shot guns!

Then I heard a loud I reached behind me for the trigger of a gun. I pulled it Then, everything went black.

"Oh Highwayman, I do hope that warned you!" I screamed, as the earth beneath my feet seemed to disappear before my eyes.

Next thing I know I am ~~as~~ dead as dust; I looked around Stunned, I... I'm at my window, The men are all gone? And there below me is my love the Highwayman!

Now as I am writing this, I can still remember that day, it was probably the weirdest day of my life!

The End

1 January 1280

Dear Diary,

Today I waited at the truly glistening window from the moonlight. I waited ~~for~~ for the handsome highwayman. A smile was growing across my face thinking about it! So, I waited and waited for him to come.

But then I heard it! I heard the clonking of the horse's hooves. I heard a tap on the window and there he was, smiling. So I opened the window and untied my hair and he kissed it. He said he would get me gold but the Kingsmen might be chasing him.

So he and I think he went to get gold. A few days later he came back but before that the Kings men came and tied me to a chair and covered my mouth. I saw the Highwayman coming! I wished I could warn him but my mouth was ~~covered~~ covered. So I shot myself as a warning. So, you might be wondering how I am writing this diary, it's basically impossible to say but this is a ghost diary with a ghost pen. But back to the story I was ~~at~~ at the thin glistening window and I saw the highwayman coming. I untied my hair and opened the window and the Highwayman kissed it.



Well done to our great writers in Silver Class, Florence, Hudson and Martha, who produced these wonderful diary entries inspired by Alfred Noyes' *The Highwayman*.

Dear Diary,

4th October 1811

Today was a crazy day. I got captured, kissed and killed in the same week but lets start from the beginning.

I waited by the window, scanning the dark road for my beloved Highwayman. A few hours later, I heard the clip-clop of his horse and ran to the window to see him riding over the moor.

He whispered sweet, gentle words to me. As my dark, long hair fell over his chest his cheeks went as pale red and he kissed it. He said "no matter what he shall come to me in the night. I said to myself "Not by you get killed."

The very next day, the king's men came to the inn I call home. They tied me to the end of my very comfortable bed. These monstrous people said they were here for my Highwayman but I shouted "no not my Highwayman!" That was when they gagged me and taped my mouth. I wished and struggled but I couldn't ~~into~~ ~~into~~ myself. In the end I killed myself to warn my true love. It was a gruesome death. I hope my Highwayman - who is hopefully alive - knows that I did this for him.

Lots of love Bess the ghost.

Weekly Reflection

The first requisite for the progress of a nation is the brotherhood and unity amongst sections of the society.



Syed Ahmad Khan (born 17 October 1814)  
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# Grayshott CE Primary School



## October 2025

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
w/c Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

**PTA** Meeting, 7.30pm Fox & Pelican – all welcome  
**PTA** Tuck & Treasures, 3.15pm  
Open Morning, 9.30am-11am approx  
Last day of term – collect 3.15pm  
**Inset Day** – School Closed  
**Half Term**  
**Gold Class** – Deadline for Secondary School Applications

## November 2025

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

Applications Open for Year R 2026  
**Inset Day** – School Closed  
Return to school  
Open Morning, 9.30am-11am approx  
School Photos  
**PTA** Meeting, 7.30pm Fox & Pelican – all welcome  
**Gold Class** visit Henley Fort  
**PTA** Quiz Night  
School Nurse – Nasal Flu  
**Green Class** visit from Haslemere Museum – details to follow  
Student Progress Meetings – details to follow (**no Computing or Lego Club**)  
**Silver Class** – Trip to Winchester Science Museum  
Student Progress Meetings – details to follow (**no Board Games or Basketball Club**)  
**PTA** at Grayshott Christmas Light Event

## December 2025

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  
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Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

**PTA** Mufti Day – Bring bottles and cakes  
**PTA** Christmas Fair  
**Yellow** and **Blue** Classes Nativity, 2.00-3.15pm – details to follow  
**Yellow** and **Blue** Classes Nativity, 9.30-10.45 am – details to follow  
**Red Class** Christmas Celebration – details to follow  
**PTA** Meeting (Social)  
KS2 Carol Service at St. Luke's Church, 2pm – 3pm – details to follow  
Christmas Lunch  
Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only  
End of term, collect 1.15pm

## January 2026

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Return to school  
Applications close for Year R 2026

## February 2026

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

**Silver Class** – Young Voices at The O2 Arena, London



# PTA News

## PTA School Lottery



Please support us to raise funds for new laptops for the school by taking part in our school lottery. There are guaranteed prizes up for grabs each week including the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot! For every £1 spent 60p goes directly to raising much needed funds for the school.

We would be very grateful to anyone who can take part and also spread the word. The further we share it, the greater the funds we will be able to raise for the school.

**“Thank you for your support”**

**[Click here for The Parents Lottery Link](#)**

For Quiz Night tickets, please click [here](#)

**GRAYSHOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**  
**TUCK & TREASURES**  
**3.15PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**  
**MAIN PLAYGROUND**  
**ALL SORTS OF GOODIES FROM SWEETS TO STATIONERY**

**GRAYSHOTT PRIMARY PTA**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**£8 PER TICKET/ £45 PER TABLE OF 6**  
**PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER INCLUDED**

**DOOR OPEN AT 7PM**  
**HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Join us for an exciting evening of challenges, fun & great prizes!  
There will be a bar running, serving drinks and snacks.  
Team tables of 6- create your own team or book individual tickets and we will add you to a team.

**REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!**

Tickets available from  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/grayshottprimary/index.cfm>



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## Community News and Events

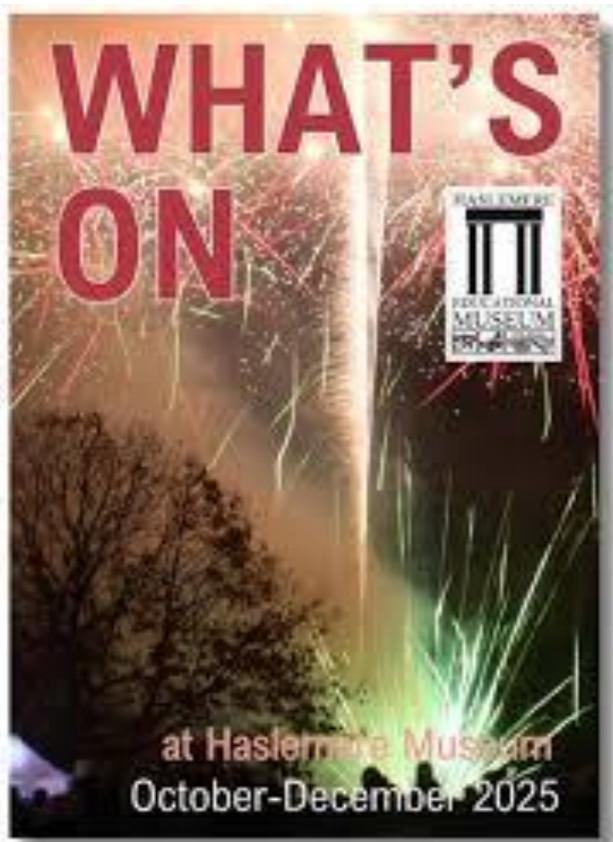


We have places in **Beavers** (age 6-8, year 1 and year 2) and **Cubs** (age 8-10.5, year 3, 4, 5) and the first session is free. Enquiries should email us at [hindheadscouts@gmail.com](mailto:hindheadscouts@gmail.com)

We are also looking for a new Group Lead Volunteer, someone who does not work directly with the children but is good at overseeing a team of volunteers!



### Haslemere Museum What's On



GRAYSHOTT PARISH COUNCIL

# THE GREAT GRAYSHOTT TIDY UP

**Saturday 25 October 2025**  
**10am - 12pm**  
**Grayshott Village Square**

contact [info@grayshott-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@grayshott-pc.gov.uk) for more information

Please wear appropriate clothes and bring gloves. Litter picking equipment will be provided. Gardening hand tools are welcomed.

# OCTOBER THROWING EVENTS

Join us for our October Throwing Days, open to adults and children!  
Come and get creative with clay from Tuesday 28th October until Friday 31st October 2025.

**40 MINUTE SESSION**      **1 PIECE GLAZED & FIRED**      **£18.50 PER PERSON**

**Important Information**

- Not suitable for children under 7 years old.
- All under 16s to be accompanied by an adult.
- Booking essential (via link in our bio)



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# You're Invited to **WAFFFL**

Café Church for all the family



A relaxed family style service once a month. A perfect introduction to church. All ages. Wiggly bottoms, tapping toes and chattering hearts most welcome.



Great stories,  
Fun activities,  
Fun songs,  
Drinks, cakes and fruit  
New friends.



21<sup>st</sup> Sept 4pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Oct  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov

St Luke's Church, Grayshott,  
GU26 6LF  
[www.stlukes-grayshott.org](http://www.stlukes-grayshott.org)



# Pan-Disability ⚡ Football ⭐

For boys and girls, aged 5-11. All abilities welcome!

## Mondays (Fortnightly) 6pm-7pm

Amery Hill School (Sports Hall), Alton, GU34 2BZ

⭐ More info: ⭐  
[altonfc.com/comets](http://altonfc.com/comets)



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