

# GRAYSHOTT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 'Acorns to Mighty Oaks'

Newsletter 18 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026



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**NEW DATES ADDED TO DIARY DATES**

<p><b>January 2026</b> Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Red Class</b> Maths Workshop, 2.30pm-3.10pm</p>
<p><b>March 2026</b> Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Purple Class</b> visit Fishbourne Palace English Schools' Football Week</p>

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a visit from Alison Rhodes, our Leadership Partner at **Hampshire County Council** on Monday; our annual visit for Quality Assurance. We focussed primarily on Quality of Education, but Safeguarding and other areas were assessed too. It was a very successful visit and it was great to see children across the school so active and engaged with their learning, able to talk confidently about their experiences at school and the topics they are studying. This is an important milestone on our journey towards re-inspection by Ofsted, which should happen at some point this year. Under the new Ofsted framework, there are no whole school judgements any more, but rather a colour-coded system that gives an evaluation of the following areas: safeguarding, inclusion, curriculum and teaching, achievement, attendance and behaviour, personal development and well-being, Early Years, and leadership and governance. The staff and governors here have been working smart and working hard for a long time now, and we are confident that we have the evidence to show good practice in all those areas. If I can share any details from Mrs Rhodes' report when it is complete in the next few weeks, I will do so. In the meantime, thank you for your continuing support.

Richard Austin



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## Communication Tweaks



On another note, following on from our parent communication focus group session in the Autumn term, I am pleased to announce a couple of tweaks to things that you might find useful. One of the areas raised by parents was the ability to know what children have been learning from week to week. We produce curriculum overviews on the website and these are emailed to you at the start of each term, children receive homework that builds on their learning from the week, but in addition to this, we will now be reporting on a weekly basis. Firstly, the weekly homework sheet will now include a brief note about what the children have been learning that week and what they are learning the following week. Secondly, I will now be including a piece about each class in the weekly newsletter, like you see below. This way, you will get an idea of what classes are doing each week as opposed to just special events. Some weeks might have slightly less dependent upon the amount of time I can devote to it. We hope this will help you feel better informed about your child's learning and more able to support them at home. Please remember there is a wealth of information on the school website covering all aspects of the curriculum [here](#).

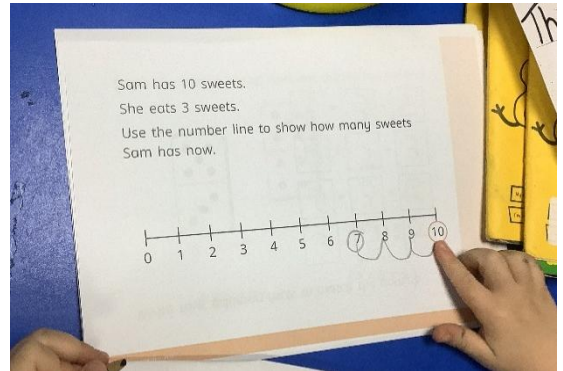
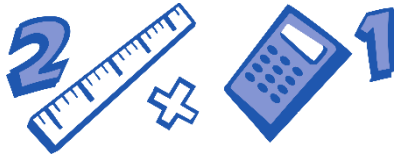
## Red Class

**Red Class** have been learning about transport and vehicles. Imogen told me that they've been learning lots of sounds in their Phonics sessions – *s, a, t, o, qu* and *oa*. Imogen also told me that they've been playing 'mums and dads' in class. "Mums go to work and Dads stay home and look after the house."

## Yellow Class

**Yellow Class** have been learning about traditional tales like Jack and the Beanstalk. Using stories like this, they've been learning how to write complete sentences, adding adjectives for impact.

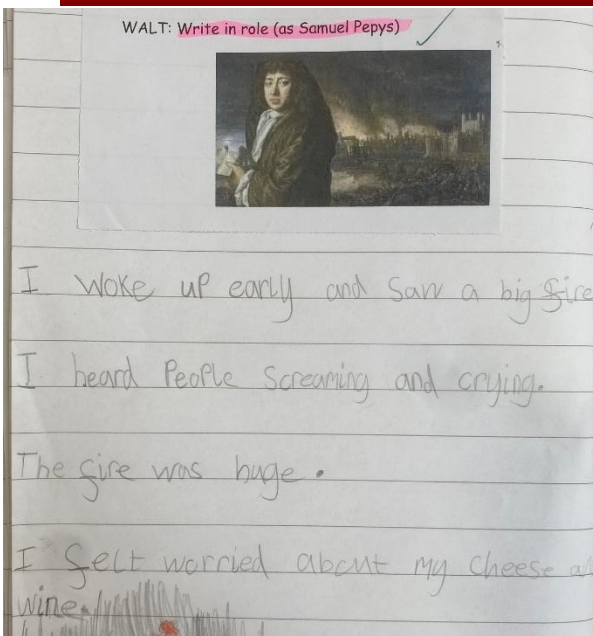
In maths, Amelie told me that they've been using number lines for adding and taking away.



## Blue Class

**Blue Class** have carried on learning about the Great Fire of London, building it into their English lessons. They have been learning about writing in the past tense, using adverbs, and about how to write in role by taking the voice of Samuel Pepys (if you don't know who that is, you can ask them). Eleri was able to include details about "the terrifying flames that were never-ending."

Opposite, you can see Evie's writing.

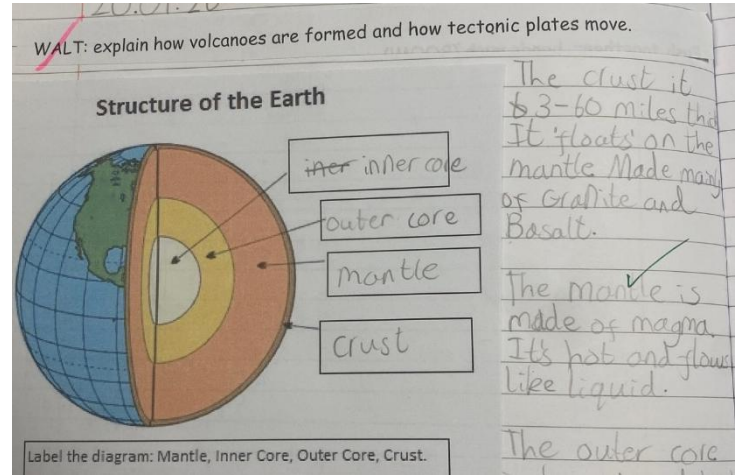
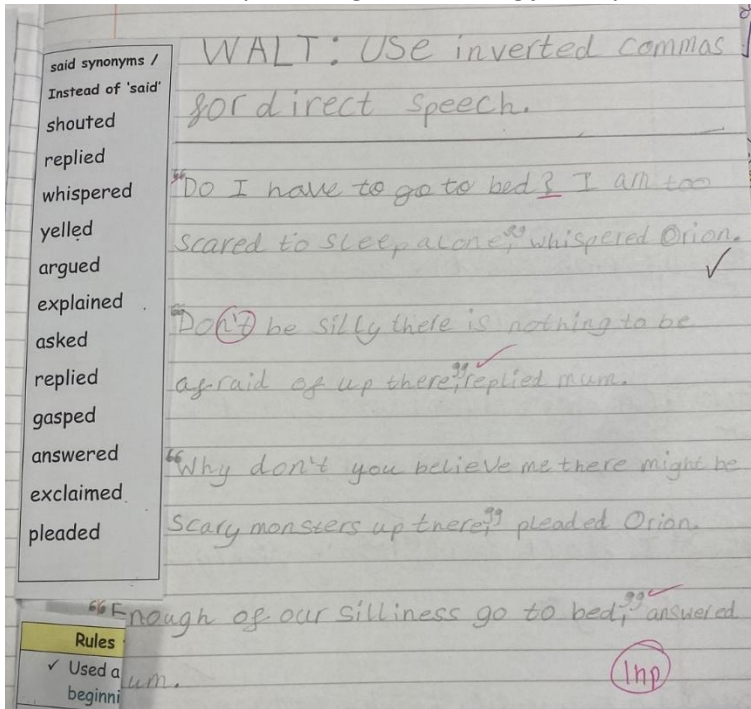


## Purple Class

In **Purple Class**, children have been learning about writing direct speech and how to use speech marks correctly, building on a learning journey around Emma Yarlett's *Orion and The Dark*. The children are

working towards writing a story of their own. Ask them what theirs is going to be about.

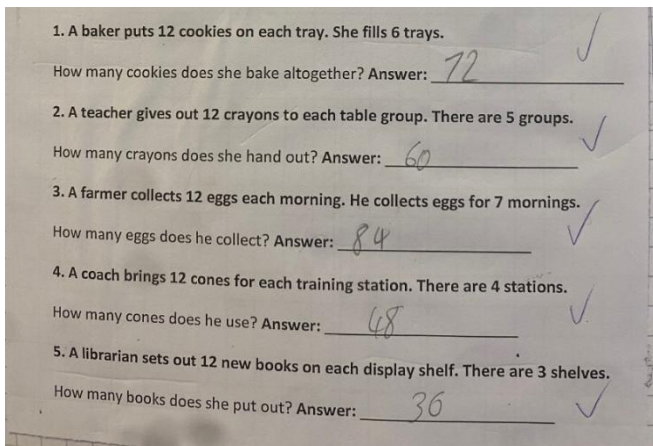
They have also been learning about tectonic plates and how the layers of the Earth are similar to a Mars bar.



## Green Class

**Green Class** are writing about musical instruments, so it has been really useful to have resident musicians in the class to come in and share their instruments and talk about how they work.

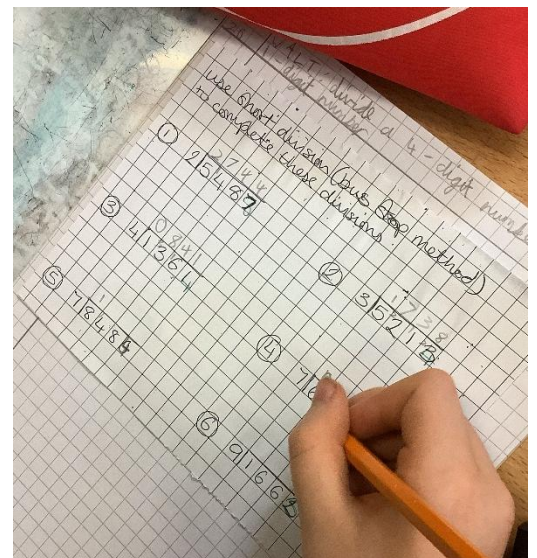
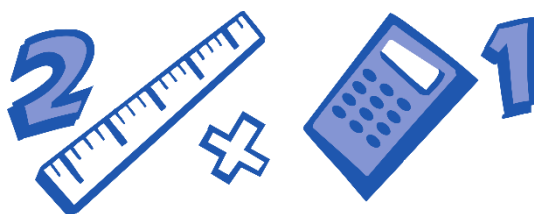
In maths, they have been learning about multiples of 12, answering word problems and solving calculations. This is Charlie M's.



## Silver Class

**Silver Class** are at the beginning of learning about the Mayan civilisation of Central America. So far, they've got to grips with the social pyramid with priests and royalty at the top and slaves at the bottom.

In English, they're about to start writing their own Fairy Tales based on *The Princess Blankets*, and in Maths they've been learning about short division. Maybe you can check to see if this **Silver Class** boy has got his right – it will save Miss Hesselmann a book to mark.



## Gold Class

**Gold Class!** Well, they just went and won a national competition. In the Autumn term, they entered a writing competition through the 'Natural Curriculum'. The task was based on a clip of David Attenborough and some emperor penguins. The children's writing was great all round, but Masha, Daisy and Thomas managed to win the class the grand prize. Here is the message that Mrs Roberts received today.

*I am writing to let you know that your class, Grayshott CE Primary School, Gold Class, has been selected as the winning Year 6 class in the Natural Curriculum's Give Nature a Voice Competition.*

*The quality of the children's writing was truly outstanding and left a lasting impression on the judges. They were particularly impressed by how effectively the pupils captured the atmosphere and mood of the stunning visuals.*

*The children's work will be published on the Natural Curriculum website, and your class will shortly receive a winner's trophy, certificate, £150 prize money, and a copy of Colours of Nature by Catherine Barr.*

*A huge congratulations to you and your class from myself and the entire Natural Curriculum/Educational Recording Agency team.*

<https://www.naturalcurriculum.co.uk/give-nature-a-voice-competition-2025/winners/>

Apart from winning prizes, **Gold Class** have been writing non-chronological reports about ancient mythical beasts that they have invented, learning to multiply and divide decimals, and continuing their studies of blood. George was able to tell me the three types of blood vessel: arteries, veins and caterpillaries (sic) They've also been doing some quick sculptures from prompts on the Access Art curriculum. This was Antonia's response to the prompt, "make something that you would want to steal"



## English Schools' Football Week – 23<sup>rd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026



We have signed up for this year's English Schools' Football week at the end of March, ahead of the World Cup this summer. I am planning some special events in school to get us all alive and kicking.

I look forward to sharing more with you in due course, including what Pokémon has to do with it, which I'm still trying to figure out.

## Musical Excellence

Congratulations to Rosa in **Silver Class**, who was the first recipient of Mrs Buxton's Merit Award for excellent effort in learning the keyboard.



## Jukebox Joy

First time this year I had the opportunity to drag the boombox onto the playground to play some tunes. Today, the playlist included Diana Ross, Saja Boys, Walk the Moon, Noisestorm and Bakermat. Some **Gold Class** pupils even had some moves worked out for the occasion.



## Weekly Reflection

*“You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it; I, the LORD, have created it.”*

Isaiah 45:8

# Grayshott CE Primary School



## January 2026

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

**PTA Meeting**, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
**Red Class Maths Workshop**, 2.30pm-3.10pm

## February 2026

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only  
Half Term  
**PTA Meeting**, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
**Silver Class** – Young Voices at The O2 Arena, London

## March 2026

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
w/c Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

**No Teacher Led Clubs**  
**Purple Class** visit Fishbourne Palace  
**Blue Class** Cake Sale, 3.15pm  
World Book Day  
**Red Class** Spring born height & weight check with School Nurse  
**Silver Class** Stubbington Parent Information Meeting, 3.30pm-4.30pm  
**No Teacher Led Clubs**  
Student Progress Meetings – details to follow  
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English Schools' Football Week  
**PTA Meeting**, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only  
Easter Holidays

## April 2026

w/c Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Easter Holidays  
Return to school  
**Silver Class** residential trip to Stubbington  
**PTA Meeting**, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
**Purple Class** Cake Sale, 3.15pm

## May 2026

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Inset Day  
**Green Class** Cake Sale, 3.15pm  
Group School Photos  
Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only  
Half Term

## June 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Return to school  
**PTA Meeting**, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
**Silver Class** Cake Sale, 3.15pm  
**Gold Class** Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral  
**Gold Class** Woolmer Hill Induction Day

## July 2026

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

**PTA Meeting**, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only -  
End of term, collect 1.15pm



# 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](#)**



# Community News



## 10% off Feb half term camps

**EXCLUSIVE TO GRAYSHOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
GRAYSHOTT TENNIS CLUB**

You may remember the free Go Tennis sessions we've run at school previously. We are also running a fun, friendly half term tennis camp at Grayshott Tennis club.

Camps are suitable for children of all abilities and focus on great coaching, active games, confidence-building and having fun on court.

- ✓ **Multi-sport including rounders, football, and cricket alongside tennis.**
- ✓ **Designed to help player progress regardless of experience.**
- ✓ **A great way to make friends, and have an active, enjoyable half-term.**
- ✓ **LTA-qualified and DBS-checked coaches**

PLEASE USE DISCOUNT CODE **GPSGOTENNIS** AT CHECKOUT

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Full day 10-3pm  
Half day 10-12.30pm

Email: [info@gotennis.co.uk](mailto:info@gotennis.co.uk)

Message: 07841 054720

**[Click here to book](#)**

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7:30PM

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