

GRAYSHOTT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Acorns to Mighty Oaks'

Newsletter 19 – Friday 30th January 2026



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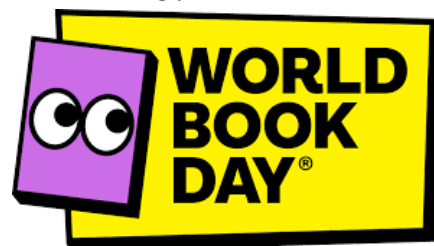
NEW DATES ADDED TO DIARY DATES

No new dates added

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. As this is the [National Year of Reading](#), we want to make the day extra special and memorable for the children so will be having the following events taking place:

- **Dress up*** as your favourite book character (just for fun)
- **Book Café** – purchase cakes, drinks and second-hand books (bring some money in a named purse/wallet to spend)
- **Competition** – Book in a jar/character spoon puppet competition (this will be set as Home Learning 2 weeks prior to the day) winners to receive a special prize



For these events to take place we will need some good quality book donations (please bring in during week beginning Monday 2nd March). We will also need some cake/biscuits baked for our Book Café – please speak to your class rep or the PTA if you could help donate, or offer your services to be at our Book Café (must be DBS checked 😊)

Thank you

*We haven't done dressing up for World Book Day since I've been Headteacher here. I know it's a big thing in some schools and we used to do it where I came from, but I also know it can cause a lot of extra stress for parents trying to organise costumes. This day should be about the love of reading and stories; not about having the best outfit. That's why there are **no prizes and no lofty expectations**. Just dress up. If you can't think of a book character you want to dress up as, then imagine you are the main character in your own story and dress up as yourself. The point is just that you express yourself.

Thanks,

Richard Austin



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Red Class Maths Workshop



Thank you very much to all our **Red Class** parents who were able to come to the workshop on Monday. It was lovely to have the children along as well to use their new tens frame packs to play some games with their families.

Slides from the workshop are being sent out today. Tens frame packs will be given out to those children who did not receive them at Monday's workshop.

Red Class

Red Class went on a journey today as part of their learning about vehicles and transport. They walked into the village and completed a traffic survey, counting different coloured cars and looking for lorries, motorcycles and emergency vehicles. They learned that there are lots and lots of red cars in the village. Maybe they all came out especially for us. Thank you to the parent volunteers who gave up their time to help.

The children have been learning about mixing colours in their artwork, and in Phonics they have been learning the sound

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Yellow Class



Yellow Class have been programming beebots to move around a map in order to learn about giving instructions. Max and Matteo told me it was really fun, and they said they've also been learning how to count in 2s and 10s.

The children have also been learning how to edit and improve sentences, spotting mistakes like missing punctuation and misspelt words. Show them this and see what they can spot!

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Blue Class

Blue Class have been working hard in their English lessons, producing newspaper articles about the Great Fire of London. They remembered lots of details from the workshop they took part in and were able to pour lots of that knowledge into their writing. You can see that in these two examples from Grace and Jasper!

Big Fire in London
A big fire started in a bakery
in London because Thomas Fariner
didn't put the fire out. The fire
began at night and grew very fast
because the houses were made of
wood. The fire burned for four
days and destroyed everything like the
houses and churches.

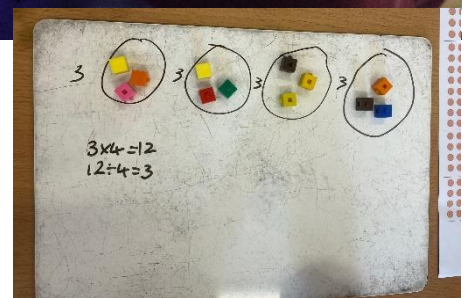
Big Fire in London! London, 1666
A big fire started in a bakery in London because Thomas Fariner,
the baker who lived in the bakery, didn't put the fire out properly.
The fire began at night and grew very fast because the wind
was strong and it had been a dry and hot summer. Also the houses
were made of wood and the pigs helped the fire to spread.
People ran away to stay safe and took their belongings.

Blue Class have also been learning how to add two digit numbers, and about the kinds of things that make people happy or sad.

Purple Class



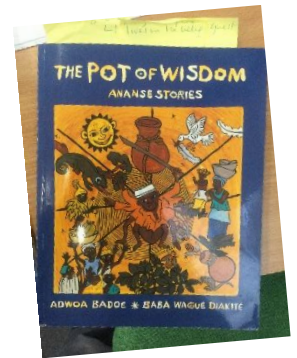
Purple Class wanted to pass on their thanks to the PTA for providing them with a fantastic set of torches to help them with their scientific studies of light and shadow. They've also been busy working on their multiplication skills by using arrays to help them with groups. Ask the children about their shadow puppets.



Green Class

Green Class this week, have been discussing the character Ananse during their English lessons. In Maths, they have been applying their times tables knowledge by multiplying 2 digits by 1 digit. They have also carried on learning about settlements as part of their geographical study.

Next week, they will be writing sentences including adverbials, conjunctions and inverted commas during English lessons. In maths, they will start to learn the formal column method of multiplication (long multiplication).



Silver Class



Silver Class have been multiplying fractions in maths and have been finishing, and publishing, their own stories in the style of the Princess' Blankets.

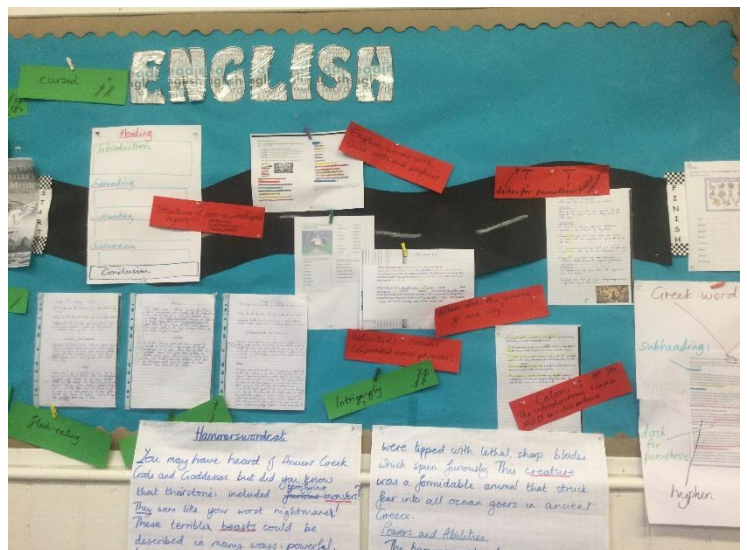
Next week, they will be learning how to find fractions of amounts and how we can all support each other with our dreams and goals.

Three of our **Silver Class** students were our top performers at this week's archery club. Well done to Jessica, Florence and Martha for a stunning performance which cost me three Freddos.

Gold Class

Gold Class have been creating poetry to describe their own Greek monster. In history, they have delved into the similarities and differences between the ancient and modern Olympic games. They recorded this as a radio broadcast. In maths, they have solved multi-step ratio problems and also revised percentages and multiplication including decimals by 2 and 3 digit numbers.

Next week, they will complete this writing learning journey by shifting to a third genre and writing a narrative recount of an encounter between their beast and a human, including speech and description. In maths, they will look at fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence and learn these, as well as understanding how to reason and solve problems with all three interchangeably. Here is their wonderful learning journey all laid out, showing the progress they have made in completing their finished pieces of writing.



Shott Stories: Telling Stories

To mark **National Storytelling Week** next week, we thought we would add a new feature to our weekly school podcast series. Besides making up our own stories in each episode, we are now opening the microphone up to ANYONE who would like to join us and tell their story. It could be an adult or a child, it could be fiction, a retelling, or it could be a story from your life or the life of your family. We can't wait for you to join us and tell your stories to the world. Drop us an email at shottstories@grayshott.hants.sch.uk or come and see me if you have a story to tell. **Be courageous and tell your story!**

If you haven't listened to our podcast, then you can find **Shott Stories** on Apple, Amazon, Spotify, IHeartRadio and Podbean now!

<https://www.podbean.com/ep/pb-cv7nw-1a31c22>



Weekly Reflection

“The difference between a hero and a coward is just one step sideways.”

Gene Hackman (born 30 January 1930)



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Grayshott CE Primary School



February 2026

Friday 13th

Monday 16th – Friday 20th

Tuesday 24th

Wednesday 25th

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 2nd-Thursday 5th

Wednesday 4th

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Thursday 5th

Monday 9th

Thursday 12th

Monday 16th -Thursday 19th

Tuesday 17th

Thursday 19th

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th

Tuesday 24th

Friday 27th

w/c Monday 30th

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 6th

Monday 13th

Monday 13th – Friday 17th

Monday 20th

Wednesday 22nd

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 1st

Wednesday 13th

Friday 15th

Friday 22nd

Monday 25th – Friday 29th

Inset Day

Green Class Cake Sale, 3.15pm

Group School Photos

Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only

Half Term

June 2026

Monday 1st

Monday 8th

Wednesday 17th

Thursday 18th

Tuesday 30th

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 7th

Friday 17th

Tuesday 21st

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 16th Feb to Friday 20th Feb
Full day 10-3pm
Half day 10-12.30pm

Email: info@gotennis.co.uk
Message: 07841 054720

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DOORS OPEN |

7:30PM |

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