

GRAYSHOTT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Acorns to Mighty Oaks'

Newsletter 20 – Friday 6th February 2026



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NEW DATES ADDED TO DIARY DATES

Dates added

Saturday 14th March

For Silver Class Stubbington Study Centre Open Day, 10am – 4pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at school, with lots going on. Before we look at what the classes have been doing, I thought I would share something that's coming up...

Write Out To The World!

After half term, we are going to give the children the chance to write a letter to anyone they want in the world. We did this a couple of years ago and it really made the children think about who they would choose. Seeing replies come back from all over the world, from people I never thought would respond, was a really powerful lesson for the children on the power of writing. They took time to compose letters to people they respected; people they wanted to thank or ask for advice, and



the time they put in was rewarded. We had responses from movie stars, singers, footballers, writers, doctors, police superintendents and even monster truck drivers. So, start encouraging your children to have a think about who they would like to write to. If they provide the ideas and the writing here in class, then we'll provide the stamps. Any groundwork you can put in to find addresses for people would also be incredibly useful.



Designated Safeguarding Lead: Richard Austin
Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Michael Clarke and Izzy Tickner



Bohunt Sports



Students from **Green Class** and **Purple Class** displayed excellent skills and team spirit in this week's Multi-Skills competition at Bohunt School, reaching the **Bronze** position in the tournament. They were enthusiastically supported by Mrs Falshaw and a number of parents and carers. Thank you to everyone involved.

Red Class



Red Class rode their bikes this week to learn some valuable skills. They were practising road safety and awareness on their scooters and bicycles, all under cover in the hall as a result of the Biblical weather conditions. Well done children. Mrs O'Leary tells me you were all wonderful. Zayan told me that it was "great fun," while Gabriel said that his bike is "black and goes super fast!" I'm sure they were all within the speed limit, though!



Yellow Class

Yellow Class have been learning all about numbers with tens and ones, like 17, 18 and 19. The children were partitioning the numbers and seeing how many tens and ones were in each one. They were also continuing to work on their sentence structure by adding adjectives to sentences about *The Gruffalo*. Ask them if they can remember any of their adjectives.

In science, the children have been learning about floating and sinking, making predictions about different objects. Charlie told me that stones sink; Rupert told me that corks float. Sounds about right to me. Ask them if they can remember anything else.

The banana surprised me.

	Prediction	What happened
Spoon	Sink	Sink
Pencil	float	Sink
Banana	Sink	float
Ruler	float	float

Blue Class



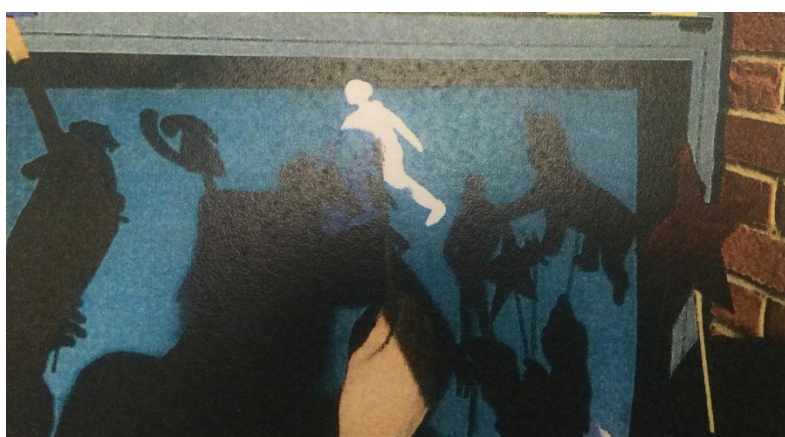
Blue Class were treated to an interactive workshop for National Storytelling Week from author Annemarie Anang.

In this live broadcast to all primary schools in the UK, Annemarie presented with the **National Literacy Trust**, supported by **Amazon**, exploring storytelling through music and sound featuring her acclaimed debut children's book **I AM NEFERTITI**.



The children also worked on multiplication this week, and in their computing session they were learning about digital photography and how to compose good photographs in portrait and landscape. Ask them what they can remember about which format is best for what kind of subject.

Purple Class



In maths, **Purple Class** have been focussing on arrays for multiplication, and they will be moving on to focusing on the $10 \times$ table, division, and applying these skills to problem-solving activities.

In English, it was wonderful to see the writing produced by the class in response to *Orion and The Dark*. I feel I have to single out one particular young writer this week, though. As it is National Storytelling Week, I have to credit Eva for putting together one of the best pieces of

narrative I've ever seen from someone in Year 3. It's too big to put here so I've put the entire story up on Facebook for you to enjoy. I think we have a future author in our midst. Next week, children will write a short setting description based on a short clip from the film, *The BFG*. They will learn to use similes, repetition, expanded noun phrases while focusing on joined up writing.

They have also been working on light and shadow in their science work and produced lovely shadow puppets (above) to demonstrate their understanding.

Green Class

This week in English, **Green Class** have been extending sentences using conjunctions and have used inverted commas to write conversations between the characters found in the Ananse stories.

In Maths, they started to learn the column method of multiplication. In addition, they produced beautiful still life paintings of flowers inspired by Cezanne and found out how to locate some settlement features on a map using grid references.



Next week, **Green Class** will write their own story about the character Ananse. In maths, they will tackle reasoning questions where they can practise the column method of multiplication.



Silver Class

Silver Class have been using their knowledge of fractions to answer questions involving shape. They have also planned in groups an event or activity that they could do to raise money for charity (Headteacher's retirement fund, anyone?).

Next week, they will be learning about how more mechanisms work, including gears, as well as writing a set of descriptive instructions on how to deliver a parcel to the Warlock in the mansion on the hill.

Gold Class

Gold Class have been creating their own short stories in the style of ancient Greek myths. Their main character hero has had to fight the creature that they created to complete a quest. In Spanish, they have been learning about some fascinating Spanish festivals like Fallas de Valencia and La Tomatina. In maths, they have converted between fractions, decimals and percentages (FDP) in order to solve word problems.

Next week, they will create an independent short story, putting together all that they have learnt about life in ancient Greece, myths and what makes an engaging story. In maths, they will look at applying their skills to multi-step problems involving FDP and also they will start to revise area and perimeter. In art and design, they are creating and making an original prototype chair of their choice. In computing, they are using excel to organise their own data from their own surveys.

Here is Lauren's great poem for you to enjoy.

Volstyx

In the Underworld
By the rivers
A deadly venomous beast is guarding the underworld.
Volstyx lies awake,
An animal with warrior-like wings and a terrible tail.
If you ever come near, you'll miserably fail.

Its eyes are like an exploding volcano,
But its ears are like swords.
Volstyx lies awake,
Its grimace is a cruel spell,
And its growl is like a lion in a cell.

This bad-tempered but beautiful beast
Has thoughts that could be your worst nightmare.
Volstyx lies awake,
Its claw are the colour of the midnight sky,
But bear be aware, this beast is not shy.

Its claws are needles, its teeth are blades,
But its wings are as big as the stone pillars.
Volstyx lies awake,
Its stare is cold,
Its stories are the worst ever told.

This enchanted vicious creature has huge beautiful wings,
And strong muscular legs horse-like legs.
Volstyx lies awake,
Its snout is the colour of the tip of the mountains,
But Volstyx is never peaceful as a fountain.

"Whoosh" went the power of its wings,
Every prance shuddered,
Volstyx lies awake,
When the moon is bright,
Volstyx can happily give you a fright!
But if your lucky ~~man~~ may not hurt you.

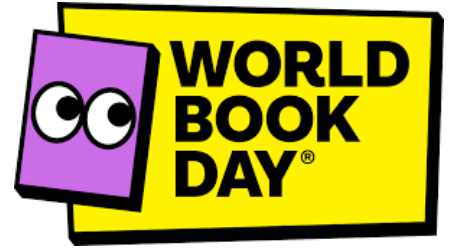
Mrs Mately fantabulous Lauren!



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

Weekly Reflection

“My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long...”

Psalm 71:15



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
Saturday 14th
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
For **Silver Class** - Stubbington Study Centre Open Day, 10am – 4pm
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



Parentkind Lottery



Please support us to raise funds for the school by taking part in our Parentkind [school lottery](#).

Each £1 ticket gives you the chance to win £25,000 every Friday along with a selection of other prizes. For every £1 spent, 60p goes directly to raising much needed funds for the school.

Please take part if you can and also spread the word to family and friends. The further we share it, the greater the funds we will be able to raise for the school.

We have already raised an amazing **£491.29** since May 2025 and have had a few lucky winners too!

“Thank you for your support”

[Click here for the Parentkind 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

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Full day 10-3pm
Half day 10-12.30pm

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Tickets £12.50

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