

GRAYSHOTT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Acorns to Mighty Oaks'

Newsletter 25 – Friday 20th March 2026



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NEW DATES ADDED TO DIARY DATES

July

Tuesday 7th

Gold Class Production, 6pm – details to follow

Thursday 9th

Gold Class Production, 6pm – details to follow

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nice to have some sunshine this week, although not so nice to see just how pasty my arms are as they haven't seen the sun in what seems like ten years. It was also lovely to see so many of you at our Student Progress Meetings this week. Thank you for coming in to speak with us. I had several conversations and wanted to put a general message out to address an elephant that has been hanging around in the room...

School Meals Update

Last year, Hampshire Headteachers received notification from the Local Authority that their catering services would be withdrawn. As a result of budget pressures and funding, they could no longer sustain this service and it would be closed down, leaving schools to negotiate their own arrangements with private companies. Governors and leadership at this school investigated many options, most of which involved frozen meals being shipped in each day and microwaved, which is something we were dead set against. Hampshire agreed to act on behalf of schools and go through a managed outsource arrangement, with companies tendering for the contract. The process was comprehensive and the contract was awarded to Chartwells, who took over the meals service in the Spring Term. At no time has this been a 'cost-cutting' exercise by the school. The cost of meals has been reduced for parents but the school is still paying the same, as we have taken on responsibility for the insurance, maintenance and upkeep of the kitchen equipment, which previously rested with the Local Authority. I have received feedback from a number of children and parents over this term regarding portion sizes and the food being served. I want to assure you that all this feedback has been passed to Chartwells, I have met with their representatives, and we are monitoring their response. Mal and the team in the kitchen have been here since before I started in 2021 and I know they are working incredibly hard to deliver a great service with the new company. If you have any more feedback or you wish to speak more about this, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Thank you. Richard Austin



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Red Class

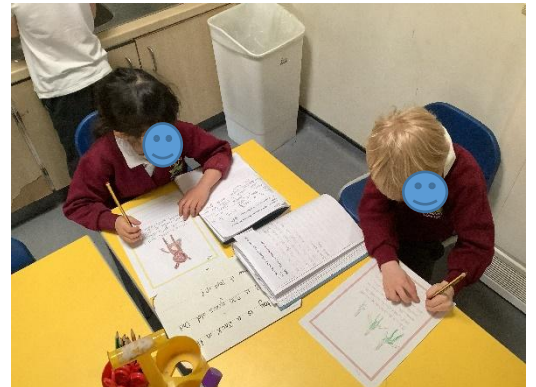
Red Class had a visit from the bug man this week, but not because of an infestation. It was a visitor from the ZooLab, who brought in lots of minibeasts to show the children. They learned all about different tiny critters and even got up close and personal with them.



Yellow Class

Yellow Class have been learning all about why toys have changed over the years. Children predicted that it was because we have made new discoveries and that toys are now more fun and have 'upgraded'. They shared children's interviews with the class learning all about your old favourite toys! They are turning all these into their own non-fiction book with their best handwriting.

Next week, they will be starting a new story in English called Dogger! They will continue to focus on the presentation of their writing, thinking about where letters need to sit and taking time to form letters correctly.

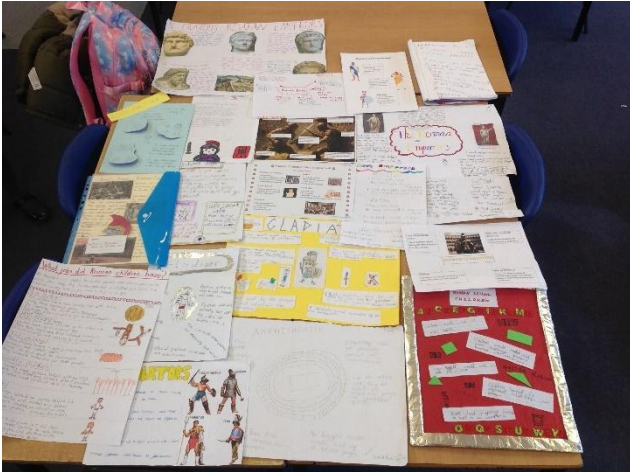


Blue Class



Blue Class have started to read their new text, 'Dragon Post'. They have been writing expanded noun phrases to describe the dragon and made predictions about what might happen in the story e.g. The friendly, fiery dragon with huge, flapping wings. In topic, they have been weather forecasters and have written a weather forecast for Nigeria. Maybe this is why the sun is shining! They have also been jumping up and down in science to explore the effect of exercise on our bodies. It was pretty hot and sweaty in **Blue Class** yesterday afternoon! Ask them how exercise affects their bodies.

Purple Class



Purple Class have been carrying on their studies of Ancient Rome. Mrs Sangar wanted to say a big well done to all of the class for their amazing homework on the Romans. She was really impressed by the effort and detail they put into their research. There was so much interesting information to read! Their artistic work was fantastic too, and we loved seeing the different styles and creativity they all brought to their projects.

In maths this week, they have been calculating length and perimeter. Ask them about how to use a ruler and what they need to remember.

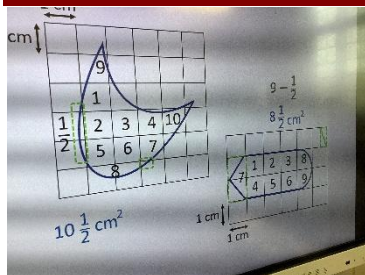
Green Class

Green Class finished off their fables this week and were evaluating their work against success criteria. Here is Evie's evaluation.

The children have also been preparing for assessments coming up and getting ready for their part in the Easter Service next week.

Success Criteria	My Example:
Adjectives used to describe character's looks and personality: loyal dog	✓ A loyal courageous dog
Expanded noun phrases: A cunning, silver-feathered goose with shifty eyes and a sly smile.	✓ a unusual, filthy farm with short lush crops.
Correctly punctuated conversations with interesting reporting clauses.	✓ "Oh pickle, poor bub the cow!"
A moral to teach us something.	Nobody believes a liar even when there telling the truth

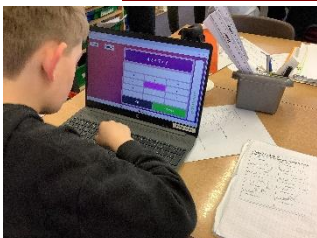
Silver Class



Silver Class have been learning how to find the perimeter and areas of shape as well as how to put someone in the recovery position. See if they can remember how to do it.

Next week they will be having a debate about the use of plastic making sure it is a balanced argument. They will also be learning all about chemical reactions.

Gold Class



Gold Class have written part of their class novel from the point of view of a different character. In maths, they have reminded themselves how to do long division and long multiplication and where these methods are required in complex word problems. They have also revised units of measurement conversion and fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents. In geography, they have researched the effects of extreme weather on global trade and have started to experiment with typography styles in art.

Next week in Spanish, **Gold Class** will learn more vocabulary to help them explore cities and in computing they will develop their understanding of variables in coding. In guided reading, they will learn some more facts about survival skills and in science will discover more about how micro-organism can be harmful, helpful or both. They are also performing our Easter poem in church and are having an Easter PAUSE day to stop and reflect on the meaning of Easter to Christians all around the world.



I thought I would give you an update on our Charitable Trust, which was set up by a group of governors and parents in 2022.



Acorns to Oaks Trust

The Acorns to Oaks Trust has been running for several years now, and we are immensely grateful for the support we have received. Here are some of the things that we have been able to finance through your support to this trust.



Specialist training for staff in mathematical reasoning and reading at greater depth



Transport to Guildford Cathedral for Gold Class for their Leavers' Service



Problem solving resources to support mathematics



Transport to London for Silver Class for the Young Voices Concert at the O2



Revision resources for Home Learning

Thank you for all your donations and support. Follow [this link](#) to support our work with the children.

Weekly Reflection

“A failure is not always a mistake, it may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying.”

B F Skinner (born 20th March 1904)

Grayshott CE Primary School



March 2026

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th
Tuesday 24th
Wednesday 25th
Friday 27th
Friday 27th
w/c Monday 30th

English Schools' Football Week
PTA Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican
Easter Service at St Luke's, 9.30am – Parents welcome to attend
Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only
End of term, collect 1.15pm
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 – school closed
Green Class Cake Sale, 3.15pm
Group School Photos
Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only
Half Term

June 2026

Monday 1st
Monday 8th
Thursday 11th
Wednesday 17th
Thursday 18th
Tuesday 30th

Return to school
PTA Meeting, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican
Sports Day (8:45am – 1pm)
Silver Class Cake Sale, 3.15pm
Gold Class Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral
Gold Class Woolmer Hill Induction Day

July 2026

Thursday 2nd
Tuesday 7th
Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th
Friday 17th
Tuesday 21st

Reserve Sports day (8:45am – 1pm)
PTA Meeting, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican
Gold Class Production, 6pm – details to follow
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 had a few lucky winners too!

“Thank you for your support”

[Click here for the Parentkind Lottery Link](#)

**Date for your diaries:
PTA AGM Meeting
Tues 24th Mar
7.30pm
@The Fox**



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Community News



PK Preschool

Ofsted Outstanding Care in the Heart of Grayshott



OPEN AFTERNOON

Saturday 18th April
2pm – 4pm

Come and explore our
Ofsted Outstanding Preschool
for children aged 2–4.

Now Welcoming Enquiries for September 2026

To book for the Open Afternoon or for general
enquiries, please email:

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