

# GRAYSHOTT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 'Acorns to Mighty Oaks'

Newsletter – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026



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OUR SCHOOL VALUES ARE:  
**COURAGE RESPECT**

**JOY**

NEW DATES ADDED TO DIARY DATES

None

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Please see below for details of what's been going on this week. Thank you.

Richard Austin

### Photography and Animation Competition 2026

You will have received a letter this week about this year's Photography and Animation Competition. It's that time again; time to get to work capturing the beauty of the world around us. I look forward to seeing the entries as they come in.

Children are invited to enter photographs in these 4 categories:

- Landscape
- Portrait
- Action
- Abstract (including digitally altered photographs)



There will also be an additional category for Stop-Motion animations. You are welcome to submit **up to three videos of your own creation using stop motion animation**. These should be *no more than 30 seconds in length* each.

Instructions for entering:

- **A maximum of (no more than) 3 images and/or 3 videos per child**, either in one category or across any of the 6 categories
- Name each image with the child's name and the category letter (joebloggs-A.jpg)
- Email photographs to [adminoffice@grayshott.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@grayshott.hants.sch.uk), by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026



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## Careers Week



We will be holding our annual Careers Week between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This is a great opportunity for all our children to think and learn about why they are here and where their journey could potentially lead them.

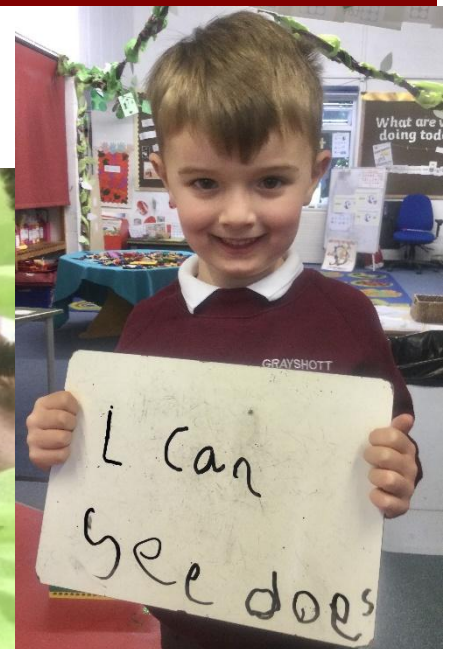
**If you would be willing to come in and talk to a class or group of children about your career or work, how you got into it and what skills you need to do it well, we would love to have you in that week.**

Every year, we have so many interesting talks from parents and the children got so much out of it. It was highlighted by Ofsted, SIAMS and the Local Authority as a real strength of our school's offer. If you're interested, please do get in touch. As wide a range as possible is what I'm keen on showing our children. Please contact me directly through the school office if you are interested. So far, we have a diplomat, a watchmaker and someone from Bank of America, but we need your help to make this memorable and useful for the children.

Please get in touch if you can help, even if you've been in previous years, there are always more children to inspire!

## Red Class

**Red Class** have been learning about tadpoles and frogs. They made their own frogs out of egg boxes. They have also been working on sentence writing and applying sounds to help them spell. Here's Henry, who wrote this sentence independently this morning!

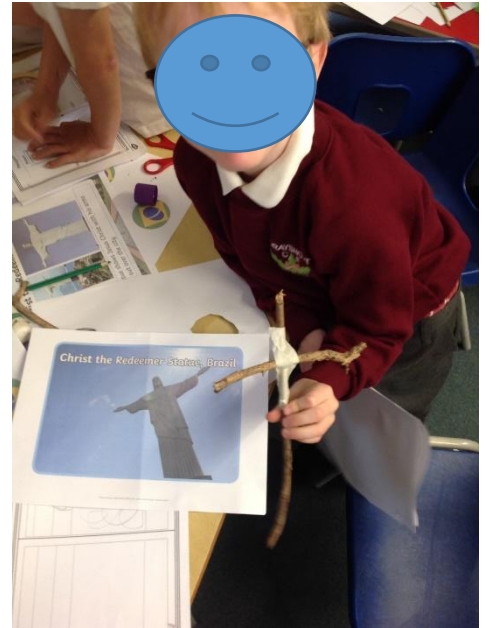


## Yellow Class

This week, **Yellow Class** visited the 7 Wonders of the World in their Geography lesson. We talked about what makes them wonders, ask your child if they remember the names of any? I was impressed they could remember so many. The only one I knew was St. James' Park in Newcastle.

Next week in science we will be looking at what living things eat and learning the key words:

**Carnivore  
Herbivore, and  
Omnivore**



## Blue Class



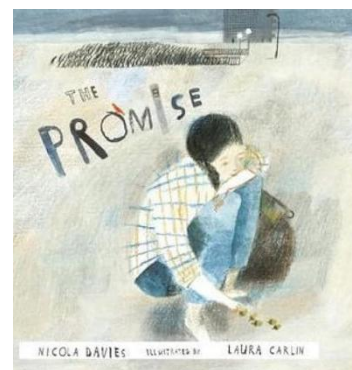
**Blue Class** have been very creative this week, making Guatemalan worry dolls and learning about the life and work of Mary Seacole.

They had an exciting visitor in school to help bring this subject to life.



### Purple Class

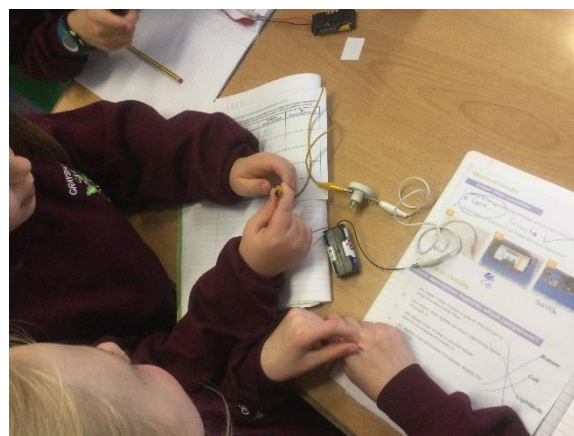
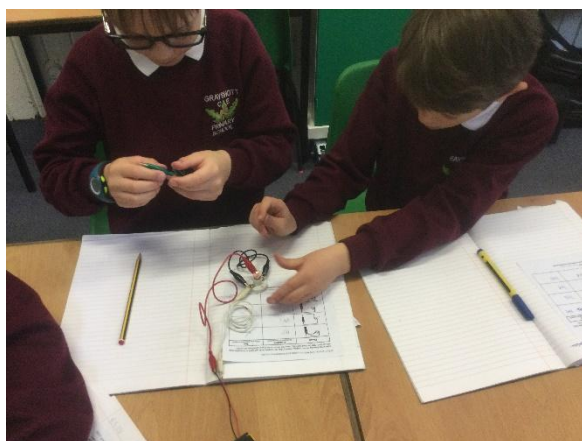
**Purple Class** have started learning about fractions this week. In English, they have begun their new book, *The Promise* by Nicola Davies.



Next week in Maths, they will continue our work on fractions. The children will learn about fractions as part of a whole, identify numerators and denominators, recognise unit and non-unit fractions and solve word problems involving fractions. In English, they will be making comparisons using similes, focusing on joined-up handwriting and learning how to vary sentence structures in our writing. They will also discuss the impact of different sentence types and the writer's word choices on the reader.

### Green Class

**Green Class**, have used expanded nouns and 'show don't tell' skills to describe an Anglo Saxon character. In Maths, they have applied their knowledge of number bonds to 100 to help them make 1 using decimals. They could use your help on this. For example,  $25 + 75 = 100$  so  $0.25 + 0.75 = 1$ . It was lovely to see, our pupils make many thoughtful contributions during their discussion about what makes a good friend during their PSHE lesson. In DT, they have continued to evaluate how healthy their lunches are. In science, they have been working with electrical circuits, as shown.



Next week, **Green Class** will complete their character description of an Anglo Saxon warrior during their English lessons. In Maths, they will continue work on decimals. As the national multiplication check test draws ever nearer, we will continue to spend time focussing on maintaining good speeds and ironing out any tricky times tables facts. Your continued support on this at home is much appreciated.

### Silver Class

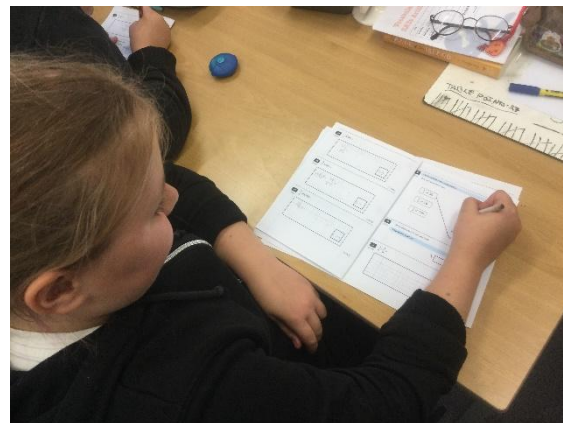


**Silver Class** this week have applied the skills they have learnt so far in computing to turn a vector image of a penguin into a parrot. They have also learnt how to translate images on a coordinate grid.

Next week, they will be creating their own architecture models in art and the children will also be creating their own jukebox musical in our music lesson.

## Gold Class

**Gold Class** have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs tests, which take place next week from Monday to Thursday. I could not be more proud of the way the children have applied themselves over the last few months. They are a real credit to all of you and they deserve every success that is coming their way. Can I suggest that they take this weekend to rest, recharge, and have faith in everything they have done to this point? There is no need for last-minute cramming or going over past papers. Just have some fun, get out in nature, do something together and get a good night's sleep. They will do very well.



This week, **Gold Class** have finished their short stories which are great. They will write them up with all of their edits next week. They have also revised all areas of maths and learnt some test techniques to help them show off all they know and can do.

In Spanish they learnt to ask for directions and give them and in RE they have been learning about humanism and how rivers can be a representation of a person's life. Next week, children are invited to come into class from 8.30am so they can have a fun start to the day with a second breakfast. They should make sure that they have had sensible bed times and a healthy diet all week to help them because they are going to be working really hard at school. Here is the timetable of the different tests they will be doing.

### KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates - May 2026

Date	Test
Monday 11th May 2026	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 12th May 2026	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 14th May 2026	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

## Thank you and Farewell

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Lesley Ellis. Mrs Ellis has been working with children in several classes this year and has made a big impact. She has left us for a new and exciting opportunity and we wish her all the very best.



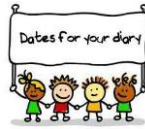
## Weekly Reflection

**“Today’s teardrops are tomorrow’s rainbows.”**

Ricky Nelson (born 8 May 1940)



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## May 2026

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 14<sup>th</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>

SATS week  
**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>  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Return to school  
**PTA** Meeting, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
Sports Day (8:45am – 1pm)  
**PTA** Black Cherry Jam Gig, Grayshott Village Hall  
**Silver Class** Cake Sale, 3.15pm  
**Gold Class** Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral  
**Gold Class** Fair, 3.15pm-4.15pm  
**Gold Class** Woolmer Hill Induction Day

## July 2026

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Reserve Sports day (8:45am – 1pm)  
**PTA** Meeting, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
**Gold Class** Production, 6pm – details to follow  
Careers Week  
Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only  
End of term, collect 1.15pm

## September 2026

Date tbc

Return to school

## October 2026

w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Half Term

## November 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Return to school

## December 2026

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

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](#)**

### PTA Announcement

## 🎵 PTA Black Cherry Jam Gig Friday 12th June 🎵

We are very excited to be able to invite you to a fantastic evening of live music in support of our **PTA**.

Taking place at Grayshott Village Hall, this special event will feature the award-winning local band [Black Cherry Jam](#), including Grayshott parents Amy and Rob, alongside acoustic duo Two Fold.

With big tunes, great atmosphere and plenty of party energy, it promises to be a wonderful night for our school community.

Event details:

- 📅 Friday 12th June 2026
- 🕒 7:30pm – 11:00pm
- 📍 Grayshott Village Hall
- 🎫 Tickets: £7.50

All proceeds will go towards raising funds for the **PTA**, which will enhance your children’s school experiences.

We hope you can join us. Please do spread the word to friends and family!

Tickets available: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/grayshottschoolpta/2103402>



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**GREEN CLASS CAKE SALE**

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**3.15pm**

## Community News



**MAY**

### ACTIVITY CLUB

**Weyford Primary School**

Mill Chase Rd, GU35 0EP

**8:30AM - 4:30PM**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Our holiday courses give children from Year 1 to Year 9 the ideal blend of play and structure. With safety and enjoyment always in mind, every day is designed to keep children active and engaged.

**£26 PER DAY**  
**MULTIPLE DAY DISCOUNT**

- CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED
- QUALIFIED PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID
- DBS CERTIFICATED
- REGISTERED BY OFSTED
- CHILD PROTECTION TRAINED

[www.cm-sports.co.uk](http://www.cm-sports.co.uk)



## Hampshire SENDIASS Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

**6 MAY**  
**12:30**

**Alternative Provision**  
What constitutes a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

**13 MAY**  
**13:00**

**Responding to a draft EHCP**  
If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

**13 MAY**  
**17:30**

**Appeals to SEND Tribunal**  
A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

**18 MAY**  
**12:00**

**Considering an EHC Plan?**  
Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

**19 MAY**  
**10:00**

**Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support**  
Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP

**28 MAY**  
**10:30**

**Responding to a draft EHCP**  
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[www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops](http://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops)



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# NEURODEVELOPMENTAL AWARENESS



A free event that focuses on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism or ADHD.

Topics include:

- Adjustments to be made around the young person to support their mental wellbeing.
- Considering mental health difficulties in young autistic people and how they might present.
- Support for SEN in education & what to do if it's not working.
- Understanding your child with ADHD, support, strategies, and tips.

**FREE  
EVENT**

**8 July 2026 9.30am - 3.45pm**

Community Station, Camp Road, Bordon, GU35 0ND

For more information scan the QR code or visit:  
<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>



## New Cricket camp! In partnership with HWBCC

The BOSC Club  
Bolley Avenue  
Bordon  
GU35 9HG



Looking for a fun and active way to keep your children busy this May half term? Join our expert coaches for an exciting Cricket Camp packed with energy, learning and fun. Daily prizes, trophies & medals to be won!

**£20** A Day

**TUESDAY 26TH &  
WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY**  
**YEAR 2 - 9**

**8:30am – 3:00pm**

Please remember to bring a water bottle and a packed lunch

