

# GRAYSHOTT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 'Acorns to Mighty Oaks'

Newsletter 32 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



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### NEW DATES ADDED TO DIARY DATES

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican (note date change)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Mufti Day for Rainbow Raffle
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Silver Class Taster Morning at Woolmer Hill
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Silver Class Taster Day at Bohunt School
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Gold Class Leavers Assembly in school hall, 9am. Parents / Carers welcome.

Dear Parents and Carers,  
 Thank you for all your support over the last half term. I still have no Ofsted report to share with you, but hopefully it will drop after half term and then you can all see it. Have a lovely, restful week, and we will look forward to seeing you on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Don't forget the photography and animation competition. Get your entries in by Friday 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2026 Animation and Photography competition

Welcome to our fifth annual photography competition. We would love to see what our children can capture in their viewfinders over the next two months.

Children are invited to enter photographs in these 4 categories:

- A. Landscape
- B. Portrait
- C. Action
- D. 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

#### Rules for film-makers and photographers:

1. The child entering was the photographer.
2. It is suitable for others to see.
3. Any people included have given their permission to have their picture entered in the competition.



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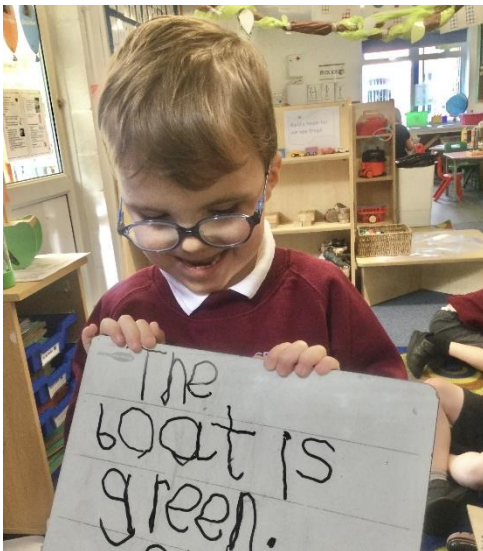


## Blue Reef Aquarium

**Blue** and **Yellow** Classes enjoyed a trip to the aquarium in Southsea this week. They learned all about different types of marine life and had a lovely walk along the coast together.



## Red Class



**Red Class** have been applying their phonetic knowledge to write sentences this week. They have also been focusing on correct letter formation.

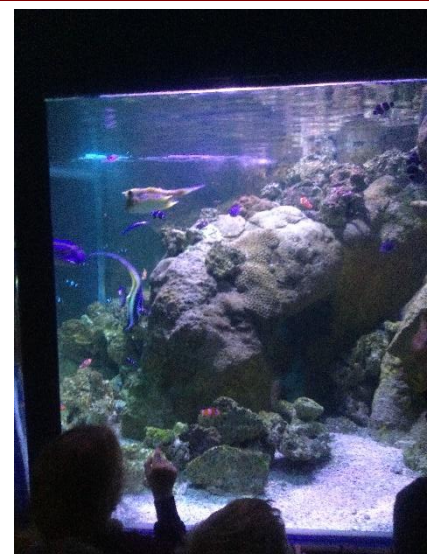
The children have also been exploring different techniques for painting. They used forks for the petals of the sunflowers, linking with their learning about seeds and plants.



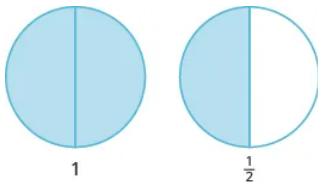
## Yellow Class

**Yellow Class** had a very exciting week which involved a trip to the aquarium, writing their very own stories based on the rainbow fish, and some under the sea artwork! They were absolutely brilliant at the aquarium and loved finding out about all the creatures of the sea. Ask your child what their favourite part was?

After half term they will be starting their new topic 'History of the seaside' which will include a special workshop (more details to follow). The children will be understanding place value within 50 in maths and writing instructions on how to make a horrible sandwich in English!



### Blue Class



**Blue Class** have been learning about fractions this week, thinking about the concept of half. You can test that next week by only giving them half their pocket money to see if they notice. If you're down at the beach and get some ice cream, demand that they give you half of theirs. This will really help them grasp the concept.

In English, **Blue** class have been making predictions about their new text for after half term.

### Purple Class

**Purple Class** are continuing their work on fractions. The children will learn about unit fractions of a set of objects, non-unit fractions of a set of objects, and reasoning with fractions of an amount.

After half term, in English, the children will learn to use poetic language, identify features of poetry and write blackout poetry.

The children have been hard at work this week rejuvenating the planters in the playground. They filled them up with compost provided by the **PTA**. Thank you so much for the donation.



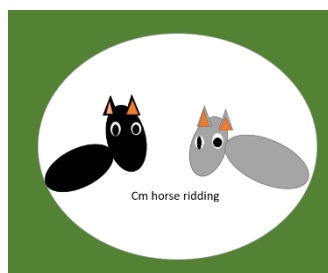
### Green Class

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**Green Class** have been working hard towards their Multiplication Tables Check, which will take place after half term. They have been working hard to learn their tables and making use of TT Rockstars. You can really help by keeping this going over half term. Mrs Falshaw is going to email you separately, but daily practice really makes a difference in the run up to this. They've done so well to develop their knowledge and speed of recall this year. Let's keep it going.

### Silver Class

This week, **Silver Class** have been hard at work engaging their creative talents to design logos for companies, some that already exist, and some that they have invented themselves. CEOs pay millions for people to do this sort of work. Maybe we should advertise our services. I'll cut the children in for 5%.



### Gold Class

This week, **Gold Class** have started writing persuasive, formal letters to me. They have thought of something that they would like to see happen in school – some ideas are more realistic than others. I am pretty sure the DfE aren't going to let me agree to a 4-day week or 20-week summer holiday! They have also been learning to enjoy the fun in maths via number games, open-ended investigations and strategy partner games (ask them to show you the matchstick game.)

After half term they will be planning their Year 6 summer fair which on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 3.15pm – 4.30pm. They will also crack on with casting and rehearsing their end of year play. In DT, they are going to be sewing a tote bag - please can children bring in a T-shirt that you no longer want.

### Uniform and PE Kit

We are noticing more and more variation in the types of clothes children are wearing to school on PE days. Can I remind you of the Uniform policy, which is available on the school website. For PE, it states:

- *Black plimsolls or trainers*
- *White, black or maroon shorts*
- *Plain black, blue or grey tracksuit for outside in colder weather*
- *White T-shirt*
- *White or grey socks*

PE days are looking increasingly like impromptu mufti days, and I think it's important for the sake of fairness that we adhere to the guidelines above. Plain items like this are easy to acquire. We do not insist upon school-branded clothing so please help by making sure children are prepared as above.

### Lost Property -Volunteers

**We are looking for some parent volunteers to help sort through our lost property box which is extremely full. If you are able to help – please contact the office. Thank you.**

### 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! Thanks.

### Weekly Reflection

“Education never ends, Watson. It is a series of lessons, with the greatest for the last.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (born 22 May 1859)



# Grayshott CE Primary School



## May 2026

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Half Term

## June 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Return to school  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> **PTA** Meeting, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> **PTA** Mufti Day for **Rainbow** Raffle  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sports Day (8:45am – 1pm)  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> **PTA** Black Cherry Jam Gig, Grayshott Village Hall  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> **Silver Class** Cake Sale, 3.15pm  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> **Gold Class** Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June **Gold Class** Fair, 3.15pm-4.30pm  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> **Silver Class** Taster Morning at Woolmer Hill  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> **Gold Class** Woolmer Hill Induction Day

## July 2026

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve Sports day (8:45am – 1pm)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> **PTA** Meeting, 7.30pm at The Fox and Pelican  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> **Gold Class** Production, 6pm – details to follow  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Careers Week  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> **Silver Class** Taster Day at Bohunt School  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Vision Ambassadors Assembly, 9am – Invite only  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> **Gold Class** Leavers Assembly in school hall, 9am. Parents / Carers welcome.  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> End of term, collect 1.15pm

## September 2026

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Inset Day – school closed  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Inset Day – school closed  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Return to school

## October 2026

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Inset Day – school closed  
w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Half Term

## November 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Return to school

## December 2026

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> End of term, school closed  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Inset Day – school closed

## July 2027

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Inset Day – school closed



# 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](#)**

## LIVE MUSIC!

### Event details:

Friday 12th June 2026

7:30pm – 11:00pm

Grayshott Village Hall

Tickets: £7.50

## BLACK CHERRY JAM LIVE AT GRAYSHOTT VILLAGE HALL

Looking for some child-free time with friends?



Join us for a fantastic evening of live music with the brilliant Black Cherry Jam, all while raising funds for your children's school.

This is set to be a really fun night with great music, drinks, dancing and a brilliant atmosphere. Open to everyone, not just Grayshott School parents, so bring your friends along and make a night of it!

Black Cherry Jam are an amazing live band and definitely not one to miss.

Tickets available here:

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



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# RAINBOW RAFFLE MUFTI DAY FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

PLEASE DONATE ONE OR MORE ALLOCATED COLOUR  
ITEMS FOR OUR RAINBOW RAFFLE



PLEASE BRING COLOUR LINKED NON-PERISHABLE  
DONATIONS AT DROP OFF  
ON THE MORNING OF MUFTI DAY

ITEMS SUCH AS TOILETRIES, TREATS, DRINKS AND  
SMELLIES WILL BE BUNDLED UP AS COLOURED  
RAFFLE BASKET PRIZES FOR SPORTS DAY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

GRAYSHOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**SPORTS DAY**

**THURSDAY 11TH JUNE**  
**8.45AM TO 1.00PM**

**BREAKFAST,  
REFRESHMENTS &  
BBQ LUNCH**

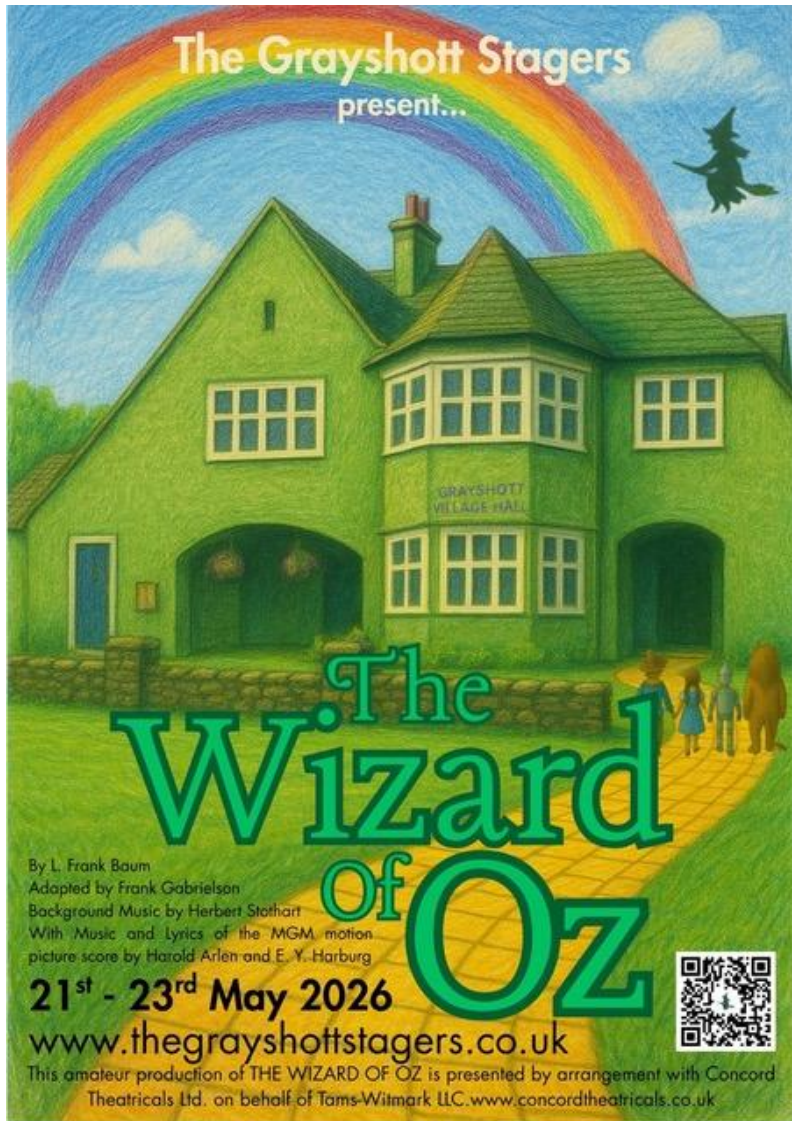
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# Community News



The Grayshott Stagers production of The Wizard of Oz will take place at Grayshott Village Hall 21st -23rd May at 7:30pm with a Matinee on the 23rd at 2:30pm.

It is a whimsical and charming stage version of the MGM movie and has all the songs and characters you would expect - plus a few more!

The show is fast paced, full of songs, dance, humour and it's not too long, making it perfect for audiences both young and old.

We hope that you are able to join us as we bring Dorothy's adventures in Oz to the Grayshott stage.

## MAY HALF TERM at Haslemere Museum



Museum explorers ages 5-11  
**Pond Dipping**

Tuesday  
26 May  
10.30am-12pm

Investigate what lives below the surface of the Museum's pond, then see them under a digital microscope



Special opening for SEND/ASC  
**Early Birds**

Wednesday  
27 May  
9-10am

Come along and enjoy the Museum free from the hustle and bustle of the general public



Family activity  
**Get Creative**

Thursday  
28 May  
10.30am-1pm

Explore different media to let your creativity flow and make your own creative masterpieces



Family activity  
**LEGO Drop-in**

Friday  
29 May  
10.30-12.30pm

Come along and search through our Lego and let your imagination run wild

**FIND OUT MORE & BOOK AT**  
[haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson](http://haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson)



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