

GRAYSHOTT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Acorns to Mighty Oaks'

Newsletter 2 – Friday 18th September 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers

Seems like a very disjointed week for me, as I spent three days of it with the St John Ambulance service completing my First Aid at Work qualification. I'm happy to be back in school now having learned lots.

Please remember our **Fun on the Field** event on Thursday 24th September – it starts at 3.15pm-5pm and is a great way to have fun, connect with other parents whilst helping raise some much-needed funds! **Our Thursday clubs next week are being cancelled to ensure the children can enjoy this event with their friends and families.**

Red Class and other new Parents/Carers - please can everyone remember that as well as being a nut-free school, we are also **orange-free** as we have a member of our school community who is severely allergic to them. If your child has bought in an orange, please collect it from the office at the end of the day.

Mr Austin



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Red Class

Red Class have been learning how to collaborate in groups; an essential skill for school. They have been experimenting with making different kinds of marks like spots, circles and lines. They have also been listening and growing their vocabulary to do with sounds in their environment.



Yellow Class



Yellow Class have carried on learning their Lion King dance. They have been learning about spirals in art, using big chalk to create these on the playground. They have been thinking of great adjectives to describe their fictional monsters, and listening to classical music to learn about different tempos.

They have also been learning about seasons and what happens to trees in the autumn.

Blue Class

Blue Class have been practising partitioning numbers into tens and ones.

In English, they have been reading a new version of Goldilocks and have been writing descriptions of her.

They enjoyed sharing their special clothes in RE and finding out what makes them special to us.

In PE, the children have been creating shapes with their body and trying different ways to travel between the shapes (for their dance routine).

In Science, they have been thinking about different materials.

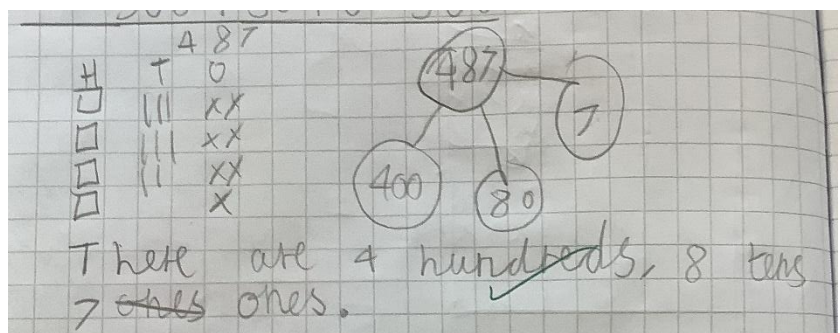
Record how different materials can be changed in the table.

Object (material)	squashed	bent	twisted	stretched
E.g. balloon (rubber)	✓		✓	✓
Fabric	X	✓	✓	X
Elastic band	X	✓	✓	✓
String	X	✓	✓	X
pipe cleaner	✓	✓	X	✓
Tin foil	✓	✓	✓	✓
play-doh	✓	X	✓	✓

Purple Class

Purple Class will be learning to select and sequence the key events in a narrative next week. They will then begin writing *The First Drawing* in the first person, using the events they have sequenced.

In Maths, they will be learning about numbers up to 1,000. They will be developing their understanding of hundreds, tens and ones, finding 1, 10 or 100 more or less and using number lines to find and estimate numbers up to 1000. Here's what Eleri's been learning.



Green Class

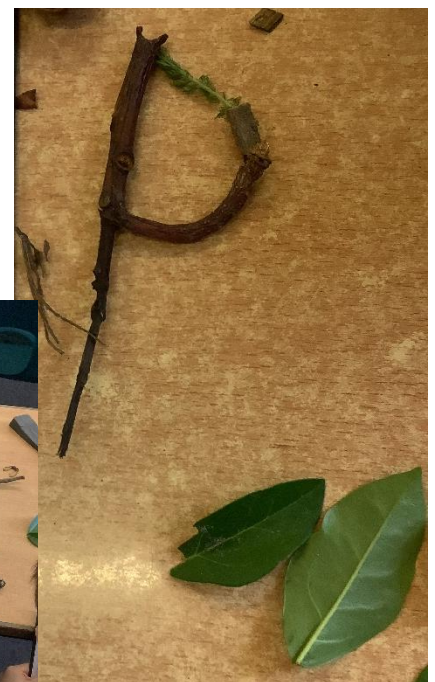
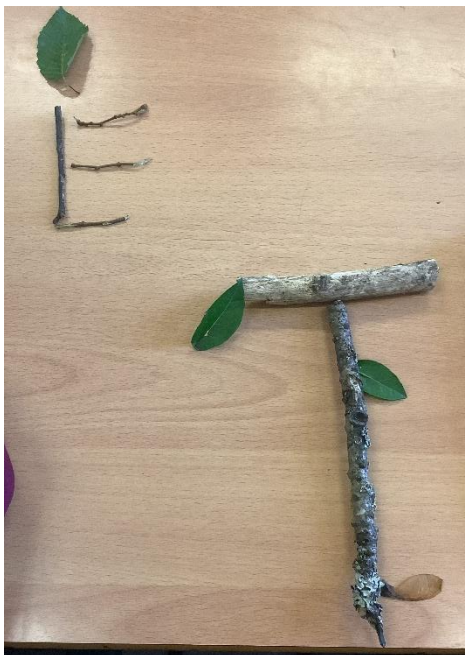
Green Class have had another fantastic week of learning. In English, the children wrote persuasive paragraphs in role as the photographer from *The Iron Woman*. In Maths, they flexibly partitioned numbers up to 10,000. In Geography, they identified the seas surrounding the United Kingdom and some of its major rivers. In Spanish, they began learning the names of musical instruments. They have also been practising their touch typing.



Looking ahead to next week: In English, they will write and publish their persuasive letters linked to *The Iron Woman*. In Maths, we will explore number lines to 10,000 and solve reasoning problems involving 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less. In Geography, the class will begin learning about the key features of rivers.

Silver Class

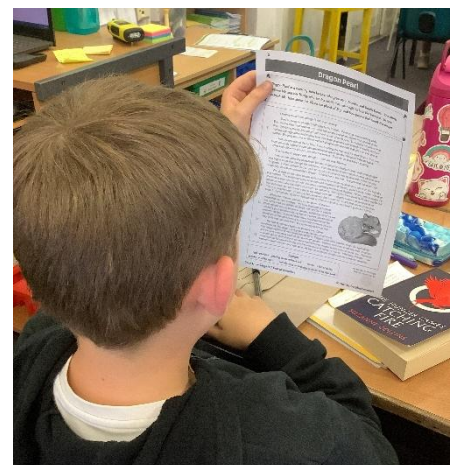
Silver Class have written their persuasive speeches ready for the courtroom role play next week. They have also continued to add to their dance routine (lots of dance going on around the place, isn't there?) in our PE lessons. They have also continued their art work by using natural shapes from the environment to make letters and symbols.



Next week, they will be beginning an addition and subtraction unit in Maths as well as their next English learning journey where they will look at Alfred Noyes' famous poem, *The Highwayman*.

Gold Class

Gold Class have been writing their own biographies having looked at cohesive devices and ordering of events. They have been rounding in Maths and have learnt about blues music in our music lessons. In art they have started their activism posters and in Science we learnt some new vocabulary and talked about where we lived in Spanish lessons. Next week, they will record their podcasts and start brushing up on their use of commas and semi-colons. In Maths, they will get to grips with negative numbers and look at addition and subtraction in a variety of contexts. They will have a go at playing the 12 - bar blues in music and will do some more programming of our school micro-bits.



Shott Stories Podcast

I interviewed a big group of children from **Gold Class** on Monday to find out who the new Shott Stories team would be. They really blew me away with their creativity and quick thinking and made it an incredibly hard decision. So hard, in fact, that I bottled it and chose more children than I had originally planned. This year's **Shott Stories** core creative team will be Bella, Florence and Martha. They will be joined by regular guest contributors, Jessica and Benji alongside occasional contributors, Rory, Alex, Aurora and Sam. I'm looking forward to seeing the ideas they come up with over the year. Don't forget, you can submit ideas or writing to shottstories@grayshott.hants.sch.uk and we will make you famous!



Playground works

Andy and the team from Rhythm and Hues are making great progress with our outdoor theatre project. There is lots of stuff going up and I can't wait until it's finished so we can share it with everyone.



If anyone is interested, there may be some of the big flagstones (see bottom left of picture) left over at the end. If anyone would be interested in having some (they are incredibly heavy) please let me know.

Weekly Reflection

“The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good.”

Samuel Johnson (born 18 September 1709)



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September 2026

Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd

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Thursday 24th

Tuesday 29th

Gold Class Bikeability

PTA AGM, 7.30pm at The Fox & Pelican – **everyone welcome to attend**

PTA Fun on the Field, 3.15pm – 5pm

Open Morning, 9.30am

October 2026

Tuesday 6th

Thursday 8th

Tuesday 13th

Thursday 15th

Friday 16th

Wednesday 21st

Thursday 22nd

Friday 23rd

w/c Monday 26th

Open Morning, 9.30am

Gold Class Henley Fort Parent Information Session, 3.30pm

Harvest Service at St Luke's Church, 9.30am

Open Morning, 9.30am

PTA Quiz Night – details to follow

PTA Movie Night – details to follow

Vision Ambassadors Assembly – invite only

Inset Day – school closed

Half Term

November 2026

Monday 2nd

Thursday 5th

Friday 6th

Friday 13th

Tuesday 17th

Thursday 19th

Return to school

Gold Class visit Henley Fort

Gold Class return from Henley Fort

PTA Quiz Night – details to follow

Student Progress Meetings – details to follow

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December 2026

Friday 4th

Monday 7th

Tuesday 8th

Wednesday 9th

Friday 11th

Friday 11th

Thursday 17th

Thursday 17th

Friday 18th

PTA Mufti Day – details to follow

Yellow and **Blue** Classes Nativity, 2pm

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Red Class Christmas Celebration

PTA Mufti Day– details to follow

PTA Christmas Fair

Vision Ambassadors Assembly – invite only

End of term collect 1.15pm

Inset Day – school closed

January 2027

Monday 4th

Return to school

February 2027

Friday 12th

w/c Monday 15th

Monday 22nd

Vision Ambassadors Assembly – invite only

Half Term

Return to school

March 2027

Thursday 25th

Friday 26th – Wednesday 31st

End of term – collect 1.15pm

Easter Holiday



April 2027

Thursday 1st – Friday 9th
Monday 12th

Easter Holiday
Return to school

May 2027

Monday 3rd
Tuesday 4th
Friday 28th
w/c Monday 31st

Bank Holiday
Return to school
Vision Ambassadors Assembly – invite only
Half Term

June 2027

Monday 7th

Return to school

July 2027

Wednesday 14th
Friday 16th
Tuesday 20th
Wednesday 21st

Leavers Service at St Luke's Church, 9.30am
Vision Ambassadors Assembly – invite only
End of term – collect 1.15pm
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](#)

We are very excited about Fun on the Field **next Thursday after school** and can't wait to see everyone there! It's completely free to attend, **including free inflatables**, thanks to Matheson Optometrists, our wonderful new sponsor.

We'd love your help to fill our cake stall with delicious goodies. Bought or baked is absolutely fine, but if baking please do label your items with a full list of ingredients. No nuts allowed, as we are a nut free school. **Please bring cakes to PTA box** outside school office reception at drop off on Thursday 24th September.

We're also looking for **volunteers** to help on the day. If you can spare a little time please contact Sophie Woolliscroft or Nicola Vercoe via the PTA WhatsApp community group.

Thanks so much for your support- we're sure it's going to be a fantastic event.

[PTA WhatsApp Community](#)

We'd like to draw your attention to our PTA WhatsApp Community, which is a great way to keep up to date with useful information and communications. Each class has its own group, alongside a number of other PTA related groups, if you're not already a member, please do join us by following the link or scanning the QR code. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JAbkYqpxyKxLXiHaGgZ7pf>

