

FRIDAY LETTER
week ending 21st March 2025



Keeping in touch

Parents and families are a hugely important part of school life, and we are passionate about involving you as much as possible and inviting you into school for various events and celebrations. During Covid, we set up Seesaw to set work for children and provide another channel to keep parents informed about school matters when we could not meet face to face. Moving on from that, we feel that it is important to communicate with parents and carers face to face or over the telephone so that concerns and worries can be dealt with straight away by the class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team, which means we no longer use Seesaw messaging for direct messages between parents and teachers.

As a school, we pride ourselves on building strong relationships with parents and carers and we value your support and contribution to school life. I would therefore like to remind parents that if you have a question, worry, or require an update about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us via the telephone or drop an email to office@greathamprimary.org.uk with the name of the recipient in the subject line.

Every morning, there is a member of the senior leadership team out on the yard and we understand that sometimes it can be busy and you might not be able to speak to someone. In this instance, please pop into the school office and ask for a call back or leave a message via the school office on 01429 870254.

Every evening, all teachers and teaching assistants dismiss the children, which can also give you the opportunity to speak face to face with a member of staff. If you need to have a private conversation, please let the staff member know and a private space will be arranged. Supervision for your child/ren can also be arranged if you do not wish to speak in front of your child.

Newsletters and important dates are sent out via email and a paper copy is sent home with the children. Further copies of these can also be obtained from the school office and they are posted on the website, on Facebook and displayed on the noticeboard outside of the office. If you have a query, please do not hesitate to ask Miss Westmoreland or Mrs Dunn.

We would like to thank you for your fantastic, continued support.

Free book swap

We have created a book swap bookcase located in the front office to give our children the opportunity to have constant access to high quality books. Children can use the book swap before and after school with their parent/carer to look at the selection of books on offer and take a book or swap a book with one they have previously read. The bookshelves will be regularly refreshed with books that are donated to school by our lovely family and friends. Please come along and take a look at the wonderful books that are on offer for free.

Vandalism

This week our CCTV has captured people climbing over the school fence, taking objects from the grounds and throwing them back over as well as pulling down all the bunting from the early years garden and ripping it up. If anyone sees anything untoward on the school site, please get in touch with school. Thank you for your support.

VE (Victory in Europe) Day 8th May 2025

Thursday 8th May 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. To commemorate this monumental moment in history, we are going to celebrate in school with a tea party where we will be singing war time songs and playing games from the era. We would like to encourage the children to come to school dressed in 1940s attire. We would be very grateful if parents and carers could donate any cakes for the event.

At the end of the school day, we would like to invite parents and carers onto the yard for a sing along with the children. Further information will be sent out by the School Council.

Thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took the time to send some feedback via email following the class worships. We really appreciate the lovely, kind comments we received.

Comic relief 2025

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to Comic Relief. Everyone looked fantastic and made a fabulous effort this year! The money raised will make a difference to the lives of those less fortunate. A big well done to our Good News Gang and School Council for leading whole school Collective Worship on Wednesday to teach the children about Comic Relief and why we raise money for this cause.