

Great Horwood CE School

NEWSLETTER

Changes and updates

PE

To ensure we meet the time allocation required by the National Curriculum for PE and to maximise learning time throughout the day, children will be asked to come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. This will help us avoid time being lost changing clothes and allow the children to make the most of their PE lessons. For Autumn 1, these are the PE days for each class.

Rec

Reception children are asked to keep their PE kits in school, as learning to change for PE is an important part of the curriculum that helps develop both motor skills and independence.

Y1 Thursday

Y2 Thursday

Y3&4 Monday & Thursday

Y5&6 Monday & Friday

Autumn attire

We have all become accustomed to summer clothing and warmer temperatures, but as autumn approaches, the weather is beginning to change. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day.

We will always endeavour to take the children outside for break and lunchtime, even when the weather is less than ideal, as fresh air and the opportunity for free play away from the classroom are so important. Having a coat will help children stay comfortable and enjoy spending time outdoors for longer.

PE kit:

Great Horwood blue polo shirt
Great Horwood School jumper

Navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Black trainers (Plimsolls can be brought in a bag if required)



Happy New Year!

First and foremost, welcome.

Welcome back if you are returning after a well-earned summer break, and a warm welcome if you are joining us here at Great Horwood for the first time. It is a delight and a privilege to have you here with us.

And... you are not alone in starting as a new member of the team!

As the new Head of School, it has been a genuine pleasure to meet all the pupils and many of our families this week. The pupils have already demonstrated their positive mindsets and determination to be as successful as possible this year. I am fully committed to working alongside our staff team to help every child achieve their goals, whatever they may be.

All I ask is that you bear with us over the first couple of weeks as we settle into the various procedures, adaptations and changes. There are bound to be one or two teething issues along the way. While I will always strive to find the answers and solutions when they are needed, I am also fortunate to be part of an experienced and dedicated team, and together we will ensure that this academic year gets off to a positive and successful start. Please use your child's class teacher as the first point of contact for any questions as they are best placed to answer them. They can also signpost you to myself, Mrs Whatley, Miss O'Shea or the wider team as needed.

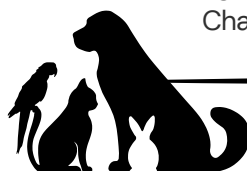
Have a fabulous weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning as we begin our first full week as the 2026/27 GH Team.

Sally Carson



THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Pupils are invited to a pet blessing service at 4.30pm in St James' with a collection for the Medical Detection Dogs Charity and collection of tinned pet food for the St Laurence food cupboard.



St James' have a Franciscan brother and sister visiting us from the 9th to the 13th of September as part of our 800th anniversary celebrations of St Francis' life and work.



Celebrating the

spirit
of
francis
instrument of peace

*Singing in tune
and living in
harmony with
Mother Earth!*

Five days celebrating the life and wisdom of the world's first environmentalist, Francis of Assisi, whose example and teachings are, perhaps, more vital today than ever through conversation, social action, the arts, and a celebration of our open spaces and community volunteers with Franciscans Brother Samuel SSF and Sister Sophia Rose nCSF.

There are lots of events taking place across the week, including:

Bring and share community supper

Public tour with tree planting, blessing of the community orchard and allotments with biodiversity awareness talk

'Caring for our future' open Q&A session for young people over hot dogs and seasonal treats

Morning and evening prayers and school visits



Meet the
Head of School
Support the
PTFA AGM

1st
October

18:00

Join us in the hall for a cuppa and a formal introduction.

There is the opportunity to support the Great Horwood PTFA at their AGM too

Other dates for the fundraising diary...



Colour run



Non-Uniform day