

Great Horwood CE School

NEWSLETTER

Updates

Under the weather



Date: _____

Name: _____

What's not well?

If you need to let the classroom staff know that you aren't feeling 100% we have new forms to ensure close monitoring.

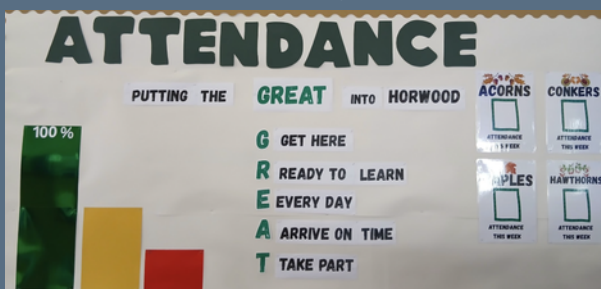
Talent show



To celebrate the wealth of talent at Great Horwood, we will combine Children in Need with our own Talent Show Final. Auditions will take place the week before and then each class will vote for their favourite act to present their showcase to the whole school on Friday 13th November in front of our GHS Judges!

Our new attendance display

We look forward to tracking our weekly winners!



And the Winner is...



Maples WITH
97.4%

Highlights this week

Week 3 completed already and the children continue to show us what dedicated and resilient learners they are. This week we have enjoyed the Bridgebuilder worship which helped us to reflect on having empathy for other people. We also celebrated our own successes within our new "Flourish" worship on Friday. Guitar lessons have begun this term too, alongside 'Rock Steady'.

As part of our focus this year on **raising attendance**, we have introduced a couple of strategies that we hope will help parents in ensuring that pupils are here each and every day.

Under the weather forms

We know that some mornings you just aren't feeling 100%.

Not unwell enough to be kept off school, but you may need monitoring, just a little closer, in class. From Monday, staff on the gate in the morning will now have "Under the weather forms" that you can fill in, just to let the classroom staff know that you are not quite feeling your best. This will reassure both parents and pupils that we will monitor their wellbeing and if things deteriorate, we can make a phone call home.

Calpol

We know that sometimes, a spoonful of Calpol can be just what is needed when you begin to feel unwell. If, during the school day, a pupil develops a small ache or pain we have Calpol sachets in school that can be administered, with verbal consent on the phone from a parent.

Extended October break

As you are aware, the structure of the school year has been altered this year to enable families to take advantage of the 'out of season' opportunity that a two-week half term could provide. We understand that holidays in term time are often cheaper but pupils' attendance is hugely important to us and we would appreciate your support in enabling our children to succeed in our attendance target.



Elsewhere this week, we have begun learning 3 new songs for our harvest Festival – we look forward to sharing them with you in a couple of weeks. The children sang for our visitors on Thursday who commented that the children sounded "Absolutely incredible" which was high praise indeed!

The Harvest festival will take place at 2pm on October 1st at St James' Church. We are inviting children to bring a donation for the Foodbank if possible. Parent and carers are welcome to join us for the songs at the church.



DON'T FORGET

GREAT HORWOOD SCHOOL PTFA PRESENTS

COLOUR RUN

DON'T FORGET TO SHOW YOUR WAIVER!

FRIDAY 25TH SEPT
FROM 2PM ON THE SCHOOL FIELD

PURCHASE TICKETS BY:

- BANK TRANSFER: GREAT HORWOOD COMBINED SCHOOL PTA, ACC NO: 00625224, SORTCODE: 30-99-74 (NAME OF CHILD AS REFERENCE)
- CASH OR CARD TO PTFA (14TH-18TH SEPT)
- SEND INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH EXACT MONEY AND CHILD'S NAME

£10 PER CHILD INCLUDES:

- T-SHIRT
- FINISHING MEDAL
- PERSONAL SACHET OF THROWING POWDER

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CHILTERN
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Holiday

Need childcare
in half term?

CLUB

BOOK IN

We are running Holiday club in
October half term!

Dates:

19 - 23 & 26 - 30 October

8.30am until 3.30pm

£35 per day

Please book via your MCAS app

WE NEED YOUR HELP

ART SHED

We are excited to be creating an additional lunchtime space for our pupils and have chosen to develop a dedicated Art Shed; a creative environment where children can enjoy making, designing and crafting rather than traditional playground activities.

To help us stock our Art Shed, we would be very grateful for any donations of craft materials and equipment. Items such as ribbons, stencils, colouring books, sequins, pipe cleaners, beads, Play-Doh, and any other crafty resources would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support in helping us provide this exciting creative opportunity for our pupils.





Autumn term diary dates. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need clarity on any of these events.

Date	Event
Friday 25th September	PTFA Colour Run 2pm on the school field
Thursday 1st October	Harvest Festival 2pm
Thursday 1st October	A cuppa with Mrs Carson & PTFA AGM - 6pm
Tuesday 6th October	Parents' Evening - 3.30 - 5.30pm
Thursday 8th October	Parents' Evening - 4-5pm
Friday October 16th	PTFA Non - Uniform Day
Friday 16th October	End of half term
Monday 2nd November	Autumn 2 Term begins
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Worship 10.40am
Friday 13th November	Children in Need & GHS Talent Final



DECEMBER



Date	Event
3rd December	Dressing of the tree, 2pm School Hall
4th December	School Christmas Fete
8th December	Acorns & Conkers Nativity Performance 10am
9th December	Acorns & Conkers Nativity Performance 2pm
11th December	PTFA: Elfridges!
17th December	Christmas Carols 2pm, School Hall
Friday 18th December	Last day of term

Still to be confirmed...

**School
Christmas
Dinner**



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS WEEKEND?

Saturday 19th September:

A rare chance to see inside the Gothic Temple, usually a holiday cottage for the National Trust.



peek behind the pages



The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre has a fascinating mini archive adventure! Guided by the Head of Collections, families with children aged 8 and up will get a rare, up-close look at real archive treasures and uncover scrumdiddlyumptious secrets from Matilda, The BFG and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



ONLINE SAFETY



This week we are including a useful reminder of the age limits on some of the most popular apps.

There is also guidance about how much screen time is recommended for children.

Screen Time Recommendations By Age

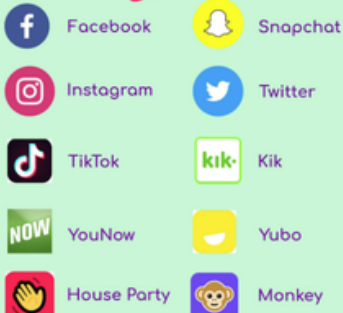


Age Group	Recommended Screen Time	Notes on Screen Time
Under 18 months	Avoid screens, except for video chatting	Focus on face-to-face play and bonding
18-24 months	Very limited, high quality, supervised programming	Choose slow-paced, educational content
2-5 years	Up to 1 hour per day of high quality content	Co-view and discuss what your child sees
6 years and older	Limits based on age, needs, and family values	Balance screen time with physical activity and socializing

OpenView
Education
TRAINING THROUGH THEATRE

APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+



16+

WhatsApp

17+

Sarahah

YOLO

18+

MeetMe

LiveMe



OUR CORE VALUES: LOVE ~ PERSEVERANCE ~ RESPECT

I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

