

Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 1 Spring Term 1 2025

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful activities and events that have taken place, as well as provide some important updates.

Exciting Events this Half Term

The children have had some fantastic learning experiences over the past few weeks:

Badgers' Trip to Cambridge - Badger class enjoyed a wonderful train journey to Cambridge, where they explored the **Polar Museum** and the **Botanical Gardens**. The trip was a great success, and the children loved learning about polar exploration and plant life.

KS1 Games Festival - Some of our KS1 children had the opportunity to take part in a **games festival** organized by Stevenage Sporting Futures. It was an exciting and active day, filled with new sporting challenges and teamwork!

Musical Inspiration - We were delighted to welcome **Ross** from **Herts Music Service**, who entertained the children with his electric guitar and shared how they can get involved in learning to play an instrument. A truly inspiring session for our budding musicians!

Reading Ambassadors & Book Purchases - We are so pleased with the enthusiasm around reading! Mrs. Forster is excited to meet with the **Reading Ambassadors** soon to discuss which new books should be purchased after our 'Ready, Steady, Read' sponsored event. Thank you for all the support in encouraging reading at home.

Safer Internet Day - This week, all children participated in **Safer Internet Day**, where they were reminded of the importance of online safety. This year's focus was on **scamming**, and the children learned how to recognise and protect themselves from online scams.

Rock Star Day & NSPCC Fundraiser - It was fantastic to see so many children dressed up in fabulous costumes for **Rock Star Day**! The event not only brought lots of fun and creativity but also raised funds for the NSPCC. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Health Notice

Following our previous communication regarding the recent outbreak of sickness and diarrhoea, we continue to encourage everyone to maintain good hygiene practices. Please remind your children to wash their hands regularly and follow any guidance provided to help prevent further illness. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community healthy.

Health and Safety Inspection

We are pleased to share that our recent **Health and Safety Inspection**, which occurs every five years, resulted in a **good grading with elements of outstanding practice**.

Looking Ahead

One of our first events after half term will be **World Book Day** on Friday 7th March. In case you wanted to begin preparing, we will be asking children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. We will also be holding a **book swap** if you're having a sort out. There will also be an **art competition** for children to design a new front cover for a book of their choice.

Wishing you all a **safe and enjoyable half-term break**. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 24th February**.

Kind regards,
Nicky Hand
Headteacher

Some Key Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February (inclusive)	HALF TERM (school closed all week).
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school.
Thursday 27 th February	Y3/Y4 Rapid Cricket at Barnwell Community Centre (<i>letters sent out to selected pupils</i>).
Friday 7 th March	World Book Day (children can come in dressed as their favourite book character).
Friday 14 th March	AM – Fun Run (details to follow after half-term).
Friday 28 th March	Mother's Day 'Crafternoon Tea' (more details to follow).
Thursday 3 rd April	Film Star Day – (more details to follow).
Friday 4 th April	Easter Egg Hunt. Early finish at 1:15pm - Break up for Easter Holidays.
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school.

P.E. arrangements for w/c 24th February 2025

Reception

FRIDAY – come to school in normal school uniform and change into P.E. kits at school.

Year 1 and Year 2

TUESDAY and **FRIDAY**- come to school wearing P.E. kit.

Year 3 and Year 4 (FOXES Class)

WEDNESDAY – come to school wearing P.E. kit.

Year 5 and Year 6 (BADGER Class)

MONDAY and **TUESDAY** – come to school wearing P.E. kit.