

# Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter - Summer Term 1 2025

Dear Parents,

Although this half-term has been a short one, we've certainly packed it full of exciting activities, fantastic learning, and community spirit!

Our **Comic Relief Fun Run** last term, where the children's energy and enthusiasm helped us raise a brilliant **£386.00**. A big thank you to everyone who contributed - your support is greatly appreciated.

Earlier this term, the children came dressed as a wide range of **influential people** to help raise funds for our new hall projector. It was a joy to see them mixed across the school, learning from and about inspirational figures such as **Jill Scott, Ole Kirk Christiansen, Giuseppe Arcimboldo, and Amelia Earhart**. A truly engaging and educational day!

We are incredibly proud of our **Year 6 children**, who tackled their SATs with determination and resilience. They've worked so hard throughout the year and it really showed in their positive attitude and performance. To celebrate, they enjoyed a well-deserved trip to the bowling alley followed by a celebratory lunch. Well done, Year 6!

On Monday this week, **Year 6** also had a visit from Mr Bull from **Fit Kids** who brought along his rowing machines. Many of the secondary schools now have gyms within them, so it was a good opportunity for the children to learn how to use the equipment properly and to take part in some competitive games!

All pupils had a brilliant time during the **Skipping Ninja Workshop** - a high-energy, fun-filled session that had everyone up and moving. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm and effort from every class.

The **FOG Spring Disco** was another big success and lots of fun was had by all - thank you to our Friends of Graveley team and everyone who helped out!  
*(Total raised to be confirmed - watch this space!)*

Finally, we're looking forward to welcoming many of you to our **Open Afternoon today**, where the children are eager to share their fantastic learning from across the term.

We are currently looking at replacing some of our worn out games and puzzles we use at breakfast club and during indoor play. If you have any suitable games or puzzles that your children have outgrown or no longer use, we would be very grateful for any donations.

After half-term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss White in Hedgehogs who will be starting a new job in a nursery in Cambridge. We will also be welcoming two new members of staff, Miss Houghton will be joining Hedgehogs and Miss Radford will be joining Badgers.

Please take note of the changes to PE for children in KS2 next half-term on the next page.

Next half-term is a packed one again. Children will begin practising for Sports Day, which takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> June - more details to be shared when the children return after the break. Safari Stu will be paying a visit to Hedgehogs and Squirrels classes and Badgers class will be rehearsing for their end of year performance. Of course, there will be lots of exciting learning going on in between!

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable half-term break. School will be closed for half term next week and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Warm wishes,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

## Some Key Dates for the Diary

DATE	EVENT
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May (inclusive)	Half Term (school closed all week).
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Weekly swimming lessons start for Foxes and Badgers Class (selected pupils) at Hitchin Swimming Pool.  If you haven't already done so, please return completed permission slips <b>ASAP</b> .
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/Y6 (selected pupils) - residential at Cuffley Camp.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Safari Stu Workshops for pupils from Hedgehog and Squirrels Class (information sent out).
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers' Day Activities Afternoon (details nearer the time).
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (details nearer the time).
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	FOG Summer Fete (details nearer the time).
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Intervillage Event (selected pupils) - more details nearer the time. No swimming lessons for Foxes and Badgers.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day for all pupils.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	1:15pm - break up for summer holidays.

### P.E. arrangements for w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> June 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)

**TUESDAY** and **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.

## TURN YOUR SHOPPING INTO SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL!

Did you know, your every day online shopping can help raise money for our school - at no extra cost to you? With **easyfundraising**, over 8,000 retailers will donate every time you shop!

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/graveleyprimary>

Thank you for your support!

From the FOG Team