

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm **welcome back** to all our families – we hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's been wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces around the school as we begin a brand new academic year.

A special **welcome** to our **new Reception children**, who have made a fantastic start to their time at Graveley. We are so proud of how confidently they are settling into school life. We are also delighted to welcome several **new children and families** who have joined us across different year groups – we're so pleased to have you as part of our school community.



Welcome Miss Gauci!

We are thrilled to welcome **Miss Gauci**, who has joined our team and will be teaching the lovely **Hedgehogs Class** this year. She's already made a brilliant start and the children are enjoying getting to know her.



A Note About Bags

Just a quick reminder that **space in our cloakrooms is limited**, particularly in **Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes** classes. We kindly ask that children in these year groups **bring only a book bag** to school rather than large backpacks. Book bags are easier to store and help keep our classrooms safe and tidy. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Curriculum Evening - Tuesday 9th September

We will be holding our **Curriculum Evening** on **Tuesday 9th September** at **5pm**. This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet your child's class teacher
- Learn about what's coming up this year
- Understand classroom routines and expectations

If you have more than one child at Graveley, don't worry – **sessions will be repeated** so you'll be able to visit multiple classrooms. We hope you can join us!



Booknic - Friday 12th September

We are excited to be hosting our second annual **Booknic** next **Friday, 12th September** at **2.30pm**. We would love to invite you into school to **share a story with your child**. If the weather is dry, feel free to bring a **blanket** and enjoy reading together on the field – making the most of our beautiful views. It's a lovely, relaxed way to celebrate reading and spend some quality time together. We hope to see many of you there!



Looking Smart!

It's been great to see everyone looking **so smart in their new uniforms** – thank you for making such a strong start to the year. A quick reminder that **all uniform, coats and lunchboxes should be clearly named** to help us return lost items quickly.



Don't Forget a Coat!

As we head into autumn, the weather is starting to change. Please ensure your child **brings a coat to school every day** – we aim to get outside for fresh air and play **even if it's drizzling**, so it's important the children are dressed for the weather.

We're looking forward to a fantastic term full of learning, creativity, and fun. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Nicky Hand
Headteacher

DATE	EVENT
Monday 8 th September	Non-Uniform Day to celebrate England's Euro Win - children can come into school wearing England shirts or England colours.
Tuesday 9 th September	5:00pm - Curriculum Evening.
Friday 12 th September	2:30pm - Booknic on the school field (weather permitting). Please email admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk if you would like to attend.
Tuesday 21 st October	AM -Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (school nursing team). Letters will be sent out next week.
Thursday 23 rd October	After school - School Disco.
Friday 24 th October	PM (time t.b.c.)- Open Classroom.
Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	Half Term (school closed all week).
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school.

PE days

Hedgehogs - Monday - Reception and Year 1

Thursday - Year 1 Only.

Reception to bring PE kits into school and get changed. This is an important skill and part of their learning time.

Year 1 will come to school wearing their PE kits.

Squirrels - Tuesday and Friday. Come to school in kits.

Foxes - Wednesday. Come to school in kits.

Badgers - Monday and Tuesday. Come to school in kits.

Martyn's Law and School Security

We are aware that some social media scare stories have been shared online ahead of pupils returning to school regarding guidance on lockdown plans for schools. Hertfordshire County Council have consulted with local police, who have confirmed the rumours were unfounded.

Schools have always had to have a plan in place to drill security lockdown. This is a requirement of the Department for Education's existing site security guidance. The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 became law in April 2025. It is commonly known as Martyn's Law and is named in honour of Martyn Hett, one of the 22 people killed in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack. The Act means that there is a requirement for all public places such as shops, entertainment venues, places of worship as well as schools and colleges to have a process for lockdown, which has been practiced and drilled, should a threat occur. The DfE guidance will explain how the new law will affect schools. The government intends for there to be an implementation period of 24 months, and we will expect further statutory guidance during this time. For now, we have been advised to continue with our current practice adhering to current DfE guidance on site security.