

Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter - Spring Term 1 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term at Graveley Primary School, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful opportunities our children have experienced over the past few weeks.

The term began with an exciting and engaging workshop for Foxes Class, delivered by North Herts Museum. The focus was on *Rocks and Volcanoes*, and the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring different types of rocks and learning about how volcanoes are formed. The workshop brought their learning to life and sparked great curiosity and enthusiasm within the classroom.

Sporting opportunities have featured strongly this half term, and we are incredibly proud of the children who have represented our school. Some of our Year 4 pupils attended a Badminton Festival at Stevenage Leisure Centre, where they participated in a variety of games and developed new skills. It was wonderful to see their teamwork and determination on display.

A large group of Year 3 and 4 pupils also took part in an Indoor Athletics Festival at Barnwell Sports Centre. The children demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship, resilience and encouragement towards one another throughout the event.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had the opportunity to attend a Basketball Festival, where they enjoyed learning new techniques and competing in a supportive and energetic environment. These events not only promote physical development but also build confidence and collaboration.

We were delighted to welcome Steve Frew from the Great Athletes fundraising team to school. All pupils participated in a range of energetic exercises during the day, showing great enthusiasm and perseverance. Steve later led an inspiring assembly, sharing his experiences of competing in several Commonwealth Games.

A thank you to all families who supported the event through sponsorship. The funds raised will be used to enhance playtimes and lunchtimes for our children, helping us to provide additional equipment and opportunities for active and engaging breaktimes.

Please note - as we have just asked parents to donate to this initiative, we have made the decision to reschedule the Annual Fun Run to Friday 8th May.

It was great to see the amazing costumes and all of the Maths activities going on during our TT Rockstar Day last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing some of what they had learnt in assembly at the end of the day.

Finally, this week our Year 5 pupils took part in a valuable "Love Your Heart" workshop. The children learnt important life-saving techniques and gained an understanding of what to do in an emergency situation. These practical skills are incredibly important, and we are proud of how maturely and responsibly the children approached the session.

We try very hard to keep parents informed about first aid incidents at school. Sending paper notifications home can sometimes be hit and miss with some notifications going astray. As a way forward, we have decided to use an online service called Medical Tracker. Medical Tracker allows us to inform parents of first aid incidents by email and allows us to analyse the data we record. When we start using Medical Tracker, email messages will be sent from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages being blocked by your Spam/Junk filters.

If your email address has recently changed, please inform the school office (admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the next exciting chapter of learning. We have World Book Day to look forward to. More details are attached with this newsletter.

School will be closed on Friday 13th February and will re- open on Monday 23rd February.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Some Dates for the Diary

DATE	EVENT
Friday 13 th February	INSET DAY - school closed.
Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February (inclusive).	Half term - school closed all week.
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school
Thursday 26 th February	7:00pm - 9:00pm FOG Quiz Night. Bring along your own drinks and snacks. Teams of up to 6 people. £5.00 per person. Please book in Arbor.
Friday 27 th February	2:30pm Open Classroom.
Monday 2 nd March	9:00am - SEN Coffee Morning (please email admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk if you would like to attend).
Friday 6 th March	<p>WORLD BOOK DAY 2026 (please see next page for more info). *Come to school in pyjamas and bring your favourite bedtime story.</p> <p>*Bring in your 'Book in a Box'.</p> <p>*Reading Café open from 2:15pm (parents/carers invited).</p> <p><u>Special World Book Day Lunch Menu</u> <i>Storytime sausage (pork or plant) and mash with gravy; Bookworm green pesto spaghetti with Paperback potatoes, Page turner peas and Chapter carrots.</i></p>
Friday 13 th March	Collect from Graveley at 2:00pm - Y3 - Y6 Football and Netball Event (selected pupils) at St Mary's Juniors, Baldock.
Wednesday 25 th March	AM - Easter Service at St Mary's Church (school only event).
Friday 27 th March	1:15pm - Break up for Easter holidays - early finish.
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school.
Friday 8 th May	**NEW DATE** Annual Fun Run (more details nearer the time).

P.E. arrangements for w/c 23rd February

*****Please note - usual P.E. days have changed*****

Hedgehogs - Monday - Reception and Year 1

Friday - Year 1 only.

(Receptions - bring PE kits into school and get changed.

Year 1 - come to school wearing PE kits).

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

Foxes - Tuesday. Come to school in kits.

Badgers - Wednesday and Friday. Come to school in kits.

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World Book Day Book in a Box

Bring your favourite book to life



Bring your box to school on
Friday 6th March
Prizes to be won

World Book Day!



Come to school in your pyjamas
and bring your favourite
bedtime story.

Friday 6th March

Make a Book in a Box
All creations will be exhibited during our Reading Cafe

Reading Café

Parents invited from 2:15pm
Enjoy a story and refreshments.
Donations welcome to purchase books for our library

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Do we need your support? App-solutely!

2nd - 28th February

Earn an App-solutely FREE £2 donation for:

- 1 Use the QR code right to install the free easyfundraising app
- 2 Use the app to find our PTA and sign up as a supporter
- 3 We get a £2 bonus donation each time this happens before 28th February

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