

Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter - Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half-term at Graveley Primary School, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful experiences and achievements our children have enjoyed over the past few weeks.

We are also very pleased to welcome a new member of staff to our team at Graveley. Miss Hawke has joined us this term, and I am sure you will join me in giving her a very warm welcome to our school community.

Our pupils have had fantastic opportunities to stay active and engaged in sport. Foxes Class took part in a brilliant four-week fitness bootcamp delivered by Fit Kidz, building strength, confidence, and teamwork. Sporting Futures also visited us to deliver an engaging Commonwealth Championship workshop for Years 1 and 2, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Year 5 represented the school superbly at a handball festival, while our KS1 pupils visited Roebuck School to take part in a fun and energetic speed stacking festival. Meanwhile, some of our KS2 children travelled to St Mary's Junior School in Baldock to compete in both netball and football matches—well done to all involved for their excellent sportsmanship.

We were delighted to welcome so many of you into school for our Open Afternoon. It was wonderful to see the children proudly sharing their learning from across the year with their families. Thank you for taking the time to join us—it means a great deal to the children and staff.

World Book Day was, as always, a highlight of the term. The school was filled with cosy, pyjama-clad children and adults enjoying a range of book-themed activities throughout the day. Many children also enjoyed a special World Book Day lunch, lovingly prepared by Gemma. We finished the day with our Reading Café, where parents joined us to share stories together—such a lovely way to celebrate reading.

Comic Relief brought a splash of red to the school, and we are pleased to share that we raised £67.70 for this important cause. Thank you for your generosity and support.

This week, the children walked to St Mary's Church to take part in our Easter Service with Reverend Keene. It was a reflective and meaningful experience, followed by a delicious Easter lunch back at school.

There has also been plenty of excitement with *Graveley's Got Talent!* We were incredibly impressed by the confidence and creativity on display—well done to all who took part, and congratulations to our winners – Bobby from Foxes and Charlie from Hedgehogs.

To round off the term, the children thoroughly enjoyed our traditional Easter Egg Hunt. There was great excitement across the school—our thanks go to the Easter Bunny and FOG for organising such a special treat!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 13th April**.

Nicky Hand (Headteacher)

Message from David Marriott (Chair of Governors)

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term at Graveley Primary School, I would like to take a moment, on behalf of the Governing Board, to thank our wonderful staff for their continued dedication and hard work, and our pupils for their enthusiasm, resilience and achievements throughout the term.

There is a real buzz around the school as we head into the final day, with the final of Graveley's Got Talent — something the children are very excited about and a lovely way to round off the term. We are also very grateful to parents and carers for your ongoing support—it makes a real difference to the life of the school.

We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term.

Best wishes,

David Marriott
Chair of Governors

Message from Friends of Graveley (FOG)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout this term. We are delighted to share that we had great success with our Wonder Bars on World Book Day (£58 raised), FOG Break the Rules Day (£50 raised), as well as the Easter Raffle (£104 raised), and Sweet Treats (£216 raised). That is a total of £428 raised for this term. Thank you, it would not have been possible without your support!

FOG would also like to thank Mrs Adams and Mrs Lingwood for their kind donation of a lovely Easter hamper, a thank you to Queen & Eden for the beautiful floral bouquet and to Mulligans Crazy golf for their family voucher.

We are also very grateful and want to thank Dermal Laboratories for their £500 generous donation, which means we have now reached our target for the new play shed. However, we are in great need for a concrete base for the new play shed to sit on. If anyone could help, please contact the school office. We have also purchased two lovely new football goals which the children can enjoy with the weather getting brighter.

We also have some exciting events planned, including a Craft-a-noon Tea and a Stay and Play session. All of these events cannot go ahead without our amazing volunteers so if you can spare some time to help set-up or tidy away, or even bake some cakes or scones, this would be amazing. If so, please get in touch with any of the FOG team or by emailing admin@graveley.herts.sch.uk.

And if you're unable to help then please just try and come along as we will look forward to seeing many of you there.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break. Thank you once again for all your continued support.

Friends of Graveley x
(Megan, Amanda, Emma, Carly, Kirstie and Jenn)

'Rooted in God's love, growing together in hope.' Ephesians 3:17

Some Dates for the Diary

DATE	EVENT
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school. (If your child keeps medication in school, please return to the school office).
Friday 17 th April	3:30pm – Netball match at Graveley (selected pupils).
Monday 20 th April	3:30pm – Netball match at Graveley (selected pupils).
Thursday 23 rd April	1:15 – 5:30pm Parent consultations (letters sent out).
Friday 24 th April	FOG Craft-a-Noon Tea (more details on the next page).
Monday 27 th April	3:30pm – Netball match at Graveley (selected pupils).
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY (school closed).
Friday 8 th May	**NEW DATE** Annual Fun Run (more details nearer the time).
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	SATS Week.
Tuesday 19 th May	Class photographs.
Monday 28 th May – Friday 29 th May (inclusive)	Half Term (school closed all week)
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school.

Reminder - Pre-loved school uniform can be purchased by copying and pasting the following link: <https://uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=9483>

P.E. arrangements for w/c 13th April

Hedgehogs – Monday - Reception and Year 1
 Thursday – Year 1 only.
*(Receptions - bring PE kits into school and get changed.
 Year 1 - come to school wearing PE kits).*

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

Foxes – Wednesday - Come to school in kits.

Badgers – Tuesday and Friday. Come to school in kits.