

# Graveley Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter - Summer Term 1 2026

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another half term, it is hard to believe just how quickly the weeks have flown by. Once again, it has been a jam-packed few weeks here at school, with so much to celebrate and be proud of. Our Foxes pupils started the term by learning about water safety, which will be invaluable preparation as they begin their swimming lessons in June. We are looking forward to seeing their confidence and skills grow in the water.

Children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in a tennis festival held at Shephalbury Park, where they demonstrated great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. We also sent some of our Year 4 and 5 children to Woolenwick Junior School to participate in a Frisbee Festival, and I am delighted to share that both year groups were awarded the Values Award for honesty – a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to all involved!

Yesterday, some of our Year 4 and 5 children were lucky enough to be chosen to represent Stevenage Schools at a tennis festival at Gosling Tennis Centre. What a wonderful opportunity and a real testament to their hard work and talent.

Our Year 4 and 5 girls have thoroughly enjoyed putting their netball skills to the test this term through matches against St Nicholas and St Vincent de Paul. Their teamwork, determination and growing confidence have been wonderful to see.

Sporting prowess continued to shine through during our annual Fun Run. This year, we chose to support a local charity and contribute to the Lister Hospital's Big Build appeal. ([Just Giving for Children's Big Build Lister Hospital.](#)) We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community and are thrilled to share that we have already raised over £1,000. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fantastic cause.

Year 6 rounded off their incredibly hard-working SATs week with a well-deserved lunch at Prezzo followed by bowling. We are all so proud of the resilience, maturity and effort they showed throughout the week. They should feel extremely proud of all they have achieved. As a thank you, all children were also given a Class of 2026 hoodie from FOG to remember their time at Graveley.

Thank you to all of the FOG volunteers that have been giving up their time to organise a very successful school disco after school yesterday. The children all had a great time.

Next term, we would like to invite parents in to join their child to explore what books we have available in our library. We have replaced many books over the past few years and would love to give you some time to see what we have. Dates and times for each year group will be shared in June.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed Paige Hewett as Mrs Forster's successor. Paige was an exceptional candidate and we are excited to welcome her to the Graveley family.

I hope you all enjoy the sunshine next week – it is lovely that it has finally decided to make an appearance just in time for the break! Have a restful half term, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in June.

Best wishes,

*Nicky Hand* (Headteacher)

## Some Dates for the Diary

Date	EVENT
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term (school closed all week).
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 National Multiplication Check.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Foxes Class and selected pupils from Badgers Class – weekly swimming lessons start at Hitchin Swimming Pool. <i>Please complete and return permission slips as soon as possible.</i>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Lunch menu changed to – fish fingers / margherita pizza / cheese baguette or jacket potato. PM – Y3/Y4 (selected pupils) Quidditch Festival at Roebuck Academy.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	‘World Environment Day’ themed lunch menu – chicken fajitas / mac ‘n’ cheese / cheese baguette (accompanied by Cajun wedges and apple slaw) or jacket potato. Rural Schools Athletics (selected pupils from Y2-Y6).
Week commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics assessment week.  FOG Summer Fete Donations Week (more info on next page).
<b>***NEW DATE***</b> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-Uniform Day (World Cup theme) in exchange for a bottle of drink (sealed) for the Summer Fete Bottle Tombola.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 and Y5 Sports Event at The Thomas Alleyne Academy ( <b>all pupils</b> ).
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Cuffley Camp residential (selected pupils). Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK.</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30pm – Father’s Day Stay and Play (more info on the next page).
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Foxes Class trip to the Verulamium Museum, St Albans (please confirm and pay in Arbor).
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Day - gates will open at 10.30am. Please stay for a family picnic after the event. Children return to class at 1:00pm.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	After school - FOG Summer Fete (more information in the letter sent out by FOG).
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Intervillage Event (selected pupils) at All Saints, Datchworth (more details nearer the time). <b>NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK.</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving Up Day for all pupils.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers’ Lunch and assembly (more details nearer the time).
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	1:15pm – Break up the summer holidays.

### P.E. arrangements for w/c 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**Hedgehogs – Monday** - Reception and Year 1

**Thursday** – Year 1

*(Receptions - bring PE kit into school and get changed.*

*Year 1 - come to school wearing PE kit).*

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

**Foxes – Tuesday** (swimming)

**Wednesday** (P.E.) - come to school in kits.

**Badgers – Tuesday** (swimming)

**Friday** (P.E.) - come to school in kits.

*‘Rooted in God’s love, growing together in hope.’ Ephesians 3:17*



# Summer Fete

**Donations Week**  
**8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

We are asking for your help to support the Summer Fete by providing donations during 8-12 June:

### All week



#### Pre-loved teddies

For the Teddy Tombola (clean and in good condition)



#### Hook-a-bag Donations

Bags will be sent home on the w/c 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please fill with small toys, stationery, sweets, etc.

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

#### Bottle Donations

Donate a sealed bottle soft or alcoholic and join our World



Cup dress-up fun.

Children can dress up in football colours or kits.



## WORLD CUP

**Thank you for your support!**



# FATHER'S DAY STAY AND PLAY

Playtime with the special dad, grandad, family member or friend in your child's life.  
Everyone Welcome!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
After school until 16:30

**£5 per adult | £2 per child**  
Includes a snack and a drink

Please email [fogtreasurer@graveley.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fogtreasurer@graveley.herts.sch.uk) to book your place.

**Thank you for your support!**

