Great Massingham CE Primary School
Living, Learning & Flourishing

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Gibbs for their generous donation of a Christmas tree for the school hall. It is a beautiful tree and looks amazing.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Frost at the end of this term. Mrs Frost has been unable to join us this term and has been much missed. I hope you will all join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

Mrs Rebecca Lambert will be joining the federation in January as an HLTA. She will be replacing Mrs Frost and Mrs West and will work across both schools.

LOST PROPERTY

There is quite a collection of lost property gathering by the school office. Please come and check for any items belonging to your child/ren at school drop off or collection. We strongly recommend names are put in items of school uniform to allow ownership to be known.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th December - Nativity & Carol Service St Mary's Church 1.30pm.
11th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.
18th December – Christmas Lunch.
18th December – PFA Christmas Disco at Great Massingham Village Hall. 5.00-7.00pm.
19th December - Last day of term.
22nd December – Active Education activity day at Harpley Primary School.
6th January – First day of term.

REGULAR DATES

Mondays: Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk
Tuesdays: PE with Active Education – All children to come to school in PE Kit.
Afterschool Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/
Wednesdays: Year 3 & 4 children to come to school in PE kit.
Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email tomrelihan@gmx.com
Thursdays: Infant children to come to school in PE kit,
Fridays: Year 5 & 6 to come into school in PE kit.
Afterschool Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026	Summer Term 2026
Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 19th December (Half term – Monday 27th October – Friday 1st November)	Tuesday 6th January – Friday 27th March (Half term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February)	Tuesday 14th April – Friday 17th July (Half term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May)

ATENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
November	92%	97%	94.5%



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week the children have been learning about the 'Rhythm of life advent journey'. They will be exploring the themes around what advent means and 7 habits we can use to fulfil our advent journey: celebrating, reflecting, sharing, praying, encouraging, resting and creating. Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord".

Our School Vision is: " I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

Our 5 Core Values:





Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Myhill and the Great Massingham team



Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service
It is important to remember that Christmas, and the build up to Christmas, may have to be managed quite carefully for our neurodivergent children so they get the most out of the festive season.

St Mary's Church Festive Events

12th December 6.30pm. Christmas lights turn on and Harpley Choir singing. Please come along to join in.
18th December 2.00-3.30pm.– Coffee, Cake & Quiz taking place in Barrack House. Last Wednesday Afternoon Tea of the year.
21st December 3.00pm Carol Service in St Mary's Church. The miniature donkeys will be there. If any children wish to dress up in Nativity outfits, please do.
24th December 4.00pm. Christingle Service in St Mary's Church.



Great Massingham Short Story Competition

Children aged **5–11** are invited to enter the *Great Massingham Short Story Competition 2025*!
Write an original story of up to **500 words** for the chance to win a **£25 Amazon Gift Voucher** and see your work published in *The Mallard*.
Deadline: Friday 19th December 2025
Winner announced: by 28th February 2026
How to enter:

- Online (preferred): Scan the QR code on the attached poster or visit 👉 https://tally.so/r/mKbK9K
- Or send your story by email to themallardeditor@gmail.com
- Or post to: **6 Abbeyfields, Abbey Road, Great Massingham, PE32 2JE**

Parental consent is required (built into the online form or available separately at www.greatmassingham.net).
For questions, contact: Sarah Harvey, *The Mallard* Editor
✉ themallardeditor@gmail.com | ☎ 01328 823391

GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

Build Your Own Burger Saturdays 4.00-9.00pm. **Norfolk Pie Hole** First Monday of each month 7-9.30pm
Bar open:
Wednesday – Friday 7.00 – 11.00pm
Saturday 4.00 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12 Noon – 6.00pm

12th December. Tapping House Bingo. 7.00pm
13th December. Drag Bingo. Tickets £15 7.30pm
17th December. Creative Arts 1.00pm
24th December. Two Hats. Free to members. £2.00 non members. 7.30pm
31st December. New Year's Eve Party in the Bar. Free to members. £2.00 non members. 7.30pm

News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

The first week of December and we have gone into full Christmas mode by decorating our classrooms with wonderful seasonal decorations and festive singing whenever we can.
In English the children have thought very carefully about their own wishes and dreams for Christmas and have devised their own wonderful Christmas lists which will be sent off to Santa very soon.
We've worked hard with our parts for the Christmas production and we can't wait to show you the polished performance next Tuesday.
In maths, the children have shown such enthusiasm in their learning of 3D shapes, naming the shapes, identifying vertices, lines and faces. Within CHIP, the children have explored shapes in detail through paints, play dough and sticks to build an array of brilliant shapes or models.
In PE we created a fantastic Christmas themed dance, showing a range of shapes and movements to accompany Christmas music.
In science we have continued to explore seasonal changes and noted the changes that are occurring as we enter this colder season.











News from Years 3 & 4

This week has been another busy one with lots of learning opportunities for all the children. In maths, the children have grown in speed and confidence with their multiplication and division of facts for 3,6, 7 and 9 times tables. They have worked hard to identify patterns and use their knowledge to solve unknown multiplication or division problems with increasing accuracy.
In reading, the class have delved further into the depths of the BFG and have reached an exciting chapter as the BFG and Sophie conjure a plan to solve a concerning problem. They have read in class with fluency and enthusiasm then used their scanning and inference skills to answer questions from the text.
During music, the children passionately got involved in a number of Christmas tunes through drumming as well as practicing their songs for the upcoming Christmas performance.
PE took on a winter theme as the children got actively involved in a snow sports dance, taking on moves and jumps as professional snowboarders.

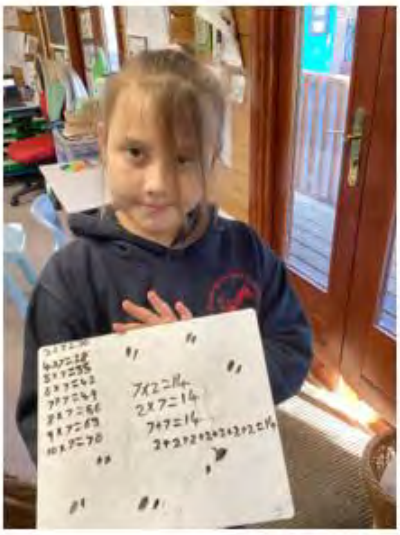












Infants: Elsie for her beautiful writing and ideas in class.

Years 3 & 4: Rogan for being such a great help at Breakfast club and also in the classroom, we can see you're trying hard to make positive choices.

Years 5 & 6: [redacted] for his sensible and mature attitude to learning this week.

News from Years 5 & 6

This week we have concluded our maths unit on fractions. We have been practising lots of different skills including adding, subtraction and converting fractions and have summarised our learning by making our own knowledge organisers. This has been a tricky topic but the class showed great perseverance and determination!

In writing this week we have been experimenting with making our sentences more impactful using a range of techniques such as the passive voice, adverbial phrases and improved adjectives. The class have produced some amazing descriptive writing which you can see on our display outside the classroom!

Thank you for your continued support with Christmas preparations and the nativity!







