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,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great half term and managed to enjoy the unusually mild weather. This half term is fun packed with a forthcoming federation day and Christmas activities on the horizon. Please keep an eye on the dates for your diaries section.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have attended parents' consultations this week. These meetings help us support your children and we very much appreciate you taking the time to come in.
The meeting for the residential is next week Friday 14th November 5-6pm at the Harpley site. I appreciate this means a short travel up to Harpley for our Massingham parents but please do come if you can. Just a reminder, no children please. They will get their own briefing; this one is for the adults.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

10th November – Odd Sock Day.
11th November – Federation Day. Juniors at Harpley School, Infants at Great Massingham.
14th November – Residential Visit Parents meeting – at Harpley Primary School 5-6pm.
17th & 18th November - Bikeability Level 2 (yrs 5 & 6)
28th November - Bikeability Level 1 (yrs 3 & 4)
9th December - Nativity & Carol Service 1.30pm
11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
19th December: Last 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)

Attendance

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
October	96%	96%	96%



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship the children are learning about the importance of remembrance and this reflective time of year. Themes of peace, thankfulness and hope will all be incorporated as we lead up to next Tuesday which is Armistice day.

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

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



Infants: Arthur for independently writing his whole name.

Years 3 & 4: Bertie for always completing his work to such an incredibly high standard and working so hard.

Years 5 & 6: Jenson D for his great attitude to learning this week

Singing and dancing has kept everyone at breakfast and afterschool club busy this week, with some wonderful voices and a fantastic dance off - great fun! We have also enjoyed outside play, creative crafts and den building. It was also lovely to welcome some new faces to afterschool club during parent consultations.

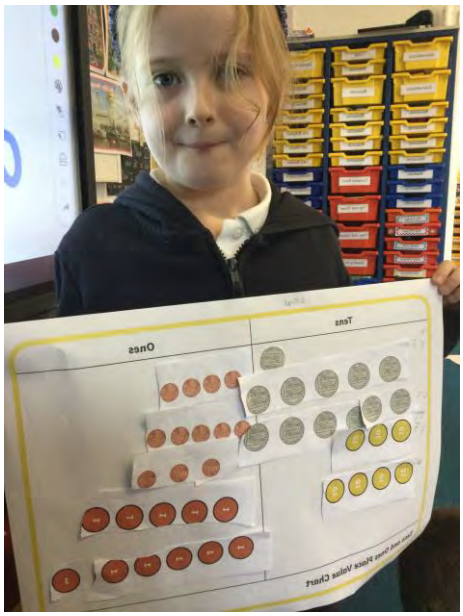






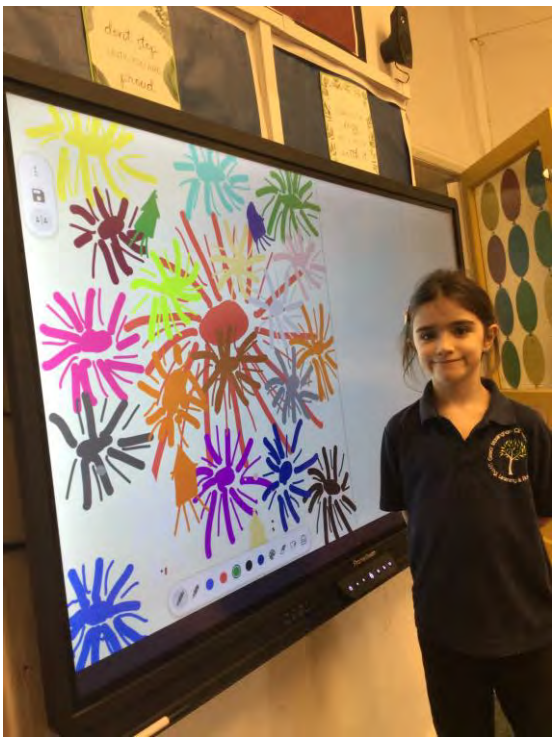
News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

The infants have had a great week back after the half term break and have returned with enthusiasm.
We introduced our new theme of 'Stories and Celebrations' and this linked perfectly with Bonfire Night and the Gunpowder Plot story. All the children listened so intently, joined in with the rhyme and went on to independently explore firework activities… you may have spotted our chalk fireworks on the courtyard! Also on the theme of fireworks the children enjoyed following two firework inspired dances in PE.
In life skills, the class listened and responded to the story 'The Lion Inside' noticing and discussing the similarities and differences between the two characters. We then went on to think about our own differences and how these should be celebrated.











News from Years 3 & 4

The children have returned from the holiday full of zest and enthusiasm for creativity, learning and growing their knowledge. We have introduced two new books this week, 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Dufy and 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. Both texts have encapsulated their imaginations and they've immersed themselves in the stories. The BFG was introduced through the children finding clues outside, including gigantic ears, a net and a mystical looking jar. The class tried hard to imagine how Sophie must have felt when the BFG snatched her, they then thought of some creative ways that they would try and avoid being in the hands of the BFG. Throughout their writing we are seeing an increased higher level of presentation and the children are feeling proud of their work.
In maths, the class have wowed us with their work on column method subtractions and have shown a secure level of understanding on this.
Music was an absolute hit this week as the children learnt to drum to some of their favourite, well known tunes. They listened incredibly hard and took all the advice enthusiastically.
It's been a great first week back and we now eagerly await a fabulous 'Federation Day' at Harpley next week.
Finally, thank you to all those that attended the parents' evening, it was wonderful to see so many of you and be able to talk about many great achievements already this term.









News from Years 5 & 6

Thank you all for a lovely first week back! It was great to see so many of you for parents consultations, thank you!
This week we have started lots of new topics including our writing topic looking at 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. We have been making predictions about what we think is going to happen by looking at props and photos and listening to different music pieces. We are all excited to see what is going to happen!
In science we have been continuing looking at life cycles, including humans. We have looked at how humans change between babies and children by comparing ourselves as babies to now. We tried to guess who's baby photos were who's, which helped us realise just how much we have changed!
I look forward to this half term carrying on as well as it has started!











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

8th November. Christmas Fair & Table Top Sale. 10-4.00pm.
14th November. 80's- 00's covers band. Funky Little Shack. £7.00, children under 14 free but must be accompanied by an adult.
18th November. Lunch & Munch Bunch. £8.00. Food at 1.00pm
19th November. Creative Arts East stitching workshop. 12.30pm
27th November. John Julien, Medium. £10.00. 7.00pm.
28th November. Firefighter Quiz. 7.30pm
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 Years Eve Party in the Bar. Free to members. £2.00 non members. 7.30pm

