Great Massingham CE Primary School
Living, Learning & Flourishing

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

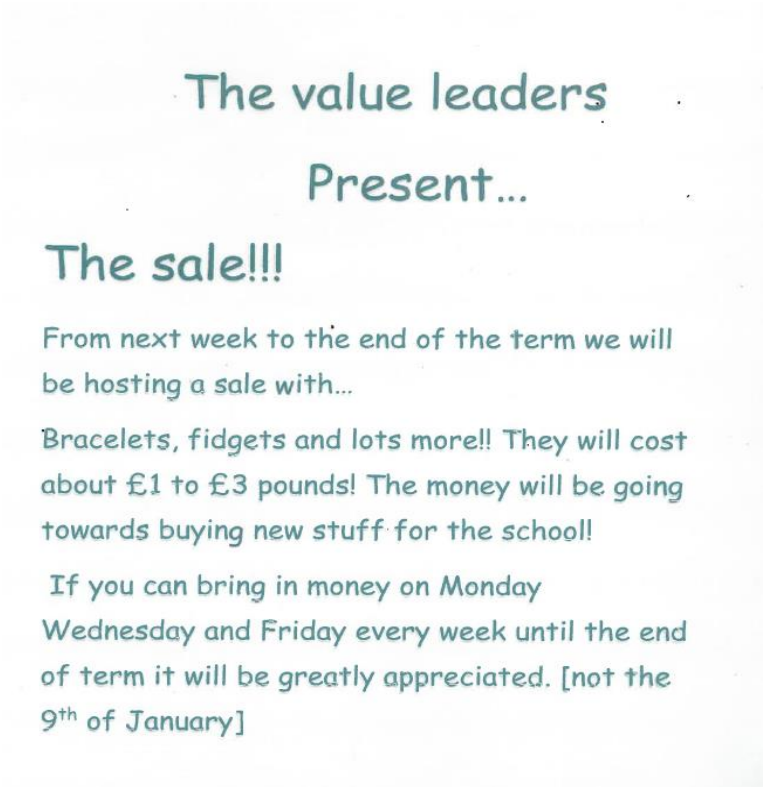
'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and new year with your families and friends. It probably feels like a long time ago now. Thanks to everyone for making sure the children are in on time and ready for the day, especially with the weather we have had this week. The children have returned to school full of positivity and ready to learn, long may it continue.

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: Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email tomrelihan@gmx.com
Thursdays: Junior children swimming. **Please bring swimming kit in separate bag and name all items.** All children to come into school in PE kit,
Fridays: Afterschool Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/



As we are now we are in the winter months please refer to the below link to see the NHS guidance on whether to send your child to school if they are unwell.
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

All absences must be reported to the school office, for each day of absence.

ATENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
December	**98%**	**91%**	**94%**



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The children have been learning about new starts and new chances this week and how a new year can bring us a chance to reset. They have talked about their new year resolutions. Joshua 1:9 – 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

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:



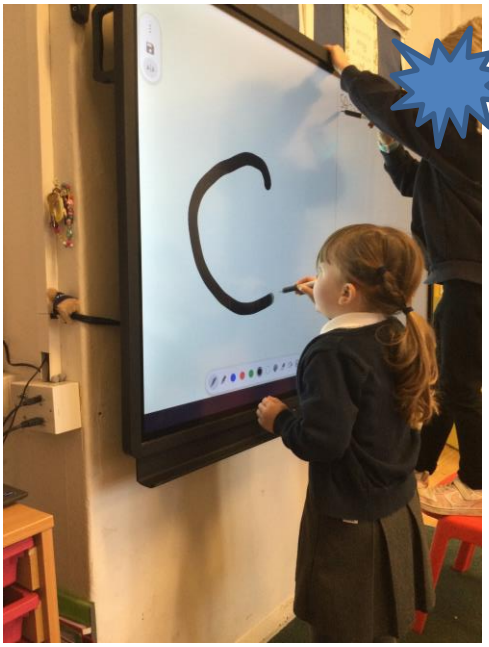


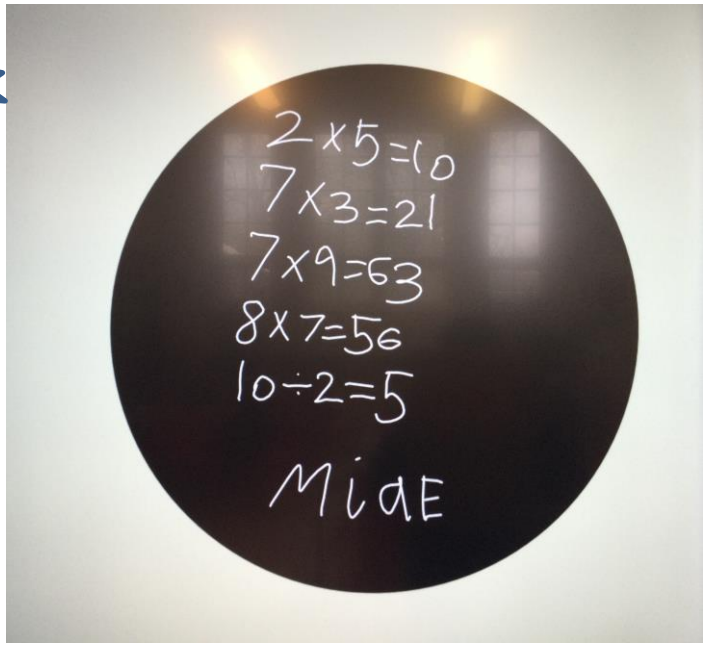
Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Myhill and the Great Massingham team

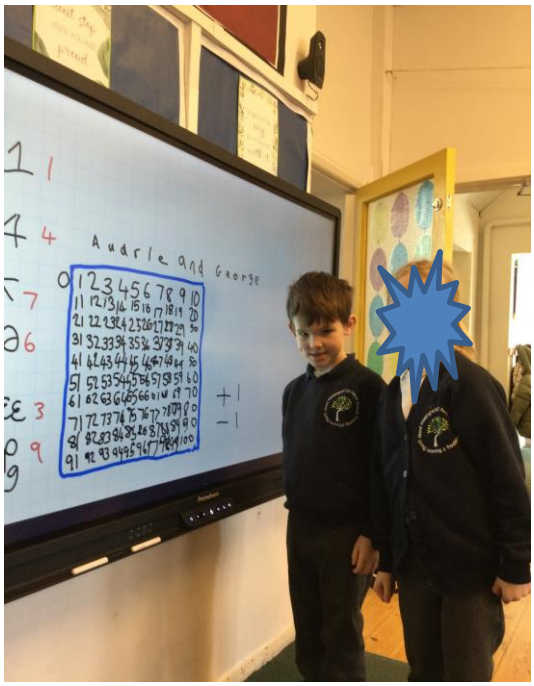
News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

What a fabulous start to 2026 and the new term we have had in the infants this week. Everyone has returned with enthusiasm and eager to see each other again. The wintery weather has brought about wonderful exploration and some awe and wonder too. Iris found some shards of ice in our outside area, while Alex and Arthur set about discovering if ice was magnetic using our big magnets. The weather has not stopped us playing and learning of course as we started our new theme with a scavenger hunt, looking for clues (in the snow) for what the theme might be. How proud we were to see all the infant children working together to find the hidden clues in envelopes, decoding the messages and doing so with such excitement! Our new theme of 'Location, location, location' has already brought about some interesting wonders for example - "Why are there no sharks in the village ponds?" and "Would a pigeon or a fish be able to see the top of the church?"

In other news it has been great to welcome Eden and her family to our infant class and also Mrs Lambert who joins us on Tuesdays. Please do keep a lookout on Tapestry for updates and learning to share with families at home too.









News from Years 3 & 4

The children have returned in high spirits and have really impressed us with their keen attitude, hard work and focus. It has been really lovely to catch up with them all and hear about their wonderful holidays at home and away.

In English the children have enjoyed starting their new class texts, 'The Winter's Child' and also 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. They were given some clues to enable them to predict what their new reading text might be about and they have revelled in exploring new vocabulary and making predictions about the story.

In Maths, we have explored factors and factor pairs before proceeding onto multiplying by 10 and 100. Also, the children investigated dividing by 10 and 100 and revealing what happens to the place value when they do so.

In Life Skills we thought carefully about our community, how it makes us feel to be involved and the contributions we can add to make it even stronger.

In PE the children not only wowed us with their efforts in swimming but also started to learn how to explore how to move safely and create different positions and jumps including bridge, tuck, star and pike.

We hope you have a restful weekend, ready to hit the ground running again next week.







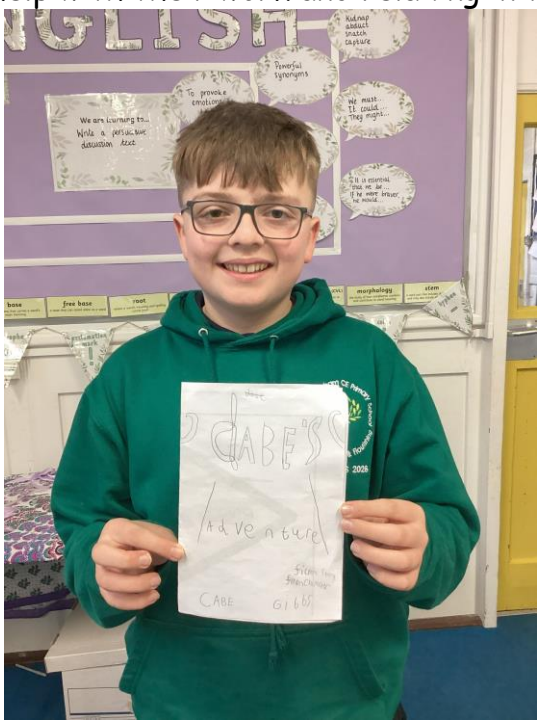


News from Years 5 & 6

We have had a lovely first week back, settling back into routines and catching up with friends. We have started a new writing topic by thinking about what we would do if our village was suddenly full of dangerous predators. The children have had to prepare and debate for their ideas of what we could do, coming up with some great ideas like opening a zoo or using the animals as a sustainable food source.

In geography and DT we have been thinking about sustainability and how we can make more sustainable choices by choosing seasonal and local food. We have looked at what we can recycle and reuse and joint ideas with the value leaders to make school more sustainable.

The class have been enjoying changes to the classroom that happened over Christmas, using displays to help with their work and relaxing in the new book corner!











Infants: Delilah for always showing kindness towards your friends and for your helpful ways.

Years 3 & 4: Hattie for her positive attitude to her maths.

Years 5 & 6: Freddie for an amazing first week back being a great role model around school.

Wraparound News

Wraparound costs - did you know that you may be able to receive cheaper wraparound if you register for tax free childcare.

How Tax-Free Childcare Works for Wraparound Care:

- **Government Top-Up:** For every £8 you deposit in your TFC account, the government adds £2, effectively giving you 20% off.
- **Payment:** You pay your childcare provider (e.g., breakfast club, after-school club) directly from your TFC account.
- **Eligibility:** You and your partner (if applicable) must be working, earning at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours a week but less than £100,000 adjusted net income.
- **Provider Requirement:** The wraparound care provider must be registered with Ofsted (or an equivalent) and accept Tax-Free Childcare payments.

How to Use It:

1. **Check Eligibility & Apply:** Visit GOV.UK to see if you qualify and open an account.
2. **Find a Provider:** Confirm your chosen wraparound club accepts TFC. **We do.**
3. **Deposit Funds:** Pay money into your TFC account.
4. **Pay Provider:** Use the funds in your account to pay your childcare provider.

https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare