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,

Many thanks to you all for supporting the children in our Christmas services this week. The children and staff did an excellent job as always, and I want to thank them all for the extra effort required to be practising for a performance as well as everything else! There is nothing quite like seeing all the children read aloud, sing, act and work together. The songs will be in my head for weeks.

Christmas - A time of joy for many but it can be challenging for some.
Help is available.
For children - https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/home-families/seasonal-events/christmas/
For adults -https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helplines/

Polite reminder:

- Can I remind everyone that school starts at 8.40am and children should be in class for 8.50am. It's been a long term and everyone has done a fabulous job, we are just noticing a few lates creeping back in.
- Watches - children are welcome to wear an analogue wrist watch but digital watches are not permitted as some have access to photographing, videoing and internet technologies which open up safeguarding and data protection issues.

Many thanks for your help with this.

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

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/

ATENDANCE

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



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week the children have been continuing their rhythm of life advent journey discussing the role of prayer in advent. **"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10-11**

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

St Mary's Church Festive Events

12th December 6.00pm. 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)

Well, didn't the Infants sparkle and shine this week in their fabulous Christmas nativity? We were incredibly proud of how all the children worked together as a team to put on such a special show for everyone. They sang their hearts out, learnt their lines with precision, danced with joy and signed with clarity to share the Christmas story. Thank you goes to our wonderful staff team who pulled out all the stops to make it such a success. Also, thank you so much to all of you for coming to watch and make it such a joyous occasion.

The Christmas cheer has been in full swing as children have made decorations, crafts and cards. It was also such a treat to see the Infants bursting with excitement as they posted their letters to Father Christmas, dressed appropriately with their glorious festive jumpers.

We can't wait for our final week of learning and play through creative Christmas activities, alongside songs, laughter and some delicious festive food with our upcoming Christmas lunch together.









News from Years 3 & 4

This week we have all been so proud at how everyone rose to the challenge and played their part in our Christmas production. Our narrators worked so hard to learn their words by heart and we think you'll agree that as well as looking great in their special clothes they did a fantastic job of speaking clearly in front of such a large audience! Everyone sung beautifully and our band not only sung but kept us in time too with their brilliant percussion performances.

We have also been busy writing newspaper reports, sculpting dragons from clay and the children have even thought of and created their own mystical BFG dream jars with paints, cotton wool, sequins and glitter before writing about their own incredible dreams for the BFG, also known as golden phizzwizards!

















Infants: Jaxson for growing confidence and a great attitude.

Years 3 & 4: Ralphy for improved concentration at his table.

Years 5 & 6: Harvey for trying his best across the school day and helping others at playtimes.

Wraparound News

This week at breakfast and afterschool club, the children have been busy decorating the lovely Christmas tree, and making paper chains to decorate the hall. Looks very festive!









News from Years 5 & 6

We have had another busy week this week getting ready for Christmas!

Thank you all for your support and attendance at the nativity. The class were amazing at their behind the scenes work to make sure everything ran smoothly and everyone could enjoy the play! A massive well done to the whole class for their speaking roles - I know lots were very nervous to speak in front of so many people!

In class we have been wrapping up some projects from this half term, including adding colour to our art sculptures, creating our own new world in English and describing ourselves in French.








Tree-cycling

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MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2025

THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2026

What to Expect:

- FREE 20 MINUTE APPOINTMENT
- 1:1 MEETING WITH A SPECIALIST SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPIST
- GUIDANCE ON NEXT STEPS AND SIGNPOSTING TO SERVICES
- STAY AND PLAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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Phone Number: 01603 66 44 33

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6TH & 7TH DEC
13TH & 14TH DEC
20TH & 21ST DEC

10AM - 12.30PM & 1PM - 4PM

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