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,

The children enjoyed a fabulous federation day this week. A huge thank you to the staff for their hard work in organising this.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.
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.

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 this week the children have been concluding their work on remembrance and took part in a 2 minute silence on Tuesday to mark armistice day. They are now starting to think about kindness and compassion and our collective responsibility to demonstrate and spread these two important values.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16, NIV

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: Eliza for her kindness and welcoming ways to our Harpley friends.

Years 3 & 4: Skyla for showing good understanding and independence in maths for her 4 digit subtractions using exchanges.

Years 5 & 6: Cabe for his enthusiasm all week, especially during federation day.

PFA News

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for Great Massingham school no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

Newly registered app users will receive £2 donated to their cause during the month of November.



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

The infants had a wonderful federation day together. Our theme was 'Remembrance' and linked perfectly to the date.

We found out what this means and the reasons for Remembrance Day and completed activities around this. We made a paper poppy, explored poppy-themed resources and created an image of remembrance using them. We worked together to learn a remembrance song and poignant dance and took time to lay our paper poppies on our own memorial.

We finished our day together by performing the dance and song that we had learnt together. Then we had a hot chocolate and biscuit as we listened to Miss Hilton show her father's medals.

We were incredibly proud of our infant children, showing their respect and observing a two minute silence at 11 o'clock and demonstrating their kindness towards our Harpley friends.

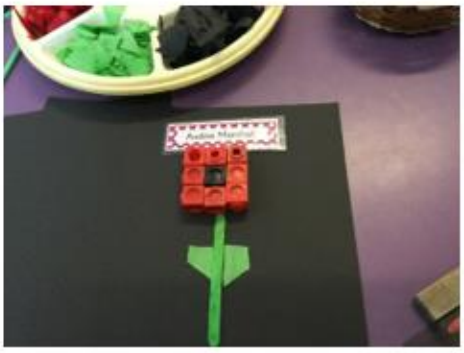
All the children had a brilliant day and it was great to see the children working so well together.

Back at school the children have worked hard with estimating numbers on a number line, creating Acrostic poems in English and performing autumn animal dances in PE.








News from Years 3 & 4

We've had an extremely busy week, starting off with an incredibly successful day at Harpley on Tuesday for our Federation Day. The children began the day with a special Remembrance Day collective worship where the children reflected on all the lives that have been lost due to war and conflict. The children showed their respect through a 2 minute silence in classes too.
It was lovely to see the children come into school with such enthusiasm for the day ahead, with some even showcasing fantastic costumes. All the children enjoyed learning through a variety of 'hands on' activities including making brooches, using Anglo Saxon runes to create their own names, cooking a traditional sweet treat and of course making shields. It was wonderful to see the children mixing so well with new and familiar faces from Harpley and unite through our history theme.
In reading, the class have been captivated by the story of 'The BFG' and have enjoyed reading the next couple of chapters. We had a great time exploring the use of Roald Dahl word choices and use of new vocabulary, especially the words 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' and 'human beans'.
In music, the children tried hard to refine their use of the table drums to accompany some of their favourite tunes including the popular 'Lava Chicken' song.
It's been a busy, rewarding and action packed week and we can't wait to get stuck into Week 3 with you all on Monday.













News from Years 5 & 6

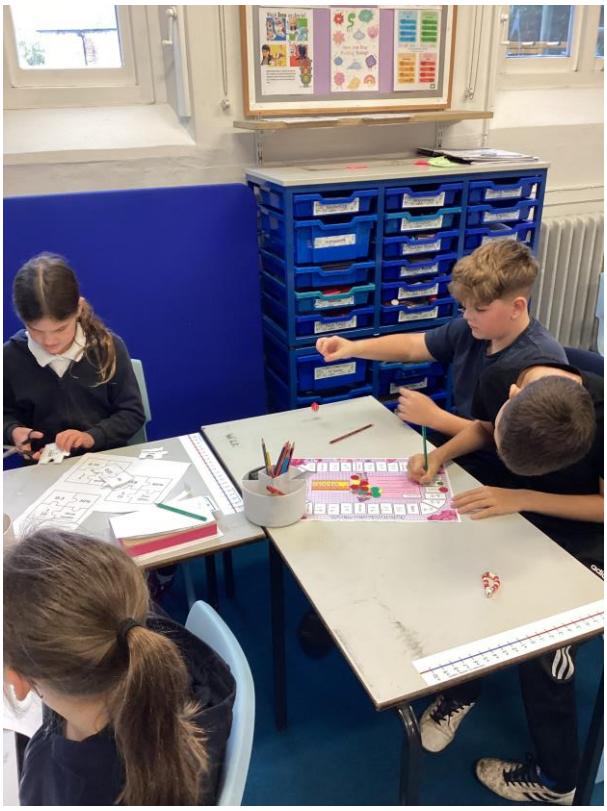
Year 5 and 6 have had an exciting week this week with federation day being thoroughly enjoyed by all! The class loved being at Harpley for the day, taking part in a variety of different activities. They have made Anglo-Saxon biscuits, shields, jewellery and even learnt a new language - writing in Anglo-Saxon runes. Thank you all for your help with providing resources and creating great costumes!

Back in school we have started a new reading book; 'Black and British' by David Olusoga. We have found it really interesting looking at the history of the author and why he felt it was important to write the book. This has tied in nicely with our new PSHE topic looking at discrimination and what we can do to help fight this.









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

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 Year's Eve Party in the Bar. Free to members. £2.00 non members. 7.30pm





