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,

SHORT STORY COMPETITION
Just a reminder that the parish council has organised a competition just for Great Massingham children who live in the village or attend the school. I have reminded the children about this today to ensure they know this opportunity is available. It would be wonderful to get some entries. Details are below.

Well done to year 3/4 for completing their bikeability this week. The Great Massingham children have demonstrated great resilience with this tricky course in some quite challenging weather over the last couple of weeks.

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
October	96%	96%	96%



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week the children have been learning more about compassion and kindness and how we all play our part in making the world we want to live in. "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed". Proverbs

The children also enjoyed a visit from church group GENR8 who delivered a fun and informative take on the Christmas story.

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 6.30pm. 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.



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.



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

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

The children have thrown themselves into another extremely busy week of learning, play and exploration. All the infants have loved learning about 2D shapes and have discovered their names, sides and vertices. They have also enjoyed using the shapes to create their own castle scenes and draw their own themed pictures.

In English, they have immersed themselves into the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by identifying the key events, sequencing and retelling the story alongside props. They used a range of fantastic adjectives and conjunctions in their writing to create wanted posters for the Giant.

In PE, they created seasonal dances and devised a sequence of movements to display sliding on the ice and playing in the snow. In addition, the children have been singing their hearts out by practicing songs for the upcoming Christmas Nativity play.





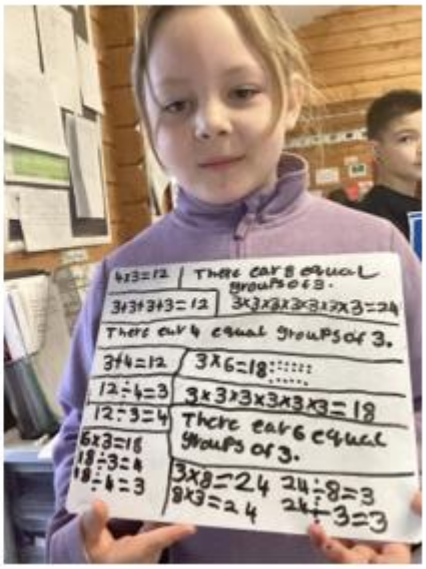


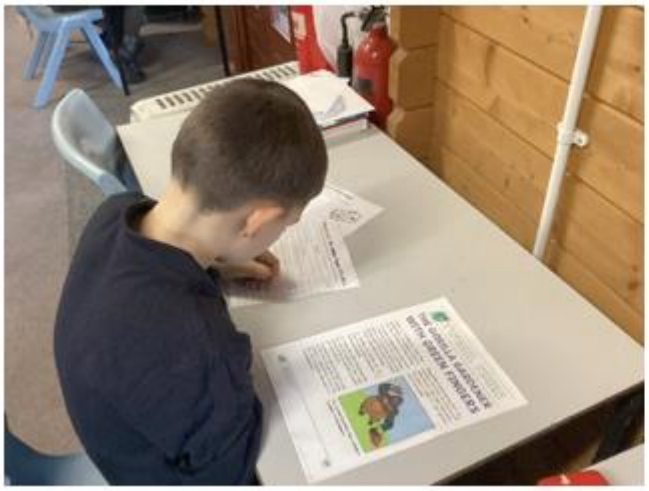

News from Years 3 & 4

This week we have worked hard in maths making connections with multiplication and division facts and solving problems.
In reading, we have immersed ourselves into the chapter of the Journey to Dream Country and the process of how the BFG catches his dreams. Still thinking about our other class story, The Tear Thief, we have written a note from the Tear Thief which will become the starting point of a newspaper report which we will be writing next week. To prepare for this we have been exploring the features of newspaper reports.
In art we have brought our pencil, paint and pen skills together to create some fantastic dragons and in History we have also created some amazing drawings of Viking longships and were able to find out about the different features in detail.











Infants: George for being such a friendly and kind young man who always puts a smile on our faces.

Years 3 & 4: Alice for increased concentration and becoming awesome at tackling her learning by herself.

Years 5 & 6: Bethany for her continued effort and perseverance and growing confidence.

News from Years 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 have had a busy week this week, with lots of practical activities and getting started with Christmas preparations.
In English and PSHE we have been looking at how we can value diversity and the need for equality in society. We have role-played a variety of situations in order to better understand how others may be feeling and acting. This included a whole class representation of migration, as well as scenarios of discrimination in our daily lives.
In art we have begun making our nature inspired sculptures using clay. We have studied the techniques of different artists including Michelangelo and Vanessa Hogge to help us perfect our own sculptures. We all had great fun and got very messy!
This week we had decorating afternoon in class where we all made a variety of decorations to get the classroom feeling festive! Children will be able to take decorations home at the end of term.











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

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





