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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all the staff and parents for making this week's residential trip for year 5 & 6 so successful. The children had a fabulous time and the weather was kind to us, if a little chilly. These kinds of trips are so important for children's personal development. It has been a joy to hear the children talk so enthusiastically about the challenges they conquered. Thank you all for making this possible.

The government has produced the RISE initiative (regional improvement for standards in education). This involves funding local authorities to support their schools to raise standards. As part of this Norfolk County Council are focussing tightly on a number of areas including attendance. Every school has a targeted attendance meeting with the County on a termly basis. Our target is to reduce persistent absence. Persistent absence is where attendance falls below 90%. Letters will routinely go out to any family where attendance has fallen below the 90% expected standard, following guidance from our County attendance team. These letters will detail the numbers of days, hours and minutes of learning that have been lost due to the drop in attendance. Absence is often unavoidable due to illness, or medical appointments but hopefully the letters will help parents and carers make informed decisions about all absences. Just a reminder that school starts at 8.40 and children must be in school for 8.50am for registration. Please help us make the most of the learning time by ensuring children are in on time. Many thanks for your help with this.

**Polite reminder:**
Toys are not allowed in school unless otherwise arranged between parent and teacher for SEND support or other pastoral reasons. Please help us by checking that your child is toy free before arriving at school.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th March – Year 5 & 6 on the Federated Eaton Vale Residential trip.
Friday 27th March - Easter Service at St Mary's Church. 2pm.
Friday 27th March – Last day of term.
Tuesday 14th April - First day of term.
Tuesday 30th June – Sports Day.

## Wraparound

It is with much regret that I inform you our wraparound provision will cease at the end of the spring term Friday 27th March 2026. Our DFE funded programme was due to end at Easter and this has now been confirmed. A replacement funded programme has not been offered.
Due to our low numbers attending wraparound we have been unable to outsource the provision or make it financially viable on our own. If new options arise to enable this to run again, we will do so.

## 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.**
**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 into school in PE Kit,*
**Fridays:** *Year 5 & 6 children to come into school in PE Kit.*
Afterschool Nerf Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/

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

## ATENDANCE

| **Our Attendance Target is 97%.** | | | |
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| **Attendance** | INFANTS | JUNIORS | OVERALL |
| **February** | **95%** | **95%** | **95%** |

## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

The children are practising for the Easter services next week. They have started to learn more about the Easter story. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

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
















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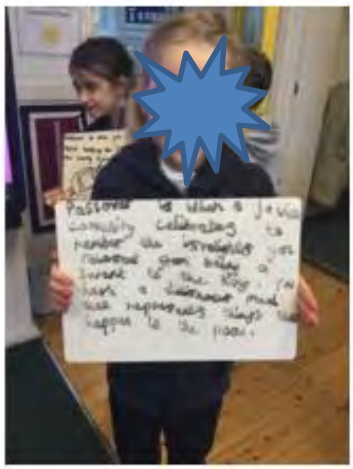


**News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)**

The children have thrived this week, the beautiful sunny weather has put a spring in everyone's step and we've got outside as much as possible.
We have come to an end of our focussed learning on length and height, what a great time we've had solving problems involving measures, fun challenges and even measuring each other.
In English, we have been working hard, preparing, planning and writing our own poems.
Within PE sessions, the children have continued to try hard, showing resilience and patience as they learn to hit a ball over the net in tennis, again the kind weather has helped with this.
RE was a special focus on the traditions that take place at Passover, they took part in reenacting the tasting of bread at The Last Supper.
We enjoyed taking our science studies outside as we explored different materials that we could find in our school such as wood, plastic, metal and rubber.
It has been a lovely week and we look forward to a joyful last week together before our Easter break soon.








**News from Years 3 & 4**

It's been a quieter week at school for the Year 3 and 4 children with the absence of the older children who were away at Eaton Vale.
The children have made some good progress in their knowledge and understanding of adding fractions, showing confidence of the adding process and using the correct vocabulary in relation to fractions.
In reading, the children took on a reading paper and showed focus and determination to answer questions on a poem, story and nonfiction text, they all tried incredibly hard hard. Through their class text about Lighthouses the children read and unpicked the job of a lighthouse keeper and started to gather ideas ready for writing a job advert for one.
In geography, the children researched the beautiful area of the Amalfi coast using ipads in order to create their own information leaflets on the area. We were all blown away by its outstanding beauty and are all inspired to plan a trip away there!
In PE the children have kept up their strength and determination to progress in tennis, refining their skills through receiving, hitting and serving balls over the net.
In PSHE, we thought about the benefits and negative aspects of screen time and looked at some ideas for having breaks through activities such as playing outside, walks, reading and meditation.
Hopefully this beautiful weather will remain for the final week before the Easter holidays.



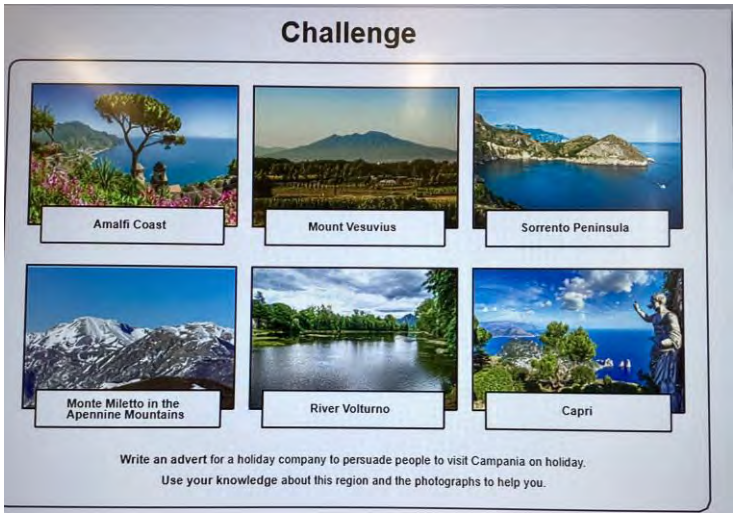





**News from Years 5 & 6**

Wow, what an amazing week we have had! Everyone has had an amazing time, but can't wait to have lots of rest at the weekend!
The children took on a variety of activities to really test themselves both mentally and physically. These included jumping from a trapeze, crawling through a tiny cave network and navigating our way around an obstacle course blindfolded! Some of the calmer activities included canoeing, team building activities and buggy building. It was great to see everyone tackling all challenges and showing incredible perseverance.
There was plenty of downtime too, where children could spend time with their friends, watch movies or get an early night after their long days. It was a great opportunity to mix with children from Harpley, particularly for the year 6s who were excited to make new friendships before going to high school.
It was great to have some time away from school but we are all straight back to work getting ready for SATs now!










Infants: A for her wonderful thirst for learning.

Years 3 & 4: Maggie for trying so hard with her handwriting.

Years 5 & 6: the whole class for their determination at Eaton Vale.

GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

**Build Your Own Burger** Saturdays 4.00-9.00pm. **Norfolk Pie Hole** First Wednesday of each month 7-9.30pm

Bar open:
Wednesday – Friday 7.00 – 11.00pm
Saturday 4.00 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12 Noon – 6.00pm

26th March – Fundraising Bingo. Door open 7.00pm.
28th March – Nelson's Shantymen 7.30pm £5.00
29th March – Auction.
4th April – Football Club Disco.
12th April – Auction.
15th April – Creative Arts. 1.00pm
16th April – Film Night 7.0pm.
17th April – Historical Society. 7.00pm

