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,

As another academic year draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our families for your continued support. Your efforts ensure the children thrive and make our schools what they are.

As part of our ongoing work on improving our procedures and our service to families, I have added a number of dates to next year's calendar with opportunities for our families to come into school/church and join us to share our work. Please look out for our 'Time for tea' in church, shared learning and wellbeing events, SEND cafes and our federation days which will now involve an opportunity for parents to either join a session, or come and see the fruits of our labours at a linked event.

I am excited for the coming September and all the opportunities it brings to continue growing our federation's strengths and developing our journey of enrichment. Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

The children have enjoyed a fabulous trip to Holkham this week. Thanks to all the staff for ensuring this was a successful and fun day.
We also received a personal visit from the Bishop of King's Lynn to both schools. Bishop Jane gave the children a short talk on what a bishop does and showed the children her robes and mitre. The children then had the opportunity to ask questions afterwards. It is fair to say Bishop Jane received a good variety of questions from the theologically rooted to the King's Lynn related. She was able to answer them all! Thanks to Bishop Jane and Reverend Josh for making this a thoroughly enjoyable visit.

Summer savings:
From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.
As part of the campaign, the government has launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit https://summersavings.gov.uk.

We have registered the school on Free School Clothes – an online clothes swap. Please click on the link below to join.
https://freeschoolclothes.com/how-it-works

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

ATENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
July	**98%**	**93%**	**96%**

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our 5 Core Values:



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



Infants: Iris for always having a cheerful attitude and fostering a love of learning.

Years 3 & 4: Hattie for always having a positive attitude and trying hard in all learning.

Years 5 & 6: All the year 6's for being superstars.

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

It has been a fabulous week in the Infant's, we've had lots of fun things going on and a few changes along the way. On Monday and Tuesday, the current Year 2 children went to their new classroom where they were reunited with some familiar friends, their new teacher and teaching assistant. They came back delighted with lots to tell us so we are taking that as a positive sign!

On Wednesday the children worked alongside other classes in an activity morning to create Egyptian paintings and take part in some PE games, they had a great time together.

On Thursday, we had a brilliant time at Holkham Hall for our end of term Summer trip. The children created tents and created their own flags, took part in a tractor ride, where they got to witness hundreds of beautiful fallow deer up close and even learnt facts about these wonderful creatures. Of course, the playground was a big hit too and we got to enjoy lunch together outside the historic and grand hall.

We are finishing off the week with a class party today, I'm sure some dancing and eating will occur!

I've loved being with the Infants and teaching this fabulous class, I will miss them dearly as they move forwards in their education but know they will continue to achieve great things.

Thank you for all your kindness, well wishes, cards and gifts, it is much appreciated.

Have a brilliant Summer together.

Mrs Oake x













News from Years 3 & 4

What a fantastic, fun and busy week we've had in Year 3 and 4. The children enjoyed their transition days at the start of the week and got comfortable in their new classrooms with familiar faces and some new members of staff too.

On Wednesday, the children had a great time doing activities together with other classes, creating Egyptian style paintings and also some fun, active games in PE.

The day was rounded off with our class party, where the children got to share or show something they'd bought in, had a dance, ate an array of yummy food (thank you for your donations) and we shared memories and played games.

We finished off the week with a brilliant day out at Holkham Hall where the children had a great time bug hunting, creating clay models, designing and following a treasure hunt and an extremely informative tractor ride. A particular highlight was seeing the beautiful deer grazing peacefully on the estate.

It has been a lovely final week and I will miss teaching this wonderful class but know it is time for them to progress to their next exciting chapter. Thank you for all your kindness, well wishes, cards and gifts as I move to new pastures at Harpley.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer break.

Mrs Oake x













News from Years 5 & 6

We have had a fantastic last week of term with lots of events and activities on. All the children got to spend some time on transition days with their new classes and meeting new teachers, and had lots of stories to tell when they got back to school! They are all excited for the holidays and coming back in September.
On Wednesday, both year groups got to spend time together with a variety of different activities. The year 6s spent the day at Harpley, playing lots of games and getting to go to the pub for lunch - a massive thank you to the PFA from both schools for funding this leavers treat. Back at Massingham, the year 5s got to do a variety of activities including football, rounders and researching ancient Egypt and painting on papyrus.
We all enjoyed our time at Holkham Hall on Thursday, exploring the grounds and learning about the different wildlife there. We put our orienteering skills (that we have been learning in geography) to use, hiding some treasure and creating a map for others to find it. There were some great places to hide treasure, such as in tree branches, dead logs and dug up woodland. We also got to enjoy a tractor ride around the estate which meant we could get up close to the deer and even got to hold some of their fallen antlers.

Thank you all so much for all your support and making this a wonderful year for everyone, I hope you all have a lovely summer and the children have fun in their new classes in September!













GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

Build Your Own Burger Saturdays 4.00-9.00pm.
Bar open:
Wednesday – Friday 7.00 – 11.00pm
Saturday 4.00 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12 Noon – 6.00pm

Membership - £15 for the year and many of the events are then free.

Saturday 18th July - Silent Disco 7.00pm tickets available from Becky Mills / village hall
Tuesday 21st July - Munch Bunch Lunch £ 9.00. to order contact Deb on 07493406501
Thursday 23rd July - Quiz 7.30 pm
Sunday 2nd August - Park opening/ Family Fun from midday
Friday 7th August - Bingo doors open 7.00pm
Sunday 9th August - Auction
Sunday 16th August - Auction
Wednesday 19th August - Creative Arts 1.00pm
Thursday 20th August - Film Club 7.00pm
Friday 21st August -History Society 7.00
Tuesday 25th August - Coronation club 2.00pm
Saturday 29th August - Pilgrims overnight stay