



Graveney Primary - Newsletter 4

'Learning and Achieving Together'

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Our Trustees

Last week we held our first trustee meeting for this year, following our elections within the board I am very pleased to inform you that we have a new chair of governors this year. Dr Timothy Thomas (Edward and Alex's Dad) has stepped up from his vice chair position and is now our chairperson. Mr Martin Wickes will be continuing as our vice chair once again this year.

I am sure that you will all join me in thanking all our trustees for taking this volunteer position. If you know of any colleagues who might be interested in joining our board of trustees, please ask them to speak with either myself or Tim, we will happily answer their questions about the role.

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone for supporting our cake stall and our clothing donations. Our PTA has raised just over £250 this term. For those of you that are shopping in Asda we have a final few days for collecting their points for the Cashpot for Schools.

This year the PTA are raising funds to support the school with giving our playground a refurbish – I know the school council will be very excited to plan a new trim trail for our pupils to enjoy for many years to come.



Free Community Tennis Open Day

Please find below the link for some FREE tennis sessions, University of Kent have an open day on Saturday 26th October, including sessions for primary aged children (Mini Tennis for 4-8 year olds and Mini Tennis Green/Orange for 8-12 year olds). These need to be booked in advance using the link below.

[University of Kent / Kent Sport Tennis | Open Day \(Ita.org.uk\)](https://www.kent.ac.uk/sport/tennis/open-day)

Extending the School Day

Final planning is now taking place for the extension of our school day, many thanks to all the parents who responded to our survey. Following your responses and feedback I am very pleased to notify you that our after-school provision here at Graveney will be increasing following our half term holiday.



To enable this to happen the school will be increasing the charges for our after-school club. I am therefore notifying you of a change to the charging which will commence from Monday 4th November 2024. We will continue to provide three options

3.15pm - 4.15pm - £4.00

4.15pm – 6pm - £5.00

3.15pm – 6pm - £9.00

As a school we continue to try and keep these costs to a minimum, these prices have not been increased for many years, our prices remain in line or below the cost of local schools offering the same provision.

Photo Competition

What a wonderful collection of photos we have received – we will be announcing our winner in the harvest festival. The photos are all on display in our school hall for you to take a peek at whilst you are here for parent meetings. Our winners will also be having their art work created into a canvas print which will be displayed in our newly painted learning zone following it being re-decorated over the holiday.



Harvest Festival

All parents, carers and family members are welcome to join us celebrating harvest festival at **10.00am on Friday 18th October in All Saints Church, Graveney.**

Faversham Foodbank – donations can be left in The Nook (on the large table), these will be collected and taken to the foodbank on Friday.

Parent Consultation Meetings

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our parent consultation meetings. The new booking system has been a learning experience for us all, you should have received an email confirming your time and date, if you are unsure of have not been able to book an appointment, please contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

Road closure

A reminder that the road works will be taking place outside of the school. The school will be open and you will be able to access to the school carpark and the school via the foot bridge. Revised dates are now saying three weeks – so this should be completed by Monday 11th November.

Important Dates:

October

- 16th - Parent Consultation Meetings – All classes
- 17th – Parent Consultation Meetings – Bumblebees, Dragonflies and Scorpions only
- 17th – Kent Test results sent to parents
- 18th – Please return your Christmas Card order to the school office
- 18th – 10am Harvest Festival – All Saints Church Graveney
- 18th - End of Term 1 - 3.15pm finish
- 19th October – 3rd November – School Holiday (including our week of Inset days)
- 31st Closing date for Secondary Applications (Year 6 only)

November

- 4th - Start of Term 2
- 6th – School Photos (Individual and Sibling Photographs)
- 7th – 9.30–11.30am Open morning for Reception starting September 2025
- 8th – Cake stall – Bumblebees and Dragonflies to bring in cakes
- 15th – Children in Need – Non-Uniform and Talent Show (more details to follow)
- 19th - 9.30–11.30am Open morning for Reception starting September 2025
- 29th – Non-Uniform Day – bring along teddies and bottles for our Tombola stalls

December

- 4th – Bumblebees and Ladybirds Nativity - further details to follow
- 5th – Flu Vaccinations (All year groups)
- 6th – Christmas Fair - further details to follow
- 13th – Panto Bus will be in school
- 20th – Last day of term – school closes at 2pm

Don't forget to sign up for the link to the [school calendar](#) on our website. All the important dates for this year have already been added 😊