



Graveney Primary - Newsletter 3

'Learning and Achieving Together'

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Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone for their support with our fundraising, we raised £100 for Jeans 4 Genes day last week and also an incredible £302 from our book fair which has purchased some beautiful new books for our classroom book corners.

Our next charity support day will be for Children in Need which will be on Friday 15th November, this will be a non-uniform day for pupils and we will also be holding the ever popular Graveney Talent Show.

Don't forget that Monday 30th September is the Bag2School day, please bring along your unwanted clothing in a black sack at drop off. We will be gathering them all the gazebo in the playground on Monday morning.

By popular demand we will be holding a cake stall on Friday 11th October, this time we are asking for donations from the Scorpions and Ladybirds classes only, so that we don't end up with quite so many as we did last time! A future one is also planned for later in the term for Dragonflies and Bumblebees too. Please send along a donation for the PTA, we will collect cash on the day or alternatively you can donate on the app if you prefer

Apologies for making you think about Christmas so soon... In order for the school to meet the deadline for printing we have begun Christmas here in school! This week you will be receiving your child's special art work, which they have created in class. If you would like to support our fundraising and purchase some cards or gifts please can these be returned by the end term – the final day for us to have them is Monday 4th November.



Parent Consultation Meetings

This term we are using a new booking system for parents to select the date and time they would like to attend our parent consultation meetings at the end of this term. **The booking system will go live on Friday 27th September at 6pm**, you will be emailed a link to sign up for you preferred session for each of your children. Please note these will be allocated on a first come basis, so if you have a specific time you may need to register your slot quickly.

Please let us know if you prefer this system, we hope it will make the whole process much quicker and easier for everyone.

Extending the School Day

The Department for Education is keen for schools to increase the wraparound childcare they provide to support working parents. At present our wraparound care begins at 7.45am and finishes at 5pm.

Households eligible for [Tax-Free Childcare](#) or [Universal Credit Childcare](#) will be able to use the support to help pay for wraparound care. Tax-Free Childcare could save eligible parents up to £2,000 per year for children aged up to 11. Universal Credit Childcare could save eligible parents up to 85% of their childcare costs for children aged up to 16. Parents may also be able to get help with their initial upfront childcare costs. To check if you are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare, visit [Childcare Choices](#).

Would you be interested in our after-school club being extending to 6pm?
Please complete our [short survey](#) to help us make this important decision.

We are very sorry to say a farewell to Elodie this term, thank you so much for bringing choir and dance to our after-school clubs. We wish you all the best with your new career. There will be no choir or dance clubs next week, however Elodie will be back for one final session for Dance on Thursday 10th and Choir on Friday 11th. We are planning some new clubs to add to our after-school provision – we hope to have an Art club starting after the half term break...

Harvest Festival

It is almost time for our Harvest Festival – we are all going to be making the short journey to All Saints Church, Graveney. All parents, carers and family members are welcome to join us celebrating at **10.00am on Friday 18th October**.

This year we will once again be making a collection for the Faversham Foodbank – if you are able to donate an item for them this would be much appreciated by families in the local area. These will be collected over the coming week and can be left in the school office.



Photo Competition

Don't forget your child can join in our photo competition, maybe capture some weather shots! We would like to see their photos of anything in the natural world. Please email it in to your class teacher by Friday 11th October (only one entry per child please).

Our class email addresses are below:

Scorpions@graveney.kent.sch.uk
dragonflies@graveney.kent.sch.uk
Bumblebees@graveney.kent.sch.uk
Ladybirds@graveney.kent.sch.uk

We will then choose a winner and a runner up from each class. Prize per class for our winners, will be shared at our Harvest Festival celebrations at the end of term.

Road closure

Once more the road works are returning... these are now coming into Graveney. We have been notified of forecasted roadworks which will be taking place on the bridge and outside of the school. SGN will be replacing gas pipes and there is a potential 4-week road closure planned. Following consultation with them, this will mostly be taking part whilst the school is closed for our extended half term break. SGN are hopeful that this will enable the majority of the work to be carried out over the two weeks when there will be no pupils in the school, causing us less disruption. They will also be leaving the school access to the school carpark so that upon our return to school after the break on Monday 4th November we will still be able to access the school via the foot bridge. They are very hopeful that the work will be completed ahead of schedule.

The school has offered them some space within our carpark for SGN to use whilst undertaking these works, to ensure that access to the school can be maintained. The school would also like to offer the other villagers use of the carpark at this time to help them with the inconvenience that this closure will cause.

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Important Dates:

September

- 30th – Bag2school collection – Items to be bagged up and dropped off at the gazebo in playground
- 30th – Bikeability for Scorpions class – If you're taking part, don't forget your bike and helmet!

October

- 1st & 2nd – Bikeability for Scorpions class continues (bikes can be left in school for duration of course)
- 4th – 1-3pm – Open afternoon for Reception starting September 2025
- 9th– 9.30–11.30am Open morning for Reception starting September 2025
- 11th – Cake stall – Scorpions and Ladybirds to bring in cakes
- 15th – Stadium tour of Priestfields (details to follow)
- 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 Needs – 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 😊