



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

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support of our Harvest Festival service at St Mary's yesterday afternoon. The weather was kind, your children shone, and you attended in amazing numbers! Thank you for all the donations for the village food bank, which were gratefully received by the Church.

It has been lovely to meet so many of you this last week. Thank you for taking the time to say introduce yourself at drop off, pick up or at the service.

We have a very exciting and busy week next week!

Monday 16th October is our Federation day, Juniors from Great Massingham and Harpley will be at Great Massingham School and Infants from both schools will be at Harpley Primary School. Both schools will be open from 8.35am to facilitate parents needing to drop children at both schools. Children can be collected from 3.10pm.

Tuesday 17th October: PLEASE CAN ALL CHILDREN WEAR PE KIT. We have a special visitor in school and will be doing extra PE activities. Sponsorship of children for this special event can be done online, www.sportsforschools.org and clicking on the button "Set up a Fundraiser Page" or paper sponsorship forms have been sent home.

WELLIES!

We will be using school field at break times throughout the school year. As the weather is beginning to get more autumnal it is vital that children have a change of shoes. Please send in named wellies for your child/ren to use at break times. If children do not bring a change of shoes they will be asked to take muddy shoes off when coming back into school.



MIDDAY SUPERVISOR COVER NEEDED

We are looking for a temporary Midday Supervisor to cover Natalie's maternity leave next year (from January - December 2024). Natalie works every lunchtime for 1 ½ hours, supporting pupils whilst they eat their lunch and then outside when they have their break time. If you would be interested in this temporary post for one year, please email head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk Thank you.

Week beginning 9th October 2023

This week's learning highlights:

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

This week we have been looking for heroes in nature and have observed the seasonal changes around us by closely studying different leaves and their spectacular colours. We have explored number fact families in maths, finding larger and smaller numbers as well as finding all the different addition and subtraction calculations within 20. (There's a lot!)

Thank you to our Reception parents who joined us for a fun phonic morning... we hope you enjoyed learning our new sound! It is always so lovely welcoming families into school to join us with our learning.

The Reception children also took part in their first ever Harvest Festival at the church, in which they enjoyed creating and singing their own seasonal song together with the KS1 children.

On the theme of Autumn, the children have loved learning about and making their own repeating patterns using natural objects around them such as conkers, feathers and sticks.

All the children have further upskilled their skills in art through the medium of sketching, paying attention to line and tone.



News from the Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Year 5 & 6 launched into space week, learning about the phases of the moon (using Nero biscuits and cream to demonstrate their knowledge). We investigated why the moon has craters. Also with links to Black History Month the children watched an inspirational interview with Maggie Aderin-Pocock where her determination to be a scientist meant nothing would stop her fulfilling her dream.



Year 4, 5 and 6 children had a fantastic day at the Wisbech Grammar School Hockey Festival on Friday 6th October. They were very active: learning lots of hockey skills, moving around to different activities. At the end of the day, our two teams each played a game against another school. We were very proud of their sportsmanship and their response to the professional coaches instructions. Congratulations to both teams who played really well. Finley, Freddie, Theo and Teddy scored goals and this resulted in our 2 teams being presented with trophies (after eating hot dogs). Smiles and lots of happy faces! We would like to extend a thank you to Archie who volunteered his time to help out.



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 96%.

	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
September	95%	95%	95%

A good start to the school year - well done everyone, keep up the good work. Fingers crossed we don't get too many winter bugs to lay us low!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Riley for wowing us with your maths skills

Juniors: Ruby for her fantastic solar system homework

Message from the PFA

Please could any outstanding payments for school uniform be settled by half term. Payments can be made via cash, cheque or bank transfer. Many thanks.

Bank transfer details: Please use your surname as the reference for the transaction.

Great Massingham Primary PFA

Sort code - 08 92 99

Account - 65655610

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme in Collective Worship is courage. This week we learned about how Christians believe that God said not to be afraid for He is with them.

Isiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand.

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

Monday: Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Thursday: drum and guitar lessons with our new teacher, Josh Simpson

Thursday: Juniors go to Lynn Sport. **All children to come to school in PE kit.**

Friday: PE with ICS Coaching. **All Children to come to school in PE Kit.**

FUTURE DATES




Friday 20th October: School breaks up for the October Half Term holiday. We return to school on Monday 30th October 2023.

3rd November school photographer

W/C 6th November parents consultations

28th November Flu vaccinations

TERM DATES

2023 AUTUMN TERM 	2024 SPRING TERM 	2024 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 6 th September - Wednesday 20 th December (Half term - Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October)	Wednesday 4 th January - Wednesday 27 th March (Half term - Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February)	Monday 15 th April - Friday 19 th July (Half term - Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May)

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you like to be a parent governor? We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Body. Please email head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk to find out more.

[Harpley Holiday Activity Days](#)

We are delighted to announce Holiday Club Days @Harpley Primary School a perfect solution to keep your children active in a fun, safe and engaging environment.
Monday 23rd October & Tuesday 24th
October - Multi-Sports Activity Days Children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of different sports and activities including dodgeball, football, team-building activities, and a selection of other sports plus Arts and Crafts these days will cater for all. Details 9AM - 2PM £15.00 Ages - 5 - 11 Outdoors and Indoors Please bring Lunch and Drink
BACS Details Pay via 20-17-20 20146943 ICS Coaching LTD
CASH ONLY in a named envelope
Harpley CE Primary School, School Lane, Harpley, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 6DY
Any questions please contact us on 07765601690
<https://forms.gle/brZNxpRvsQCunNMu7>

Girls Football club and Dodgeball club at Swaffham Leisure Centre.
Links below for anyone interested

Swaffham Dodgeball

<https://forms.gle/69cSHbY49iheKRac8>

Swaffham Wildcats

<https://forms.gle/knBM1GWPAHbjhYzR9>

FIRST ADMISSIONS - SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25

Parents of children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 25th September 2023 and 14th January 2024)

Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 14th January 2023 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend, from all the Great Massingham team.

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION
AT THE DABBLING DUCK PUB



Bring your family's creation to
The Dabbling Duck Pub
by 2pm on 31st October.

1st Prize Sunday lunch for 6
2nd Prize takeaway pizza for 6
3rd Sweetie Box for the family

Pumpkins will be displayed at the front of
the pub for Halloween.

The winner will be announced by 8pm.
To enter bring your pumpkin to the pub,
where we will give you a form to fill out.

Remember this is a family affair for
everyone to join in! Good Luck!