

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



Firstly I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of our families who contributed in one way or another to the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. We raised a lovely sum of money to support this charity. Please look at the school website for some wonderful photographs of the event.

I would also like to make you aware of some communication that will be coming out soon regarding all the well being support we provide for the children at GGA. The well being of the children is as important as their academic provision and development. Happy children who feel nurtured will achieve more.

Just as a reminder - as part of my phased retirement, I no longer work on a Friday so emails will be diverted to relevant staff to address or responses may be delayed.

We have many exciting events planned this term including class trips linked to the children's classroom learning to further enhance and enrich, and our beloved Grandparents Luncheon, a traditional event enjoyed by all.

Thank you once again for your continued support for the school.



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**Mrs C Skingsley
Headteacher**

Diary Dates for October/November

October

Black History Month

- 1st Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
- 8th Year 2-6 Maths Games morning
- 15th Year 6 WW2 Lincolnsfield Trip
- 21st 10-11am Open Morning for Sept 2025 Year R intake
- 21st 1.30-2.30pm Open Afternoon for Sept 2025 Year R intake
- 22nd Grandparents Luncheon
- 22nd 9am Elm Class Assembly
- 23rd Grandparents Luncheon
- 25th School Closed—Staff Training
- 28th-1st Nov Half Term



November

- 7th PTFA Fireworks Evening
- 12th 9am Beech Class Assembly
- 12th 3-5pm Year R Parent Consultations
- 12th 3-5pm Year 1 Parent Consultations
- 12th 3-5pm Year 2 Parent Consultations
- 12th 3-5pm Year 5 Parent Consultations
- 13th 3-5pm Year 4 Parent Consultations
- 13th 6-8pm Evening Parent Consultations (all year groups)
- 14th 3-5pm Year 3 Parent Consultations
- 14th 3-5pm Year 6 Parent Consultations

November (contd.)

- 15th Children In Need
- 18th Whole School Individual Photographs
- 19th 9am Lime Class Assembly
- 19th 5-6pm Open Evening for Sept 2025 Yr. R intake
- 26th 9am Hazel Class Assembly
- 26th 10-11am Open Morning for Sept 2025 Yr. R intake
- 26th 1.30-2.30pm Open Afternoon for Sept 2025 Yr. R intake



Is my child too ill for school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. We would encourage parents/carers to follow the link [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) for further information on the many childhood ailments and whether your child actually needs to stay off school. Thank you.



Admissions to Reception Year September 2025

If your child's date of birth falls between **1st September 2020** and **31st August 2021** it is essential that you complete an application form for your child's place in the Reception Year at school before the cut off date of **15th January 2025**. **ALL PARENTS must apply for a Reception place, if you do not apply you will not be allocated a school place AT ANY SCHOOL.**

These applications can be completed online at www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions (which is the preferred method). If you apply on line, please ensure you receive a confirmation email of this and keep it for future evidence should there be an issue with your application. If you do not have internet access please telephone the School Admissions Service on 01234 718120 to request a paper application form.

Please remember that your child will not automatically get a place at our school if they attend our Pre School or Acorns class, and that even though your child is wearing our school uniform and we very much see us as one school, preschool and Acorns children are not part of Goldington Green Academy until they are formally admitted into Reception through Bedford Borough procedures.

All the information on the starting school process is online at www.bedford.gov.uk/startingschool

Remember

You must apply for your September Reception place with Bedford Borough Council

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who took the time to buy and make cakes for this annual event. We really had some beautiful, delicious looking cakes. Also thank you to all of you who attended the event and enjoyed your cake and tea/coffee and made a donation.

We raised **£635.20**

for Macmillan Cancer Support.

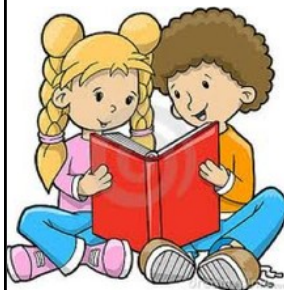
One homemade cake from each year group won a prize of a Tesco gift card. Well done to all our winners!



Listening to your child read

Please encourage your child to read every evening in order to develop their skills.

Reading aloud helps children to develop greater awareness of how punctuation works in a written text. Please, please, please try to encourage reading aloud - perhaps they could read to you whilst you're cooking dinner, or read aloud to a younger sibling or auntie, uncle or grandparent.



Friday Family Reading Sessions

Family Reading has relaunched for Years 1-6 on Friday mornings. Family members are warmly invited into school to read with their children from 8:30-9:00am. The buzz around the school has been electric during these times and it has been wonderful to be able to see family members back in our classrooms. We look forward to this time every week and shall be opening up the sessions to Year R later in the year.

Recipe of the Month Creamy Pumpkin Pasta

Rather than throw away the pumpkin flesh when hollowing out your Halloween Pumpkin, why not try making this pasta recipe with the children. Just follow the link below.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/creamy-pumpkin-pasta>



Values Education

During the month of October the school is focussing on the value of:
Quality

If your child has demonstrated the value of Quality at home, please let us know by emailing their class teacher, stating the reason you are nominating them.

Names of pupils nominated for the monthly Value will appear on the School's Value Notice Board and School's Website.