



Primary School

Friday 4th September 2026

It has been truly lovely to welcome the children back this week. Their smiles, energy and excitement for the year ahead have filled the school, and it has been wonderful to see them settling so quickly into their new classes.

A very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families - we are delighted to have you join our community. We also welcome Miss Crace and Miss Gray to our staff team, and we are very pleased to have Miss Kappes back with us.

The school is looking vibrant and fresh, and there is a real buzz of anticipation as we prepare for the official opening of our new library next Thursday. A huge thank you to Sam and Hugh Conway, who have spent a vast amount of time over the summer helping to create such a wonderful space. Their hard work has resulted in a truly inspiring environment that will support and deepen our love of reading. More details about how the new library system will work will follow next week.

In assemblies this week, we have been talking about raising the bar - thinking about what it means to have high expectations of ourselves in everything we do: our learning, our behaviour, and the way we look after our school environment. This links beautifully to our RAISE values, which will continue to guide and shape our culture throughout the year.

Next Friday at 2:45pm, there will be an opportunity for you to come into school and see the children in their classes. We look forward to welcoming you in and sharing their fantastic start to the year.

A reminder that Breakfast Club and our Wrap Around Care both begin on Monday. Bookings for Breakfast Club will go live at 4pm today. Please ensure you have booked places if you intend to use these. Information about other clubs will be shared next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,



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HOMEWORK

Homework expectations this year are that all children read for a minimum of 10 minutes each night, as regular reading is one of the most powerful ways to build fluency and confidence across the whole curriculum. We will no longer be sending home weekly spellings for a test; instead, you can support your child by practising the common exception words, which can be found in the middle of their new reading diaries. From the week beginning 18th September, children in Years 2 to 6 will also have access to Times Table Rockstars, with more details to follow. These are key foundational skills that help strengthen children's fluency in their learning, so we really appreciate your support with them at home. As we continue to talk about raising the bar, these expectations reflect the high standards we hold for ourselves and our learning across the school.

FroGS AGM

The FroGS AGM will be on Friday 11th September at 9am in the school hall. The meeting will also include the election of new committee members, providing an opportunity for fresh perspectives and continued community involvement. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our long-standing committee members, Cally Law, Gemma Hall, and Emma Hart, who will be standing down from their roles. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to the group over the years have been greatly appreciated, and their contributions have played a significant part in the success of Frogs. We look forward to welcoming new committee members while continuing to build on the strong foundations they have helped create.

KEY DATES

We will be sending out a full list of key dates for this term next week. We are currently finalising trip arrangements and other important events to ensure everything is well organised and communicated in good time. Thank you for your patience while we complete this planning - there is lots to look forward to as we continue raising the bar together this year.

READING BOOKS

We are delighted to share that a significant investment has been made in purchasing new reading books for our children, and we are so excited to see them enjoying these wonderful resources. To help keep our books in excellent condition, please ensure that water bottles are not placed in the same bag as reading books, as leakages can cause significant damage. We will no longer be providing plastic wallets for reading books. Families are welcome to purchase a school book bag from Baldwins or use a suitable rucksack to transport books safely to and from school.



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PACKED LUNCHES & SNACKS

It has been lovely to see so many children enjoying the new school lunch menus this week. These menus have been carefully developed in line with the latest government healthy eating guidelines, providing nutritious and balanced meals for our children. We would also like to remind families that packed lunches should contain healthy options, including fruit and vegetables, and should not include sweets or chocolate. As a nut-free school, we kindly ask that no nut products are brought onto site. Please also remember our Waste-less Wednesdays and Fruit Friday initiatives for breaktime snacks. **Crisps and chocolate bars are not permitted at breaktime.** Thank you for your continued support in encouraging our children to make healthy food choices and develop positive eating habits. **Reception children do not need to bring a snack as we provide this for them and all children have access to a piece of fruit every day.**

BREAKFAST CLUB

All pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) are welcome to book a place at the GCPS FSM Breakfast Club. The breakfast club provides a healthy meal to help children start the school day ready to learn. Please note that booking for the GCPS FSM Breakfast Club will be separate from the normal breakfast club booking process, and eligible families will need to book through the FSM Breakfast Club system. For further information on how to book a place, please contact the school office.

WELL DONE

Well done to Freddie, Huxley and Tommy for winning the Mini Champs Summer Camp Football Tournament! What a fantastic achievement. Your teamwork, effort and determination have paid off, and everyone at GCPS is incredibly proud of you. Congratulations on bringing home the trophy and representing yourselves so brilliantly!



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BIRTHDAY TABLE

This week, we introduced our new Birthday Table at lunchtime! Any children celebrating a birthday during the week can choose a friend to sit with them at the special Birthday Table on a Friday. They'll enjoy a birthday cake treat and wear fun birthday party hats and glasses to help make their celebration extra special. This week, it was Nancy and Connor's turn to enjoy the Birthday Table. Happy Birthday, Nancy and Connor! We hope you had a fantastic time celebrating your special day with us!



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