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Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Autumn Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a great week.

Meet the Teacher

Please look out for communications about our Meet the Teacher meetings. These will be taking place over the next few weeks. They are an opportunity to come in and hear about your child's curriculum this year as well as some important class information. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the general curriculum and classroom arrangements. If you have questions relating specifically to your child, please speak to the school office to arrange an additional time to discuss. Alternatively, we have our Autumn term parent and carers' consultation evenings taking place after half term.

Attendance

Thank you to those of you who have downloaded and are making use of the Study Bugs app. Study Bugs is a very useful attendance support, and it allows parents and carers to report absences to the school online. We strongly recommend all parents and carers download the app to allow us to work closely to together to ensure good attendance for all pupils. Maintaining good attendance is essential to good progress for your child. Frequent absences from school can result in children falling behind not just academically, but socially too. If you are facing challenges with attendance, please speak to a member of staff to request support as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Manning

Headteacher

Attendance W/C 21/09/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	92.4	8
Year 1	92.6	7
Year 2	90.4	2
Year 3	96.8	4
Year 4	95	2
Year 5	91.7	4
Year 6	93	4

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96-99.9%	Good
90-95.9%	Needs to improve
88.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Coming Up...

Diary Dates 2026/2027		
DATE	**EVENT**	**Year groups**
07.10.2026 - 09.10.2026	Year 6 Residential: PGL Marchants Hill (2 nights)	6
15.10.2026	Year 5 Swimming	5
19.10.2026	Year 4 Trip to Verulamium Roman Museum	4
20.10.2026	Year 3 Group 1 Forest School Last session	3 (Group 1)
21.10.2026	Year 5 Swimming	5
October Half Term: 23.10.2026 - 30.10.2026		
02.11.2026	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	
03.11.2026 (Weekly)	Year 3 Group 2 Forest School Starts	3 (Group 2)
09.11.2026	School Photos	
18.11.2026	Flu Immunisations	R-6
26.11.2026	Year 1 Trip to Hughenden Manor	1
08.12.2026	Year 3 Group 2 Forest School Last Session	3 (Group 2)
Christmas & New Year Break: 21.12.2026 - 01.01.2027		
07.06.2027	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	
19.07.2027	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	
20.07.2027	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	
21.07.2027	INSET DAY (school closed to all pupils)	

Letters Home This week:

- **Meet the Teacher meeting details (Y1-6)**

This Week in

School....

Reception

Another busy week of learning in Reception!

The children are really getting used to their school routines. They are making new friends and becoming more confident as they explore all the wonderful activities on offer each day.

In phonics, the children have learnt four new sounds this week: g, o, c and k. As an extra challenge, they have enjoyed finding objects and activities around the classroom that begin with these initial sounds.

We have continued to explore the story of The Gingerbread Man, focusing this week on the character of the fox. We worked together to find words and phrases to describe the fox before putting these into sentences as a class. We also had lots of fun re-enacting some of the action words from the story, such as run, shout and climb!

In maths, we have been learning to count objects carefully, making sure we say one number each time we point to or touch an object so that we can find the total amount. We have enjoyed singing lots of number rhymes, including 5 Little Ducks and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

The children continue to enjoy their lunchtimes, where there are always lots of lovely conversations happening between them, as well as their playtimes in the big playground.

Have a great weekend, Reception! We look forward to another fun-filled week of learning together!

Year 1

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Year 1!

This week in English, we have been adapting The Three Little Pigs and changing the story into The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Crocodile. We have been using lots of exciting adjectives and similes to make our writing more interesting and descriptive.

In maths, we have been learning about more, fewer and the same. We have also been comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to. We now know that these symbols can help us to compare numbers easily.

In art, we have continued our work on spirals and created our very own snail spiral pictures. We used lots of control when drawing and took our time to carefully shade in the spiral of our snail.

In science, we have been learning about sound. We know that we use our ears to hear. We listened carefully to lots of different sounds and discovered that sounds can be loud or quiet. We also found that sounds can seem different depending on how near or far away we are from them.

In PSHE, we talked about times when we feel proud and explored how feeling proud can make us feel. We shared some wonderful examples with each other.

In geography, we looked at a map of our local area and thought about the landmarks we might see when travelling somewhere. We then drew some of the landmarks that we recognise from our local area.

Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning. Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Year 2

Another fantastic week of learning in Year 2! The children have continued to work hard and are becoming increasingly confident in their learning.

In English, we have started writing our own versions of our model text. We have been using our descriptive words, particularly adjectives, to describe the setting and bring our writing to life. Our phonics is going really well, and we have also been practising our Year 2 Common Exception Words. Ask your child how to spell could, would and should!

In Maths, we have finished our unit on place value and have now started looking at addition and subtraction. We have begun by revisiting our number bonds to 10, making sure we have a strong foundation before moving on to larger calculations.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about rewards and consequences. We discussed why it is important to listen to other people's ideas and contribute our own thoughts. We also explored how our choices and actions can help to make our classroom a safe and fair place for everyone.

The children have had another brilliant week and should be very proud of the effort they are putting into their learning. Well done, Year 2!

Year 3

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Year 3!

In English, we have finished learning our text map and have written some beautiful poetry. We have been so impressed with the creativity and wonderful vocabulary used!

In Maths, we have been ordering numbers up to 1,000 and practising counting forwards in 50s. We have certainly been keeping our brains busy! In Science, we have finished our unit on skeletons and amazed Miss North with all of our fantastic knowledge. We have remembered so much!

In Art, we began painting our canvases after taking inspiration from water and the sea. We are very excited to see how our artwork develops when we add another media - thread! In Music, we have been learning our class ballad, Space Oddity by David Bowie.

We have really enjoyed learning the song and bringing it to life together.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

Year 4 have been rounding to 10,100 and even 1000 this week in Maths which they have tackled with true Ash Hill determination as it is not an easy skill to master.

In History, the Roman Empire has been expanding to take in the province of Britannia where we live today. Map-making with our geographical skills has been useful here to show just how much land the Roman army conquered. We are looking forward to stepping in their footsteps next month on our trip to Verulamium.

In English, we have been exploring other worlds through a portal where monks prepare feasts in treetop huts.

In Science, we have been looking at grouping plants into flowering and non-flowering varieties as well as looking at what leaves can tell us about a plant.

With lovely weather for P.E outside and wire modelling in D.T, it's been another busy week of learning and exploring.

Don't forget to keep reading and look out for TT Rockstars battles coming up.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy week, especially as it was their first week of swimming lessons this term. I

n Maths, they've finished their unit on Place Value and have moved on to addition and subtraction.

Their writing in English on defeating a lava monster has been full of impressive vocabulary and ideas and they've finished setting up their investigations on air resistance in Science, ready for next week.

In Art, the children have made a zine and have been testing out mixing colours in their sketch books in preparation of creating a colour palette.

Year 6

As ever we have had a busy week in Year 6 with our focus having been on assessment.

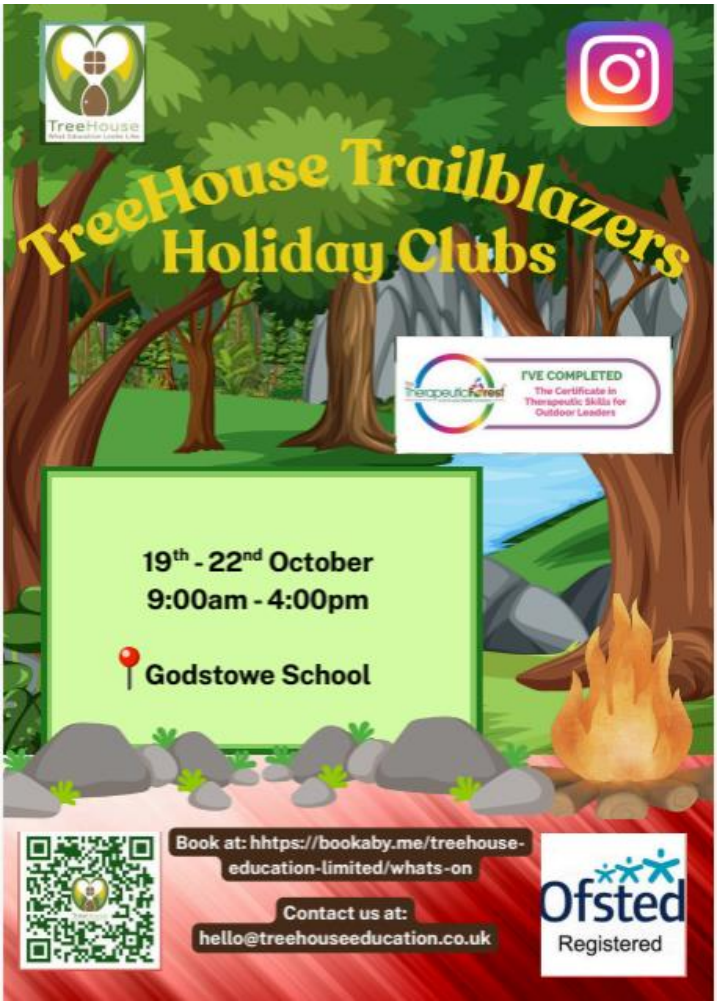
In English we have been describing settings with precisely chosen adjectives and thinking about how characters might react to a setting. Whilst in Maths we have been working on common factors.

In Science we have been thinking about how scientists classify animals and what features they might observe when doing this.

Our History unit of Ancient Greece has been looking at the downfall of the Greek Empire.

Next week we have our residential trip to look forward to and our Meet the Teacher meeting.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Weekend and holiday Activities

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