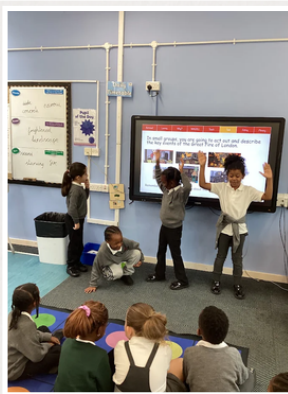


GRIFFIN GAZETTE



FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026



LAST FORTNIGHT'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

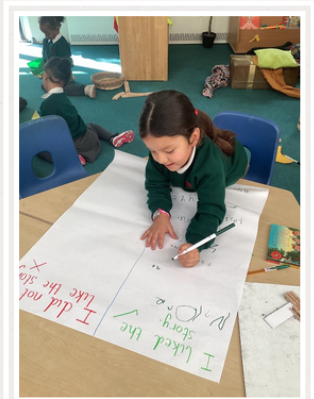
It's been a very close fortnight but a massive congratulations to YEAR 2 who won our attendance prize on Monday!! Keep up the amazing work and enjoy the spending money for your class!

COMING UP!

* SEND COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 8th October 9 am

Meet Speech and Language Therapist Emma Morris and learn communication strategies to support your child at home.



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

It has been an incredibly busy and action-packed fortnight at Griffin! It has been wonderful seeing the children so engaged, and so much exciting learning has already been taking place right across the school.

Our Reception and Year 1 pupils have hit the ground running, having just started their brilliant tennis coaching sessions with Wimbledon, while Year 3 and Year 4 have begun an inspiring collaboration with the Wandsworth Vocal Project. Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have just returned from a highly successful residential trip to PGL! They showed fantastic bravery, teamwork, and resilience throughout the week and were an absolute credit to our school family.

We are also loving our new partnership with Chefs in Schools! The children and staff are now sitting down to eat lunch together family-style, and the pupils are absolutely thriving in this wonderful social environment. The food has been fantastic – and if you are lucky, you might even get a taster of our new delicious menu at the school gates soon, so keep an eye out for that!

As we move further into the term, please remember to log into the Arbor Parent Portal to check for key updates and sign up for after-school clubs. A gentle reminder as well that our Walking Bus is up and running – if you would like your child to join, please do speak with Miss Robson.

Thank you all for your continued support, and we look forward to everything the coming weeks have in store.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Rachel Robson
Vice Principal

EYFS

The children have continued to develop their routines and have settled really well into EYFS life. They have been enjoying our daily rhyme time, developing their attention and listening skills through exciting bucket time activities. We have also been exploring the outdoors, where the children have shown just how curious and inquisitive they are as they investigate their surroundings, ask questions and discover new things. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they become increasingly familiar with our routines and learning environment.



Reading books will go home on Fridays. Please read daily with your child for 5-10 mins. Books should be returned by Thursday in order for children to have a new book on Friday. Tennis is on Wednesday and PE on Friday. Please ensure all jumpers and bottles are named- we already have lost jumpers that are unnamed!

YEAR 2

We have had a wonderful and hard-working week! The children have completed their first piece of final writing, creating a character description of Vlad. We have also been learning all about the Great Fire of London in History and exploring different materials in Science. It has been a busy and exciting week of learning, and the children have worked incredibly hard. Please ask your child to tell you all about what they have been learning—they have lots of interesting facts and ideas to share!



YEAR RECEPTION/1

Reception and Year 1 have settled in brilliantly to their new school year! This week we have explored the changes that happen in Autumn and have spent lots of time outside exploring leaves and weather. We have written descriptive sentences about the Wolf from Three Little Pigs using different adjectives. In Maths we are exploring how to make numbers up to 5 and learning that you can split numbers in different ways. We are now building our new Phonics learning and routines so children will receive a reading book each week now.



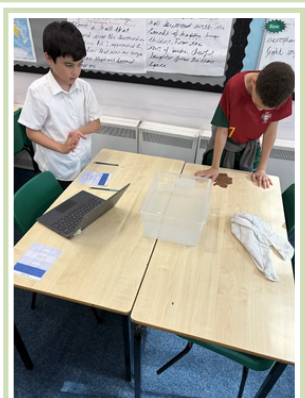
Please make sure your child reads their phonics book every day. They need to bring their phonics book into school every day, and their homework needs to be returned by Tuesday. Please make sure your child bring their water bottle every day.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard in their Plants lessons this week! We have been learning all about transpiration and exploring the different parts of a plant and the important jobs they each have. I am also so proud of the children for their fantastic Big Write in English. They have shown great effort, creativity and determination in their writing. Well done, Year 3! Keep up the amazing work!

YEAR 4

Year 4 have had an exciting week. While their diary writing and work on place value are progressing well, swimming was the real highlight. Many of our Year 4s have never had a swimming lesson and I am so proud of their resilience and determination to try something they were anxious or nervous about trying for the first time. One of our Year 4s answered a question she didn't know the answer to this week with the phrase "I'm going to have a go". I want all the Year 4s to remember that phrase next time they're faced with a task they think is too difficult. Have a go! Well done Year 4. Keep being your brilliant, curious selves.



YEAR 5

This week in Science, Year 5 have been investigating water resistance and streamlining. The children worked in groups to create a range of different shapes using the same amount of modelling clay. They then dropped each shape through a container of water, carefully timing how long it took to reach the bottom. To make their investigation more reliable, the children repeated each test and compared their results. They discussed how the shape of an object affected the amount of water resistance acting upon it and discovered that streamlined shapes could move through the water more quickly. The children really enjoyed putting their scientific knowledge into practice and seeing the results of their different designs!

YEAR 6

It has been another busy and productive week in Year 6! In English, we have finished our work on Briar Rose, rewriting the traditional fairy tale in our own style and focusing on using descriptive language and effective sentence structures. In Maths, we have finished our work on place value and have been developing our understanding of larger numbers and the value of each digit. In Guided Reading, we have been learning about the heart and the circulatory system, finding out how the heart pumps blood around the body and the important role that blood plays. In Computing, we have continued our work on spreadsheets, developing our skills in entering, organising and presenting data. In Art, we have continued learning about portraits, exploring how artists use different techniques to represent people and their features.



SEND UPDATES

Reminder of our SEND parent coffee morning on Thursday 8th October at 9am. Our School speech and language therapist Emma Morris will be joining us to talk through strategies to support your child's communication at home. We value parent feedback and voice in shaping our SEND provision and inclusion, [please complete our SEND parent survey:](#)

Goodbyes and Goodnights
Online Parent/Carer Group

Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?
Does your child struggle to separate from you?
Are you worried that your child might find it difficult to settle back into a routine after the school holidays?

Join our 4-session online group to connect with other parents/carers and learn new ways to support your child towards their independence.

Dates and Times:
Groups will be delivered online on the following dates - 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd October 2025
9:30am - 10:30pm. Dates subject to change.
Further groups will be offered throughout the year.
If you are interested but cannot attend these sessions please sign up and we will be in touch.

In many schools, we also provide free 1:1 early support for parents/carers of support aged children to support their child's communication and social skills. If you are interested in this support, please speak to your school to find out more.

Please scan the QR Code or click [here](#) to sign up.

PARENTS/CARERS WORKSHOP
Session 2
Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation

Learn how to recognise risks beyond the home and keep your children safe.

Who is it for?

- Parents/Carers of young people aged 14+
- Worksworth residents only

What you'll gain

- Build safeguarding confidence
- Understand exploitation and risks beyond home
- Practical tools to spot risks early

Guest Speakers

- George Turner from Carver's Community
- 2 Gary Williams from Moorfoot Academy
- 3 Young Person & Parent with lived experience

Thursday, 8 October 2026
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Arrival at 5:30pm

Calus House
2 Hgman Rd
London SW17 3BL

Online - Microsoft Teams

Register Now
Please click here to reserve your place

More workshops coming soon on Online Safety & Knife Crime Awareness

Worksworth Council & Carver's Community

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

A big thank you to all our families for your ongoing support in keeping attendance high across the school!

Overall, attendance remains strong across most classes, though we have noticed a few dips in Year 6 and our early years settings due to seasonal illnesses and absences.

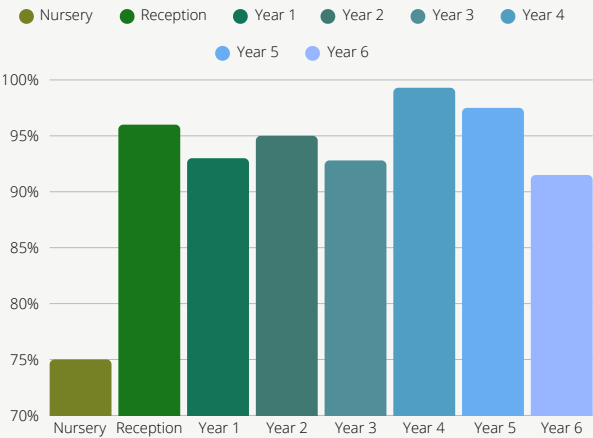
As a gentle reminder, every school day counts toward your child’s learning and social progress. If your child is going to be absent, please ensure you contact the school office as early as possible so we can properly account for and authorise their time away.

Let’s keep up the great momentum into next week!

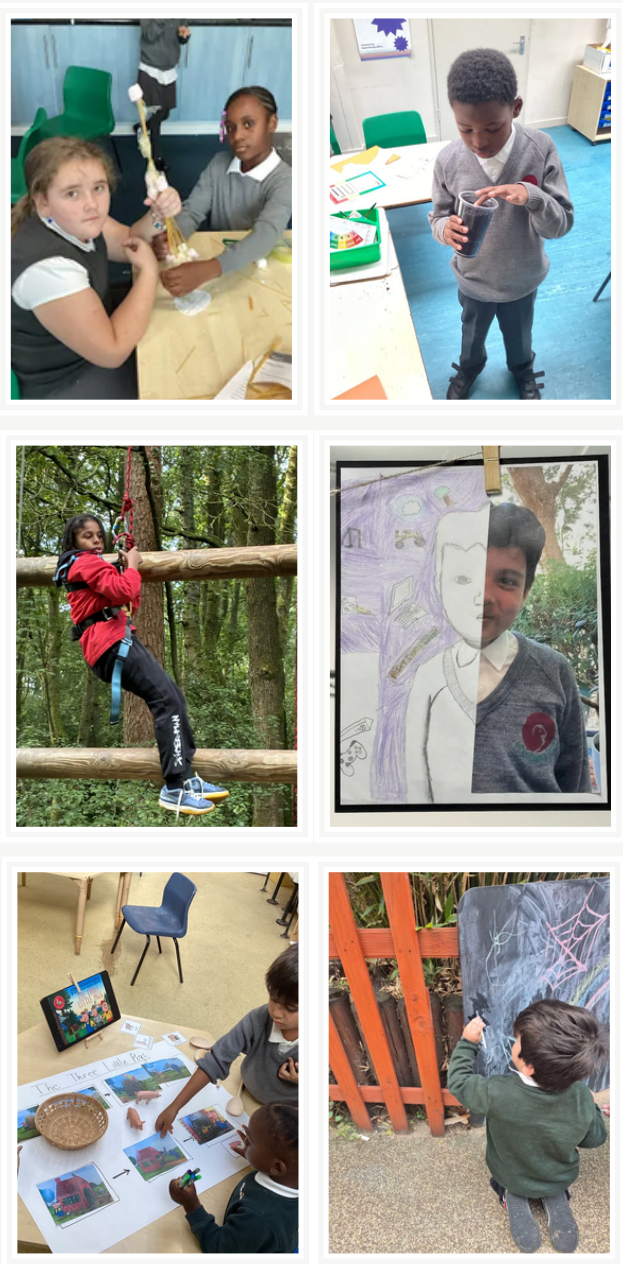
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AUTUMN TERM WEEK 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Roasted vegetable & Tomato pasta (gluten [wheat], soy)	Tofu Shawarma (milk, soy)	Hand rolled Margherita pizza (gluten [wheat], milk)	Vegetable and lentil lasagne (gluten [wheat], milk)	Panko Tofu (soy,gluten [wheat])
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Seasonal vegetable mac ‘n’ cheese (gluten [wheat], milk)	Chicken Shawarma (milk)	Chef-special pizza (gluten [wheat], milk)	Beef mince lasagne (gluten,wheat, milk)	Panko Fish of the Day (Fish, Gluten,wheat)
SIDES	Homemade garlic and olive oil wholemeal focaccia (gluten [wheat])	Couscous (wheat, gluten) Chili sauce (sulphites) Garlic yoghurt (milk or soy)	Tomato and basil salad	Roasted broccoli	Chips Tartare sauce Homemade Ketchup (sulphites)
VEGETABLES	Seasonal Fresh Vegetables Served Daily With Every Meal, On The Side				
EXTRAS	Fresh Fruit Platter and Greek Yoghurt with Honey or Fruit Compote Available Daily Tuesday = Apple crumble and custard (gluten [wheat], milk) Thursday = Hulk Cake (gluten [wheat], egg)				

WHAT’S FOR LUNCH?					
AUTUMN TERM WEEK 2					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN (OPTION 1)	Aubergine and chickpea curry (sulphites, mustard)	Jerk Tofu Steak (soy, sulphites)	Teriyaki Noodle Stir Fry (soy, gluten [wheat])	Black-bean chili Tacos	Thai fritters (mustard)
MAIN (OPTION 2)	Mattar paneer (milk)	Jerk Chicken (soy, sulphites)	Egg-fried rice (egg, soy)	Barbacoa beef tacos (gluten [wheat], soy)	Thai fish cake (fish, mustard)
SIDES	Pilau rice Chef-special raita (milk or soy)	Jollof rice (soy)	Included in main	Rice "Peamole"	Asian slaw (milk)
VEGETABLES	Seasonal Fresh Vegetables Served Daily With Every Meal, On The Side				
EXTRAS	Fresh Fruit Platter and Greek Yoghurt with Honey or Fruit Compote Available Daily Tuesday = Mixed fruit jelly Thursday = Butternut squash sponge (gluten [wheat], egg)				



THE FORTNIGHT IN PICTURES





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Experience the world with us. Give your best, get the best

Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Earn a £50 Voucher per Child – Griffin Referral Scheme

At Griffin, our families are our best ambassadors. We take pride in being an

extremely inclusive school where every child belongs. From our brilliant new school lunches to our free clubs and free residential trips, we offer an experience we want more local children to enjoy.

To thank you for spreading the word, we are launching our **Parent Referral Scheme**.

For every child who joins Griffin Primary following your recommendation and is enrolled by the October census, you will receive a **£50 gift voucher**.

There is no limit!

- 1 child = **£50 voucher**
- 2 children = **£100 voucher**
- 3 children = **£150 voucher**

How to take part:

1. **Tell friends and neighbours** about Griffin Primary and what makes our school special.
2. **Fill in our 1-minute form** at <https://forms.gle/A1L7qJvQvaSJt8UF9> or ask them to mention your name when they apply.
3. **Receive your £50 voucher** per child once they are registered and attending before the 1st October.

Thank you for helping our school community grow

Jack Taylor
Principal
Griffin Primary School



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