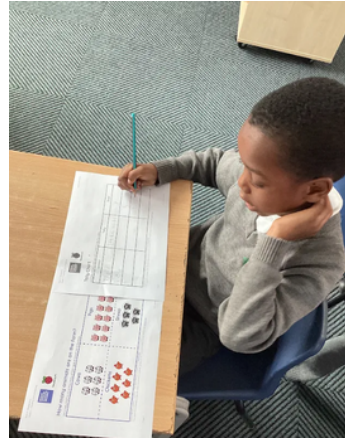




Griffin Gazette

Friday 11th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new school year! It has been an absolute joy to see all of the children return to school, and we hope you all had a fantastic and restful break with family and friends. The energy around the building has been brilliant, and it is wonderful to have our vibrant school community back together again.

There has been so much happening behind the scenes, and we are thrilled to announce that we have officially opened our brand-new Nursery and Reception enhanced provision! It has been fantastic watching our youngest learners settle into their new space. We are also delighted to share that our Walking Bus has officially relaunched- if you would like your child to join, please see Miss Robson for details. On top of that, our new school food partnership with Chefs in Schools has been an incredible success, with the children thoroughly enjoying their delicious, freshly prepared meals. We also want to pass along a huge thank you to all of our families for your support with attendance; the numbers have been fantastic so far, so please keep up the brilliant work!

Looking ahead, we have a packed calendar and so many amazing things on the horizon. Extra-curricular clubs will be starting next week, so please make sure to log onto the Arbor Parent Portal to sign your child up. Next week is also a huge milestone for our oldest pupils, as our Year 6 class heads off on their highly anticipated residential trip to PGL! We know they are going to have an unforgettable experience and make us all incredibly proud.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we kick off what promises to be a wonderful term ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Rachel Robson

Vice Principal

EYFS



We have had a wonderfully positive start to the new academic year in EYFS. The children have settled so quickly into our newly revamped, calm environment and have adapted beautifully to our routines. It has been lovely to see them confidently exploring, playing, learning and building relationships, as though they have always been part of our Griffin community. We are incredibly proud of how well they have begun their journey with us and look forward to all the exciting learning and experiences ahead.

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The children have had an amazing start to Reception and Year 1! We have been exploring the classroom and outside areas with lots of play and fun. We read our new text today, *The Three Little Pigs* and used adjectives to describe the wolf like "terrible" and wicked". In *Paths* we learned about the rules of circle time and are starting to practise this every day in our learning. Well done everyone! Please remember to read daily with your children. In the hot weather please ensure that children come to school wearing suncream and send a water bottle in with them too.

Please read every day with your children, for 5-10 minutes. PE day is on Friday.

Reception/Year 1



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Year 2



A very warm welcome to all our Year 2 parents! We are so excited to begin a fantastic year of learning, exploring and growing together. This term, the children will be developing their writing skills by creating exciting character descriptions, travelling back in time to learn all about the Great Fire of London, investigating different materials in Science, and building their understanding of place value in Maths. We have lots of exciting learning ahead and can't wait to see the children grow in confidence, independence and curiosity throughout the year. We look forward to working closely with you and making Year 2 a happy, memorable and successful year for everyone!

Please bring a water bottle, school bag and weather-appropriate clothing each day. Reading books and records must come to school every day. Please read with your child for 15 minutes daily and practise some number skills at home. Thank you for your support!

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What a wonderful first week back at school! The children have worked incredibly hard and have engaged enthusiastically in their learning. It has been lovely to see them settling in so well and beginning to enjoy the start of the new school year. This week, the children started learning about plants. They have shown lots of curiosity and enthusiasm, and we look forward to exploring this topic further.

PE will take place every Tuesday.

Reading books will be changed on Mondays. Please read with your child over the weekend and sign their reading record so their book can be changed. Thank you for your support!

Year 3



Year 4

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Year 4 have shown such great curiosity this week. I am really proud of the kind and supportive attitude they have entered the new school year with. Everyone has shown great imagination in our early writing work, and our place value topic in maths is progressing really well. I look forward to Year 4 growing in confidence throughout the year. Well done Year 4, you are doing a fantastic job.

Year 5



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The children have settled brilliantly into Panda Class and have made a fantastic start to the year! We began the week by creating some brilliant self-portraits, using half of our faces and surrounding them with pictures and ideas that represent our interests and what makes us unique. We also put our teamwork skills to the test by working together to build towers using only spaghetti and marshmallows - with some very impressive (and slightly wobbly!) results!

PE will take place every Tuesday, so children should come to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays. Swimming will take place on selected Fridays from 11:40am-12:40pm; parents have been informed of the swimming dates separately.

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What a fantastic first week back we have had in Year 6! Everyone has settled in really well, and it has been brilliant to see the children starting the year with such a positive attitude. We have certainly started as we mean to go on, working hard, showing great enthusiasm and getting stuck into our learning. In English, we have begun exploring Philip Pullman's version of the Grimm Tales. We have been thinking about the darker side of traditional fairy tales and exploring the language, characters and themes within the stories. In Maths, we have started our work on place value, developing our understanding of large numbers and the value of each digit. The children have made a great start and have been working hard to explain their mathematical thinking. Looking ahead, we are excited to begin our new topics in Science, where we will be learning about classification, and Computing, where we will be developing our skills with spreadsheets.

Most importantly, the children have made a really positive start with their behaviour and attitude. It has been lovely to see everyone settling into routines, making good choices and showing that they are ready for the challenges and responsibilities of Year 6. Well done, Year 6 — an excellent first week! 🙌

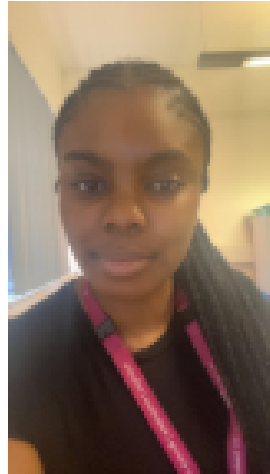
Year 6



SEND UPDATES

Welcome Back!

We continue to strive to make our SEND and Inclusive practice the best it can be. We have many exciting developments in our SEND provision, including the opening of our Early Years enhanced provision for children with communication, language and sensory needs. This allows us to better meet the needs of children in our local community. Miss White will be class teacher and assistant SENCO this academic year. Today, your child's updated SEND Support Plan will be visible on Provision Map - if you need a reminder of the log in please let your class teacher know.



Introducing ourselves – Emma Morris & Tobi Oropo – we are Speech and Language Therapists supporting children at Griffin Primary school. We'll be in touch across the year via the newsletter with top tips & strategies for supporting your child's language, as well suggested activities to try at home to support your child with their communication skills.

If you would like to chat to us about any concerns you have about your child's communication, or find out about strategies to support them at home, the school SENCO can arrange a meeting with us.

Wandsworth Family Hubs

Online Workshops for Parents & Carers

Sep – Dec 2026

Grab yourself a cuppa and enjoy some helpful tips and support on a range of topics aimed at **under 5s** from Wandsworth colleagues and partners, **all online and interactive**.

Date & Time	Workshop	Delivered by:
Monday 14 Sep 1 to 2.15pm	Supporting Your Child's Communication and Language 0 – 3yrs	Joanna Hardman Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
Thursday 24 Sep 10 to 11.15am	Health Visiting Birth to School Supporting Your Child's Health, Development and School Readiness	Health Visiting Team
Monday 28 Sep 1 to 2.15pm	Enjoying Time with Your Child Part 1: Understanding Their Behaviour	Daniel Sellwood & Phoebe Oliver Educational Psychologists
Wednesday 7 Oct 1 to 2.15pm	Enjoying Time with Your Child Part 2: Strategies to Support Positive Behaviour	Amy Couprie & Phoebe Oliver Educational Psychologists
Monday 12 Oct 1 to 2.15pm	Supporting Your Child with Social Communication Differences	Joanna Hardman Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist
Wednesday 21 Oct 10 to 11.15am	Supporting Your Child's Health, Development and School Readiness for families with SEND children	SEND Health Visitor
Monday 9 Nov 1 to 2.15pm	Introduction to Solids	Health Visiting Team
Monday 23 Nov 1 to 2.15pm	Sleep Hygiene for children with SEND	SEND Allkind
Monday 7 Dec 1 to 2.15pm	Learning Through Play	Early Years Team

To book onto a workshop you can scan the QR code or click on the link below
<https://forms.office.com/e/qXdqNSEn20>

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