

Newsletter

Summer Term 2024



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Dear parents/carers,



This half term, we have introduced our new '**classroom mantra**' across the school. This mantra will be displayed on all the classroom doors to help remind our pupils what is expected of them when they enter their classrooms.

We know if pupils are **ready to focus, ready to learn and ready to work hard**, they will make the best possible progress and fulfill their potential.

It would be wonderful if parents/carers talk to their children about the new mantra and remind them as they start every school day that they are 'ready to focus, ready to learn and ready to work hard'.

This week, I have enjoyed popping into classes and seeing the fantastic learning across the school. It has been wonderful to see pupils so engaged in our Master Reader programme as well as seeing so many pupils learning their Little Wandle phonics too.

I have also been privileged to see some high quality writing this week inspired by the texts used in our reading lessons. It was a pleasure to read pupils' work and see how our new handwriting lessons are impacting on the presentation of their writing.

Well done GG!

Important dates for the term

Friday 21st June	Circus Non-uniform day <i>(N/R pupils cakes and Years 1-6 chocolate)</i>
Sunday 23rd – Wednesday 26th June	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 26th June	KS1 Sports Day
Monday 1st July	Inset day – School closed
Monday 8th July	End of year reports out to parents/carers
Tuesday 9th July	KS2 Sports Day (CHANGE OF DATE)
Wednesday 10th July	Pupils to meet their teacher/s for next year
Friday 12th July matinee and evening Monday 15th July evening Tuesday 16th July evening	Matilda 5/6 performances
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly to parents a.m.
Friday 19th July	End of summer term Early Closure – 1pm
Wednesday 4th September	Start of the new academic year Pupils return to school

School uniform

A reminder to parents/carers that pupils are still expected to wear the correct school uniform right to the end of the summer term. If you are unsure about uniform expectations, please refer to our school website ([://www.guildfordgrove.surrey.sch.uk/](http://www.guildfordgrove.surrey.sch.uk/)) for all the details.

Pupils in Year 1 upwards are not permitted to wear trainers (unless they have medical evidence). If parents/carers do not want to buy new school shoes so close to end of the year, we allow pupils to wear **black plimsolls** in this half term as a cheaper option.

A big well done to Year 6



Recently, our Year 6 pupils took part in their end of year statutory assessment tests (SATs). During the week, our pupils took part in various assessments such as reading and maths.

All of the staff at GG were so impressed with our pupils' attitudes towards their assessments. They showed such **positivity, resilience and determination** throughout the week and it was a real joy to see how far they have come since September.

Our Year 6s seemed to take the week in their stride and enjoyed the special SATs breakfast every day as well as the daily biscuit treats!

They are now looking forward to the Year 6 residential, the summer show and, of course, the Year 6 leavers' assembly.

Attendance

Many of you will be aware that **new regulations** will be coming into effect for schools in terms of attendance in **September 2024**.

These changes are being made due to national concerns around poor attendance in schools since the Covid pandemic. It will mean that schools will have to consider fines for parents/carers whose children **miss 5 or more days of school due to unauthorised absence**. Fines for parents/carers will also be increasing.

At Guildford Grove, we value the importance of good attendance. It is clear that pupils who have 95% or greater attendance perform better at school than those who have poor attendance. Pupils who have **less than 90% attendance at school are considered to be persistently absent** and those with **50% or less attendance are classed as severely absent**.

You will soon be receiving your child's end of year report. You will be able to clearly see what attendance your child has had this year and we ask that all parents/carers continue to prioritise their child's school attendance. **As a school, we will continue to work with families to ensure all pupils attend school and have the best chance to reach their potential in life.**

