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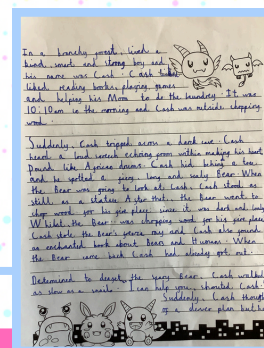
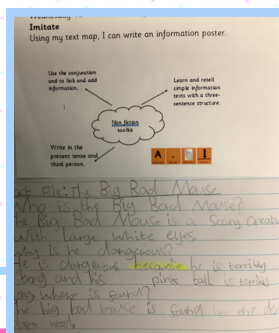
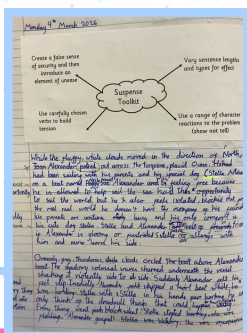
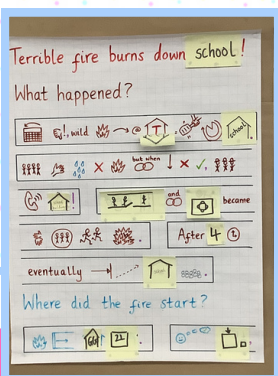
Talk for Writing at Guildford Grove

This year at Guildford Grove, we have been focusing on how we teach and support our pupils in their writing lessons. As a school, we follow the **Talk for Writing** approach, developed by Pie Corbett, and we wanted to share what this looks like for your children.

Talk for Writing helps children learn to write by first talking about and understanding a text. In the first week (the “**imitate**” stage), children learn a model text using a ‘**text map**’ – a visual story guide – which helps them retell the text confidently and become familiar with the style before writing.

In the second week (the “**innovate**” stage), children begin to make changes to the text, adding their own ideas. Finally, in the third week (the “**invent**” stage), they use everything they have learned to write their own original piece.

Alongside our daily Active Spelling sessions, we are seeing children grow in confidence and enjoyment in writing, with their stamina improving significantly. Here are some examples of the writing process at GG.



Dates for your diary

Friday 27th March

- End of term

Monday 13th April

1pm Early Closure

- Start of summer term

Wednesday 22nd April

Practice SATs week for Year 6 pupils

Thursday 30th April

- EAL coffee morning at 9am

Monday 4th May

- Coffee afternoon (Curriculum workshop for KS1 and KS2)

Friday 8th May

- **Bank Holiday school closed**

Monday 11th May

- Poppies class assembly 2.45 pm

Wednesday 20th May

- **Year 6 SATs week**

Thursday 21st May

- Year 5/6 trip to London

Friday 22nd May

- Disco

Monday 25th May

- Non uniform day - bring in chocolate/cake donations

Monday 1st June

- **Half term**

- Start of the second half of summer term





World Book Day

The whole school enjoyed our recent World Book Day on the 5th March. During the day, our pupils took part in a book quiz, read to their reading buddies and enjoyed dressing up. As 2026 is the year of reading, we will continue throughout the year to promote reading across the school. Why not take your child to the library during the Easter holidays? They often have free activities on that children can enjoy engaging with.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/your-library/find-your-nearest/guildford>



G Live

We recently took a group of KS2 pupils from our school choir to G Live to perform as part of Surrey Arts - Surrey Music Festival. It was an absolute pleasure to see them perform so confidently amongst so many other schools. Many thanks to Mrs Schollar and Miss Logan for organising this and accompanying our pupils.



A musical concert

On the 13th March, we welcomed Emma Johnson and friends to our school. During a whole school assembly, quartet of professional musicians introduced their instruments (violin, clarinet, trombone and double bass) through the power of story telling.

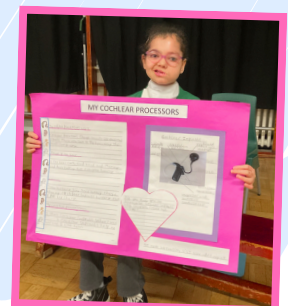


DEAF AWARENESS

On the 20th March, our Lighthouse pupils performed their assembly to the whole school.

As part of the assembly, they shared top tips on how to ensure we are all deaf aware. With 15 deaf pupils and 6 deaf adults at Guildford Grove, it is very important that we remember to follow these tips.

1. Don't shout
2. Don't cover your mouth when talking
3. Ensure your face is well lit
4. Face the person you are speaking to



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Updates on opportunities for parents/carers

EASTER HOLIDAY FUN – GUILDFORD & BEYOND!

Looking for simple, low-cost or free things to do this Easter?
We've put together some easy ideas to help families get
out and about without the stress 🍷

FREE OUTDOOR FUN (NO BOOKING NEEDED!)

🌳 Stoke Park

🌿 Playground, open space, ball games and picnics

🌳 Chantries Hill

🌿 Beautiful countryside walks and views

🌳 Guildford Castle Grounds

🌿 Perfect for a short visit, flowers and a picnic

👉 Simple idea: take a snack and stay for 30 minutes – no pressure to stay longer



📖 FREE INDOOR OPTIONS!

📖 Guildford Library

🌿 Drop-in crafts, colouring and a calm space to relax



🚲 FREE EVERY WEEK 🍷

🌿 Junior Parkrun – Stoke Park (Sundays)

🌿 Free 2km run, jog or walk for children (Register online once before attending)

🐰 EASTER TRAILS & TOWN FUN

📍 The Friary Shopping Centre

🕒 FREE children's Easter trail

📅 21st March – 11th April

🐰 Easter Bunny Trail

📅 25th March – 11th April

🌿 Art, dressing up, outdoor games and Playwood



🎨 FREE FAMILY EVENT

📍 Yvonne Arnoud Theatre – Easter Family Fun Day

🕒 Thursday 2nd April

🕒 10am–3pm (Fun starting 10.2)

🌿 Crafts 🍷 Dressing up

🌿 Egg hunt 🍷 Chalk art & Lego

👉 Just turn up – no booking needed!



🍷 KIDS EAT FREE / FOR LESS 🍷

🍷 Pizza Express – kids eat free (app offer)

🍷 Bills – up to 2 kids eat free (selected days)

🍷 ASK Italian – kids eat for 21

🍷 Zizzi / Franco Manca / Megan's –

occasional offers includes bunny ears & chocolate egg

🍷 Watts Gallery

📅 23rd March – 10th April

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👉 Check advice from yoki.gro.gro

☀️ KEEP IT SIMPLE 🍷

The best days out don't need to be big or expensive

🍷 A park + snack

🍷 A quick trail

🍷 Little things can make a big difference

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AN ANNOUNCEMENT – SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

We are excited to be launching two new opportunities for parents at Guildford Grove.

— Cafe Connect —

📅 Thursday 16th April

🕒 2:30pm

📍 Learning Centre

A welcoming space for parents to:

- Enjoy a coffee
- Meet other parents
- Chat in a relaxed, informal environment

You will also have the opportunity to meet key members of staff, including:

- Senior Leadership Team
- Mrs. James (SENDCo)
- Mrs. Pearce (Assistant Home School Link Worker)

No pressure, no agenda – just a chance to connect and feel part of the school community.



☀ SEND Information Sessions —

📅 Monday 20th April

🕒 2:00–3:00pm

📄 Theme: Transition to Secondary

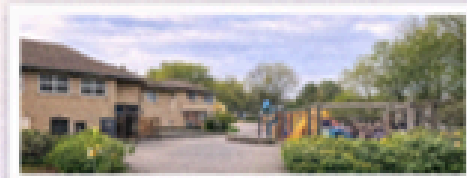
We recently held our first session with our Educational Psychologist:

“Meltdown to Calm” – which was very well received by parents.

This was the first of a series of sessions, and moving forward each session will focus on a different theme, based on the views and needs of our families.

- One session every half term
- Practical advice and strategies
- Support for parents of children with additional needs

We are committed to supporting not just our children, but our families too. We look forward to welcoming you 🍀



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Reminder about school uniform

Our school uniform policy states that pupils must wear the following...

Year 1 to Year 6



Black school shoes
Grey trousers, skirts or dresses
White polo shirt
Guildford Grove jumper or cardigan
Grey/white socks or grey tights

On PE days

Black joggers/leggings
Guildford Grove green PE tshirt
Guildford Grove jumper or cardigan
Dark trainers



One **stud earring** permitted in each ear. **Earrings not to be worn on PE days.**
Pupils are not permitted to actively take part in PE if wearing earrings.
Taping earrings is not permitted.

Long hair must be worn up in a plain hairband to avoid the spread of headlice.

It is also essential that all pupils attend school everyday with a **bookbag/school bag** and a **water bottle** (juice not permitted).

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