



# May newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we lead into Summer 2 (our final half term of the academic year! - where did that year go??) we will begin to think about transition. We will start reading/story time transitions each week in the new half-term, where the children go into their new year groups. Year Sixes will be off to transition days to their secondary schools ready for September.

We will be welcoming our new EYFS children for their transition visits, ready for starting in September.

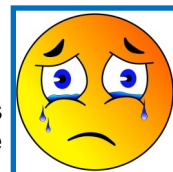
We are so incredibly proud of our children who continue to amaze us every day. We have had a lot of visitors to our school recently and they all comment on our children's excellent learning attitudes and behaviours—we are so proud of you! Our photographer who took the class photos was incredibly complimentary of the children's attitudes and manners during his day in school. He says this is not the case everywhere he goes!

A special mention must go to our wonderful Year Sixes who showed great resilience and determination last week in their SATs papers. A huge thank you to our dedicated Year Six team and the wider staff involved for making it such a successful week. From all of us here at GBP, we wish you a wonderful half term!

Take care, Miss Lyddon.

## Staffing news

We will be saying goodbye to our Business Manager, Ms Cates, at the end of June. We wish her well in her new role.



Miss Murrells will be leaving us in July to have her baby, which is due in August. We will keep you updated on baby news in September!

Mrs Roberts is due to return to Great Binfields at the end of July, so we will be welcoming her back 3 days a week from September and I cannot wait to hear how Alice and Molly are doing.

Miss Chave will be a permanent member of staff here at Great Binfields from September 2025. We also have Miss Marshall, Miss Matcham and Mr McGill joining us in September. More information on each of these to follow!

Now my puzzle of where each of the teachers are going for September begins!!!

## INSET Days for 2025-2026:

3rd September 2025  
28th November 2025  
30th January 2026  
22nd May 2026  
3rd July 2026

## Key Stage 2 rugby:

Our KS2 rugby team have had excellent success this year thanks to their outstanding efforts and Mr Wood's expertise.

Here is a lovely recount from some of our team...  
'Great Binfields competed in the 24/25 Tudor league. We played 12 games, won 11 and drew the last one. We drew against St Mary's after a big team effort. First we played at Fairfield's home and then St Mary's. After that, we played at Rucstall and finished the league at Great Binfields. We had the biggest win of the season with a 6-0 win. Our wins would not be possible without our amazing coach - Mr Wood! Thank you so much for making this possible. Thank you to all the teams who we played against. You all played brilliant tag rugby.'

Childhood is not a race to see  
how quickly a child can read,  
write, and count. Childhood is a  
small window of time to learn  
and develop at the pace which is  
right for each individual child.



### **EYFS Bikeability training:**

The new term started very excitedly as Early Years took part in Bikeability training, using the Balance bikes. They started by learning about how to make sure their clothing is safe when going on a bike and they all then did a helmet check to make sure that everyone knew the correct way to wear a bike helmet.

Next they moved onto making sure their bikes were safe. The children were taught how to check their tyres to make sure they had enough air in them, then how to ensure the brakes were working and finally how to make sure that the handlebars were tight enough.

Once all the checks had been completed, the children were shown how to walk safely with a bike and steer it around cones. Finally, they then moved onto riding their bikes. They started by using little steps to move from one place to another and then gradually made these bigger and bigger until they were pushing and gliding all the way across the playground.

Over the rest of the week the children continued to work on their gliding skills, as well as learning to navigate between and around cones. The children also had to control different speeds and played games to make them stop and start on command. Finally the children had a range of routes to use around the playground. These criss crossed each other, meaning that they would be travelling into each other's paths. This meant that the children had to stay focused and watch out for other moving bikes that might be travelling towards the same space as them.

The children all looked forward to their bikeability session each day and it was lovely to see the increase in confidence and resilience throughout the progression of the week.



### **Year Three visit Fishbourne Roman Palace**

What an exciting Friday Year 3 had! On Friday 9th May, they visited Fishbourne Roman Palace near Chichester. Throughout the day, they were able to explore the palace, learning facts about how it was found and what happened to it a long time ago. They also had an interactive workshop which involved playing games, making mosaics, looking inside a replica kitchen, spinning wool, wax and ink writing. After this, they walked around the museum learning facts and exploring about roman buildings, coins and houses. In the palace, they have real mosaics on the floor from the Roman time which the children found fascinating to look at the intricate detail. Around the palace, the children wandered around the replica gardens, and realised how it would have looked if they went back in time! It was a wonderful day for the Year 3's. Their behaviour was excellent and it brought their Roman learning to life!



### **Events at Basingstoke Library:**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone/events>

### **Year 2 cricket festival**

Year 2 had a great afternoon in the sunshine learning new cricket skills and having fun with Hampshire cricket.



### **Year 2 football Tournament:**

Well done to our Year 2 football team for showing our super school values during April's football tournament.



## Little People, BIG DREAMS® at The Vyne



Little People, **BIG DREAMS**®

### Want to keep your child safe online but don't know how best to do it?

Check out this free workshop from the NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops>



### Well done Year 6...

Well done Year 6 for tackling your SATs with resilience and maturity. Mrs Holdsworth, the year 6 teachers and I are super proud of you.

What a way to end SATs week! Year 6 have had a wonderful day celebrating the completion of their tests and boy did they deserve it! The children chose a long list of activities for their treat day. Throughout the day, they had: a busy room of arts and crafts with children making hats, 3D felt fruit and vegetables and watercolour scenes; children relaxing watching films of their choice, some playing a range of educational games on the IPADs, football on the field, playing on the go-karts, playing hide and seek, den building in the forest and enjoying time together on the table football and ping pong tables. It was the perfect day to let off a bit of steam and everyone has been able to make special memories with their friends.



## COME AND MEET THE STORM TROOPERS ON SATURDAY 31ST MAY IN AID OF SPOTLIGHT UK'S SCARLETT'S SMILES



### FESTIVAL PLACE, 11-4PM

Come and meet the Storm Troopers and have your picture taken with the storm troopes to help raise money for Spotlight UK's Scarlett's Smiles' appeal supporting children with terminal illness, children in care, children affected by loss and young carers.

### Colour Run 2025:

Thank you to the Friends Group, and especially our co-chairs Lucy and Charlotte, for organising our first Colour Run. I think everyone that took part had a BLAST of joy and COLOUR. My personal favourite quote: "The most joyous 30 minutes I've ever had!"

Some are still trying to wash out the blue from their heads! (Huxley in Maple class ;-)) and our field is still very colourful too!

## Year 1 Porchester Castle day trip.

On Wednesday 14th May 2025, Year 1 visited Portchester Castle as part of their History learning on Kings, Queens and Castles. They were very excited to visit a real life castle and look out for the different castle features, such as the keep, battlements, moat, drawbridge, portcullis, and bailey. Despite some of the castle being in ruins, the children were still able to imagine where some of the features would have been, for example, the drawbridge, and to imagine what life in the castle would once have been like!

The noise level on the coach erupted with pure excitement when they first arrived and the children caught their first glimpse of the castle. They had the most wonderful time exploring the castle and its grounds, including climbing the many stairs to reach the different levels of the keep. Some of the children even tried out a section of the spiral staircase, which was steep and narrow! The castle museum was really interesting and contained artefacts from an archaeological dig on site, such as a skull, jawbone, a cannonball and even a hairbrush!

The children also took part in a workshop, run by members of English Heritage. They told them interesting facts about the history of Portchester Castle, including information about the Kings who once lived and ruled there! Some of the children were given the opportunity to dress up as kings, guards and servants, as well hold a long bow and a piece of chain mail! The children were so enthusiastic during their workshops, and impressed with their knowledge of castles.



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