23rd October 2026

Grendon Gazette

A huge thank you to the 72 parents and carers who have already completed our Parent/Carer Survey! 💙
Your views really matter to us and help us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve.
🗓️ The deadline to submit your response is 30th October.
If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey yet, there's still time! We would really appreciate you sharing your views.
At the beginning of next term, I will share the key themes that have emerged from your feedback, along with the actions we will be taking in response. This will help ensure your voices are heard and your feedback makes a difference.
Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

You will receive a letter today outlining our move to a smartphone-free school from January 2026.
This means that children will not be permitted to bring a smartphone onto the school site, including phones intended to be handed in to the school office for safekeeping.
We recognise that this change may raise questions for some families, and we are committed to supporting you through this transition. We are currently working to confirm dates for parent and carer workshops and will share these with you as soon as possible. The workshops will explain the rationale behind our smartphone-free approach, provide practical advice and guidance, and offer opportunities for you to ask questions and discuss any concerns.
We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure the very best outcomes for our children.
For further information, please visit the Smartphone Free Childhood website.

INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

Parent survey

Smartphone - free school https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/

Key dates

Frogs fundraising events

Important Date or Events

What: Nursery Rhyme Evening for Nursery and Reception children
When: 4:45 pm-6:00 pm
Where: Grendon Underwood School Sports Hall - 12/11/26

Key dates for the Autumn term 2026

The school calendar can be found on the website: https://www.gucs.org.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=6&viewid=2

23/10/2025	End of term
26/10/26 - 30/10/26	School holiday
31/10/2026	Deadline to submit your child's secondary transfer application
02/11/2026	Back to school and Flu vaccinations in school
11/11/2027	Open event 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
12/11/2026	Nursery rhyme evening 4.45 - 6 pm.
12/11/2026	myHappymind parent workshops 2:30 pm and 6 pm.
13/11/2026	Children in Need
16/11/2026	Anti-bullying week
21/11/2026	Saturday open day for potential new families 10 am - 12 noon
23/11/26- 27/11/26	Assessment week for Years 1-6
27/11/2026	Open event 10 am - 11:30 am
17/11/2026	Hot Chocolate Workshop 9:45 am-11:30 am
08/12/2026	Nativity performance Reception/Year 1/Year 2 9:30-10:30 am 2 pm -3 pm Further details, including information about tickets, costumes and which performance you can attend, will be shared nearer the time.
16/12/2016	Xmas jumper day Xmas dinner Xmas biscuit decorating
17/12/2026	Xmas disco 3:15 pm -5:00 pm
18/12/2026	Headteacher assembly 9:00-9:30 am End of term
21/12/25 - 1/1/27	School holiday

29th January 2027	Break the Rules Day - in school
19th March 2027	Easter Bingo 4:30-6:30 pm
23rd April 2027	Mufti day - bring a bottle
8th May 2027	Village Spring Fayre
27th May 2027	Party on the Playground 3:15-5:00 pm
18th June 2027	GrendonFest 3:15-6:00 pm
12th July 2027	Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher for the Day raffle

Following on from the FROGs AGM on Monday, the following fundraising events have been planned. More information for each event will shared nearer the time.

Reminders:

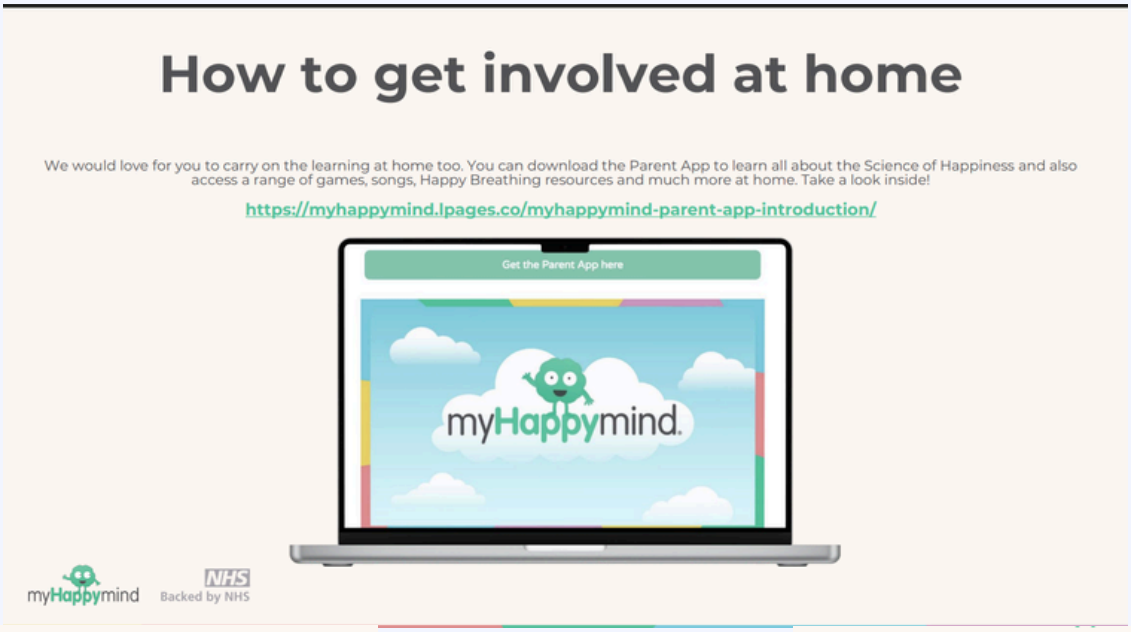
REMINDERS

Flu vaccinations - 2nd November - reminder to fill out the consent form sent to you on Parentmail.

🌺 *Poppy Appeal*

Our Ambassadors will be selling poppies and other Poppy Appeal merchandise in school from 2nd November to 11th November. Items will range in price from 50p to £2, giving children the opportunity to make a small donation and support this important appeal.

Thank you for your support in helping us honour and remember those who have served.



https://courses.myhappymind.org/pages/resource-Hub?item=meet-your-brain

We are holding parent workshops on Thursday, 12th November 2026 at 2:30 pm and 6:00 pm. These workshops will give parents more information about how myHappymind works and how they can use it at home to support their child. An email will go out after the half-term break to book a place.

Harvest celebrations in school

Bicester Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Amazing Harvest!

Grendon Underwood Primary School

Thank you for collecting 80.18kg in harvest donations to support the work of Bicester Foodbank.

Your support will make a huge difference to the lives of people living in financial hardship.

Alison Drake
Foodbank Manager

Registered charity number 1132169.

VICTIM SUPPORT

WeMatter

An online group work programme for children and young people affected by domestic abuse

WeMatter is a totally digital service providing specialist support to children and young people aged 8–17 years old, who have been affected by domestic abuse across England. WeMatter delivers the CYP Domestic Abuse Recovery Toolkit, which offers a range of activities and discussions informed by Trauma Focused Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. This group programme is designed to help children and young people understand their own experiences, develop healthy coping strategies, increase levels of safety and achieve positive future relationships.

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