

Newsletter

GRENDON UNDERWOOD SCHOOL



Friday 17th April 2026

Parent/Carer survey.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent/Carer survey.

The feedback is overwhelmingly positive. Parents express strong appreciation for the school's ethos, staff commitment and the happiness and safety of their children. The school is widely viewed as a nurturing and welcoming environment.

However, several recurring themes highlight opportunities for improvement - particularly in communication, staffing, behaviour management and provision.

The parent feedback highlights a school that is highly valued by its community, with strong relationships, committed staff and a positive environment for pupils.

The identified areas for development provide a clear and constructive basis for continued improvement and strategic focus.

Parent and Carers

Our School Nursing Team can help with things like:

Behaviour management

Development

Toileting

Wellbeing

Healthy eating

Sleep

Emotional health

Find advice on supporting your
child's health and wellbeing.



www.healthforkids.co.uk/buckinghamshire

Message your local school nursing team:

07312 263 175

Or scan the
QR code to
start a chat:



◆◆ New ParentCarerChat Text Service – Now Live!

Need quick advice about your child's health or wellbeing?

You can now text our School Nursing Team directly for support.

◆◆ ParentCarerChat: 07312 263175

◆◆ Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm

We can help with things like:

- Behaviour or emotional worries
 - Healthy eating
 - Puberty questions
 - Toileting or sleep concerns
- ...and more.

Your message goes straight to a real person, not AI. If you've been asked to complete toileting or sleep charts, diaries or questionnaires, please return them as soon as you can so we can start the right support quickly. Follow us on Instagram for tips and updates: @bucks_childrenandyoungpeople

Clubs

This term we are offering the children to attend the following clubs:

Monday- Cross country (Mrs Mitchell and Mr Sherriff)

Tuesday - Disney colouring - upper school (Mrs Humphreys)

Wednesday - Disney colouring club lower school (Mrs Humphreys)

Thursday - XYZ choir (Miss Price)

Friday - wool craft (Mrs Argent) - Children who have knitting or crocheting at home are invited to bring them in. Mrs Argent will facilitate them working on, and finishing, their item.

In assembly this week, we talked about responsibility. I explained that this term we were going to have a focus on three areas of being responsible.

1. Looking after our clothing - if we take a jumper off, then we need to be responsible for it and take it home. I showed them the three bags of lost property. Making sure their names are on the clothing - this is really parents' responsibility and I have told the children they need to nag their parents about naming their clothing. If it is named, we can return it to them.

2. Being responsible with our equipment - particularly playground equipment. This needs to be tidied at the end of break.

3. Responsible for wearing the correct uniform. We spoke about what the correct uniform is. Parents' will be sent a Dojo message if uniform is not correct.

'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': a guide for parents and carers on children's digital lives (Children's Commissioner)

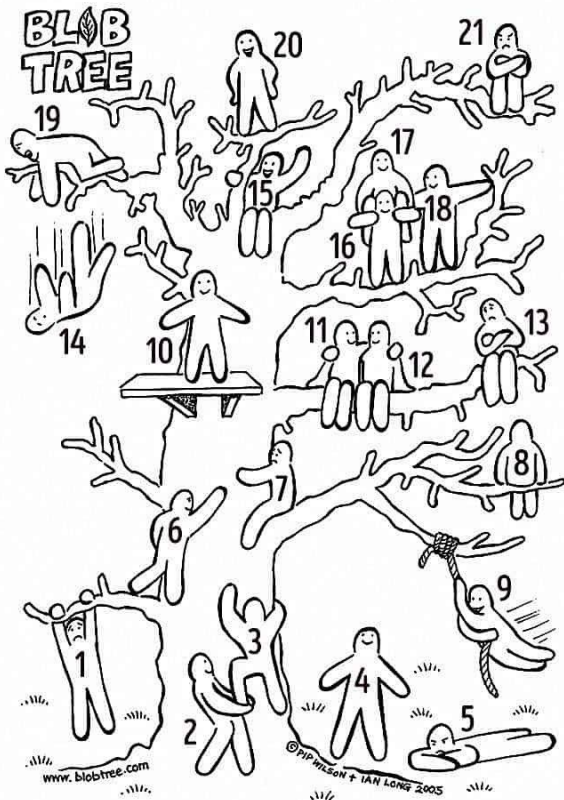
The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a guide to help parents and carers navigate the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. Written with direct input from children and young people, including teenagers consulted in schools and the Commissioner's Youth Ambassadors. The guide is designed to make difficult conversations easier and more regular.

The guide covers setting boundaries around phone use, talking about harmful content, and building ongoing communication that goes beyond a one-off conversation. The voice of young people runs through it, including this from one teenager: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting their behaviour, just take it that you know best, they don't."

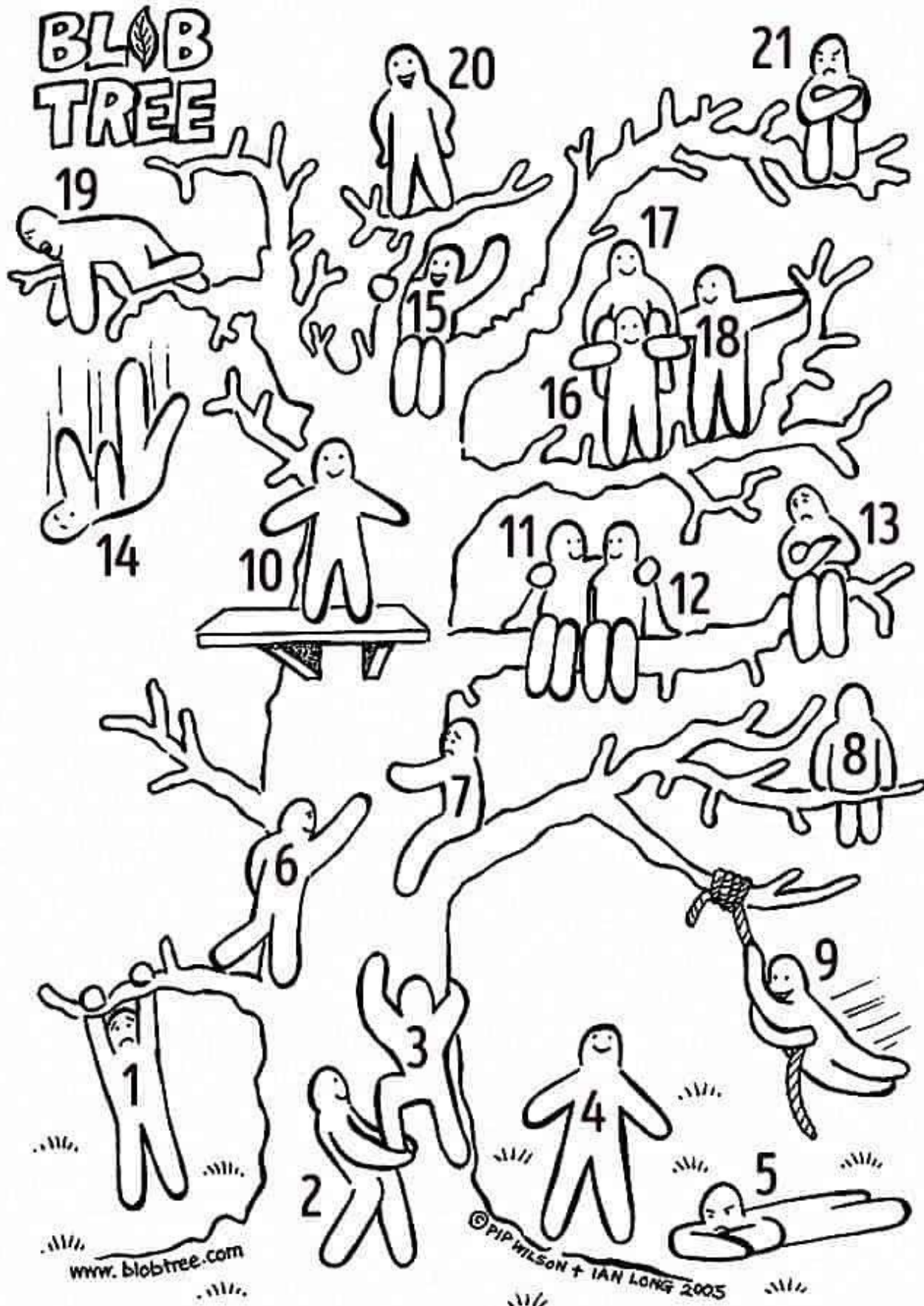
The downloads for helpful information can be found here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives>

On Monday, all staff completed de-escalation and behaviour training. During our session, we used the blob tree to talk about emotions and how we are feeling, relating it to the blobs on the tree, The children will be using these as a mental health and regulatory check in every morning and before home time. These will be linked to zones of regulation during conversations. We will also be placing them around the school to be used where appropriate. On the next page is a full-size version, incase you wish to use this as an introductory conversation as to how your child is feeling.



BLOB TREE



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Football shirt Friday

As in the previous two years, we will once again be taking part in 'Football Shirt Friday'. Today, we have found out a lot about Bobby Moore's footballing life in assembly.

On Friday 24th April 2026, the Bobby Moore Fund is calling on people across the nation to wear their favourite football shirts, share a selfie on social media using #footballshirtfriday and donate to the Bobby Moore Fund. 100% of the money raised will go towards funding pioneering bowel cancer research.

Children are welcome to wear a football shirt with joggers or a full football kit - short, shorts and socks. If children do not have a football shirt, they can wear their school PE kit for the day.

Here is our 'Just Giving' link for donations. Thank you for your support.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/grendon-underrwood-school-3>

Sustainability Shop – We'd Love Your Feedback!

We are exploring the idea of setting up a small **Sustainability Shop** at school to help reduce plastic waste and promote environmentally friendly habits within our community.

The idea is that families could **bring in reusable spray bottles** (or purchase one from us) and then **refill them at school** with a range of cleaning products such as antibacterial spray, kitchen cleaner, bathroom cleaner and glass cleaner.

This initiative would:

- Help reduce single-use plastic waste
- Teach children about sustainability in a practical way
- Provide a cost-effective option for families (refills would be around £2 and bottles can be re-used)

Before we move forward, we'd really like to understand how many families would be interested.

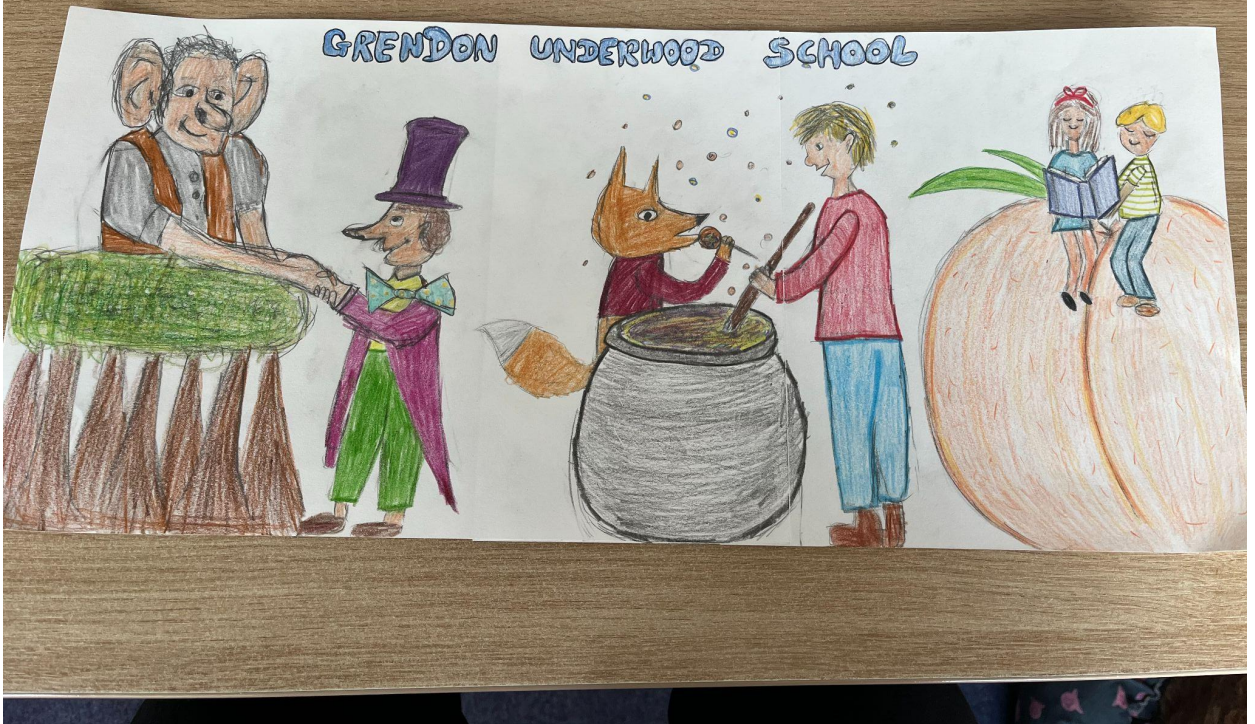
Please take a moment to complete the short questionnaire (link to follow). Your feedback will help us decide whether to launch this initiative.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a more sustainable school community!

Here is a link to the questionnaire -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQ9vvObktZQe8t-K0kgrwHkfJVLrLh6w9TsGrQsSc85KZ1Q/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Thank you,



Congratulations to Ivy in Year 5 for winning the competition to design a mural to be painted on the new fence. I will pass this to Hannah Smart, so that it can be painted.