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Grendon Gazette

INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

Is my child too ill for school?

Key dates

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https://www.gucs.org.uk/

As we settle into the new academic year, we are unfortunately also seeing the usual increase in coughs, colds and other seasonal illnesses. With lots of children learning, playing and spending time together, germs can spread very quickly around school.

Please help us to keep our school community as healthy as possible. If your child is genuinely unwell, particularly if they have a high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school.

We absolutely want children to be in school whenever they are well enough to attend and a mild cough, cold or runny nose does not necessarily mean that they need to stay at home. However, if your child is clearly unwell, allowing them time at home to rest and recover also helps to reduce the spread of illness to other children and staff.

We will continue to encourage good hand hygiene in school and remind children about covering coughs and sneezes.

Thank you, as always, for helping us to look after one another and keep our school community happy and healthy.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/t

Important Date or Events Resheduled

What: Macmillian Coffee morning
When: Friday 2nd October 2026
Where: School Dining Hall 9.30 - 11.30am

Key dates for the Autumn term 2026

02/10/2026	Macmillan Coffee morning - All welcome - please bring cakes in! Years 3 and 4 Bikeability
01/10/2026	Individual school photos taken
09/10/2026	11+ results sent to parents
14/10/2026	Harvest celebration in school 10:15 am Provision donations for Bicester Food Bank
19/10/2026	Years 5 and 6 Bikeability
21/10/2025	Parent/Carer Consultations 3:30-7:30
22/10/2025	Parent/Carer Consultations 3:30-5:00 (start at 1.30pm for Yr 6)
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
12/11/2026	Nursery rhyme evening 4.45 - 6 pm.
13/11/2026	Children in Need
21/11/2026	Saturday open day for potential new families 10 am - 12 noon

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

GUCS Head

Please support our school!

COULD YOU HELP US FIND OUR NEXT

SCHOOL GOgovernor?

Grendon Underwood School

Part of the Warriner Multi Academy Trust

We are looking for people from our local community to join our Academy Committee.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A PARENT	NO EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION NEEDED

We want people from all sorts of backgrounds who can bring different skills, experience, and perspectives.

Do you know a friend, relative, colleague or neighbour who might be interested?

WHY BECOME A GOVERNOR?

- ✓ **Make** a real difference to a local school and its children
- ✓ **Share** your skills and experience in a positive way
- ✓ **Learn** more about how a school is run
- ✓ **Develop** skills in leadership, strategy and decision-making
- ✓ **Meet** and work alongside people who care about the school and its future

A PERSONAL WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

"Becoming a governor has given me much more than I originally expected.

I've had the opportunity to support a school that means a great deal to our local community, but I've also gained a huge amount personally. It's helped build my confidence, given me experience of making decisions and looking at things from different perspectives, and helped me grow both personally and professionally.

You don't need to be an expert in education. What matters is being willing to get involved, ask questions, and bring your own experience to the table.

It's genuinely rewarding to give some of your time and experience to support our school, its staff and, most importantly, the children.

If you've ever thought about becoming a governor but aren't quite sure what it involves, please feel free to get in touch with me. I'm more than happy to have a chat about my experience, what's involved, and the time commitment. There's absolutely no pressure or obligation."

Alan Bevan
Chair of Governors

INTERESTED, OR KNOW SOMEBODY WHO MIGHT BE?

Please pass this on to friends, family, colleagues or anyone you think might enjoy getting involved.

For an informal chat about what being a governor involves, contact:

l.hayes@wmat.org

A little of your time and experience could make a big difference to our school.

Reminders:

No mobile phones to be used in school, including the playground,or out on show. Please don't be offended if staff ask you to come off the phone or to put it away. This is to safeguard everyone.

Only parents and carers with a blue badge, or a pre-agreed arrangement with the Headteacher, should park in the school car park.

Please do not park in the bus lay-by or complete a turn in the road using this space. It is not safe.

Celebration Assemblies

My Happy Minds wristband are awarded to one child each week - this is awarded to someone who has taken an active role in Monday's lesson and applies the learning in class and around the school.

We will no longer be giving out 'Star of the Week' certificates. We are moving away from certificates that award being the best or top in something and are moving to recognising personal growth and values. So the new certificates will be known as 'You Shine' certificates - One pupil, per class will be awarded with the certificate each week - these are now going to be values based - as you know, our school values are kindness, courage and responsibility. Each week, one person who has demonstrated something that relates to one of the three values will be awarded and in Friday's assembly, teachers will say why they have been chosen.

On Wednesday, teachers will dojo both parents and invite them into Friday's assembly at 9 am

We will no longer be speaking about reading and times tables in assembly and so no certificates will be given out for this. Teachers will still check that reading is completed each week and will message parents with polite reminders.