9th October 2026

Grendon Gazette

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

As the weather begins to turn colder and more unpredictable, we would like to remind families to ensure that children come to school wearing appropriate clothing for the changing conditions.

Please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat each day, along with suitable school uniform and footwear. As we continue to enjoy outdoor learning and playtimes throughout the year, it is important that children are dressed comfortably and appropriately for the weather.

*We would also like to remind families that **all items of clothing must be clearly named**, including coats, jumpers, cardigans, hats, scarves and gloves. This makes it much easier for us to reunite misplaced items with their owners.*

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep the children warm, comfortable and ready to enjoy all aspects of their school day.

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Macmillan coffee morning. We raised an astonishing £220.

A big thank you to Year 6 for serving refreshments - I'm sure you all agree they did an excellent job.

Important Date or Events

What: FROGS AGM
When: Monday 19th October 2026
Where: Grendon Underwood School Dining room

What: Parent/Carer Consultations
When: Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October 2026
Where: Dining room

Key dates for the Autumn term 2026

14/10/2026	Harvest celebration in school 10:15 am - No parents 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:

The Importance of Reading at Home

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of reading regularly with your child at home.

Reading is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning and development. Just 10–15 minutes of reading each day can make a real difference to their confidence, fluency, vocabulary and understanding.

Reading together is about so much more than simply reading the words on a page. Talking about the story, asking questions, exploring new vocabulary and making predictions all help children develop their comprehension skills and a lifelong love of reading.

Whether your child is just beginning their reading journey or is becoming a confident, independent reader, your involvement remains incredibly important. Even older children benefit from being read to, sharing stories and discussing what they have read.

We encourage families to make reading a positive and enjoyable part of their daily routine. Bedtime stories, taking turns to read, visiting the library or simply sharing a favourite book together are all wonderful ways to nurture a love of reading.

Reading little and often is far more beneficial than reading for a long time occasionally. Most importantly, we want children to see reading as something to enjoy rather than a task to complete.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can help every child develop the confidence, skills and enthusiasm to become a lifelong reader.

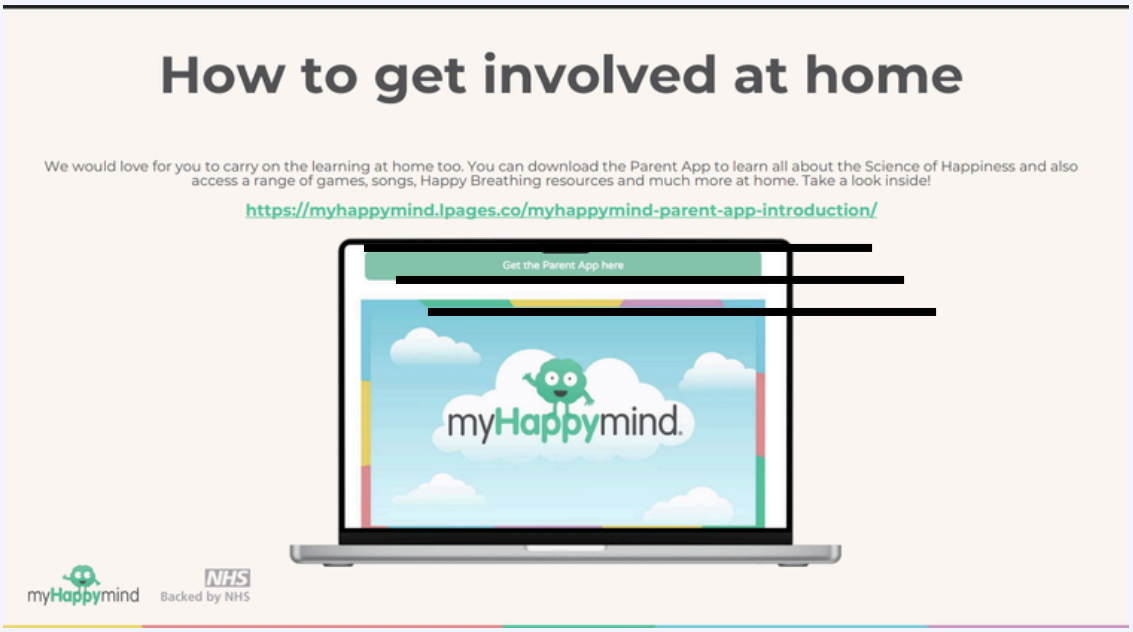
REMINDERS

School photos - remember to order! Free delivery to school if you order by 15th October, via the code that your child came home with.

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

Celebration Assemblies

My Happy Minds wristband is 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. Due to parent feedback,we will no longer be inviting the child's parents/carers to assembly as we don't share particular reason for selection.



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

Just to let you know that our Police Community Support Officers will be holding a 'Have Your Say' at Grendon Underwood for anyone who would like to come along and speak with them.

The Officers will be at the Grendon Underwood Village Hall (Car Park) - on Monday, 12th October, at 10am.

Please note: This is subject to operational demands on the day.

With kind regards,

Sue (Volunteer)

Admin and Station Support

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