

Great Milton CE Primary School Newsletter

Celebrating learning, community, and Christian values

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Headteacher's Message

"Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16:14

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas break.

At the end of last term, I received some very thoughtful cards, messages and gifts, and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your generosity and kindness. Gifts are never an expectation, but they are always humbly received and deeply appreciated.

Welcome back to the first Spring Term. This newsletter will come out regularly to keep you informed of everything going on in school and to document all of our progress and successes. We welcome Poppy to our school family, who has joined Boreal Owls.

After 30 years of service at Great Milton, Mrs Biel will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Rhona started at Great Milton in 1996 as a teaching assistant, but prior to that she was a 'parent helper'. Some of you will have known Rhona as 'Mrs Biel' when you were a pupil at Great Milton. We will be making a fuss of Rhona in the summer term and would love as much input from our school community past and present. We would like to collect stories, memories and photographs from as many people as possible, so please get in touch via this email address: jbatson@greatmiltonschool.co.uk Thank you.

Warm regards,
Alyson Frost
Headteacher

Collective Worship

This term we focus on our value of **Hope**. Hope is one of the theological virtues—anchored in God’s promises, not circumstances. It reminds us that light is stronger than darkness, that renewal is always possible, and that every child is held in a story bigger than their own.

Hope shapes identity: Hope tells us *who we are becoming*, not just who we are right now. At Great Milton, it nurtures a culture where children see themselves as capable, valued, and full of potential.

Hope strengthens community: Shared hope binds people together. It creates a sense of collective purpose—*we are working towards something meaningful, together*. This is especially powerful when we link it with our value of **Togetherness**.

Hope brings light into difficulty: Hope doesn’t deny hardship; it gives people a way to walk through it. It allows children to face setbacks without feeling defeated, and it helps adults hold steady during times of uncertainty or change.

Hope inspires action: Hope is active. It motivates people to make choices that align with the future they long for—whether that’s improving experiences, nurturing relationships, or stepping up to advocate for change and justice.

The Home School Values activity sheet is attached to this email.

Upcoming events...

Date	Event
Fri 16th Jan	Celebration Worship for parents
Wed 21st Jan	Tawny Owls Museum Workshop in school
Friday 30th Jan	Celebration Worship for parents
Wed 4th Feb	NSPCC Number Day - dress up as your favourite number!
Wed 11th Feb	Online Safety Workshops in school
Fri 13th Feb	Celebration Worship for parents Term Ends at 3.30pm
Mon 16th-Fri 20th	Half Term
Mon 23rd Feb	Term Starts

Fri 6th March

World Book Day- dress up as your favourite book character!
Celebration Worship for parents

The School Year events document up until Easter is attached to this email.

Parent Notices

- **Staffing Update:** Mrs Pinto is making a tentative return to school this term two days per week. Sally will be working in classes across KS2.
- **Playtime:** we would love some donations of crates, half guttering, tarpaulins, tyres and anything the children can use to build dens and make ball runs etc. if you know where to acquire these things for free!
- **Shoes:** Please make sure your child has outdoor shoes, trainers or wellies for playtimes so they can wear their **clean school shoes inside**.
- **Parking:** A polite reminder that all parents must park on the road and walk up the drive at drop off and pick up, unless you have permission from Mrs Frost. If you do park up the drive at other times, please avoid parking in the turning bay / emergency vehicle access space at the top of the drive as this causes chaos! Thank you in advance.

FOGMS

Huge thanks to FOGMS for setting up the Wish Lists on [Gift Whale](#). This is a great way to get involved in raising funds and resources for our classes. This allows school leaders to prioritise spending on school improvement areas from the school budget and also allows the FOGMS fundraising pot to fill up for bigger projects. We are so grateful for our proactive and supportive parent body.

Thank you to everyone who uses the Pass It On service. Please collect your items quickly especially in the winter so the box does not overflow and the weather does not damage any contents.

Current fundraising is going towards improving playtime for all of our children.

In the interests of improving the experience of playtime in the meantime, we would love some donations of crates, half guttering, tarpaulins, tyres and anything the children can use to build dens and make ball runs etc.