

Important Dates

- Friday 7th September 9:00am: Friends Association Welcome to new parents Coffee Morning.
- Friday 28th September 2:00pm: Foundation stage Harvest afternoon. This is an opportunity for you to join us for the afternoon. Weather permitting this will happen in the outside.
- Thursday 4th October 2:30 pm: Early Reading and Writing workshop-an opportunity to gain a better understanding of how we teach letter sounds and names, and how we support children to develop their reading and spelling.
- Tuesday 16th October: **Special Visitor** Bible stories with Mrs Clarke.
- Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October: **INSET days**

There will be a 'Drop in session' on the lower school site on alternate Wednesdays , week beginning 10th September from 9:00 am until 9:10pm; this is a time for you to catch up with us, look at your child's work, discuss any concerns etc. In addition to this, there is a communication window near to the door you drop off. This will be updated regularly please read it daily. Furthermore, the team are always more than happy to have a chat after School or for you to arrange a time to meet with us with the office.

We are very excited about getting to know the children better and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your children have the best start to school.

Mrs Buckingham, Mr Allcorn and the Foundation Stage staff



Robins & Doves

A very warm welcome to Great Barford Primary School and to first year in Reception.

Every half term you will receive a curriculum letter, which will explain some of the things that your child will be learning in their class.

Our main topic for this Half term is



Magical Me

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be settling in our new class and becoming secure in the routines. There will be lots of opportunities to play group games developing relationships with our class mates and teachers. We will explore our own feelings and reflect upon people who are special to us.

Construction and Expressive Art & Design

We will use a variety of materials to make self portraits and family images. We will use a range of constructions kits and recyclable materials to build homes for the small world people.

Understanding of the World

We will be exploring and celebrating similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will begin to observe natural and man made changes in our environment.

Maths

We will explore the number system from the beginning. We will have a focus number of the week linked to a 3d shape. Please encourage your child to explore the number of the week in their environment; spotting the numeral, looking at coins and counting objects and actions accurately.

Magical Me

Literacy

We will discuss and share our favourite things e.g books and toys. Our class books will include the Mr Men series. We will create our own characters and describe their looks and personality. Whilst reading these stories we will explore what makes a happy classroom and plan our ideal classroom. We will develop our writing skill focusing on drawing and mark making. We will draw ourselves and our families, labelling our pictures with the initial sounds. We will have a focus Sound of the day. These will be recorded in the blue diary to support your childs' learning at home.



Role Play

Home corner/
Photo Booth

Physical Development

We will be focusing on our bodies, naming different parts and exploring how they move with and without equipment. Please could your child have a PE kit in daily. Just to remind you that the children need shorts and a t-shirt in the colour of their team, and that their clothes need to be labelled with their names. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back.



Get involved

If you would like to be involved in the school community by volunteering, we appreciate help with any of the following; readers, cooking, gardening or arts and crafts. For more information please don't hesitate to contact the office. admin@gbpa.org.uk

On a Wednesday morning Mrs Lawes will cover Reception supported by Mrs Cuccurullo, Mrs Pickard and Miss North. Mr Allcorn will return and teach reception for the afternoon supported by Mrs Marshall, Mrs Pickard and Miss North.