

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of another busy and rewarding week at Great Leighs Primary School. It has been wonderful to see the children settling confidently into the new school year and approaching their new topics with such curiosity, enthusiasm and energy.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for this week's class meetings. We hope you found the sessions informative and that they provided an opportunity to have your questions answered. For those who were unable to attend, the presentations will shortly be available on the school website. I would also encourage you to explore the curriculum pages, where you can find further information about what the children will be learning throughout the year.

<https://greatleighs.essex.sch.uk/parents-info/guide-to-the-curriculum/>



This week has been especially exciting for our Reception children, who have come together as a full class for the first time. They have also enjoyed their first school lunches together—an important milestone in their journey with us! It has been a delight to see them making new friends, embracing the many learning opportunities available both indoors and outdoors, and beginning to explore the wider school with growing confidence.

During this week's assembly, I shared some of the key priorities from our School Development Plan with the children. These priorities will guide our work throughout the year as we continue to strengthen the quality of education, opportunities and experiences we provide for every pupil at Great Leighs Primary School.

You can see the parent version on our school website: <https://greatleighs.essex.sch.uk/school-info/key-information/>

Looking ahead to the next couple of weeks, I am pleased to announce the resumption of our extra-curricular activities for the term from 21st September. I would like to extend my appreciation to all staff members who voluntarily dedicate their time to offer these valuable opportunities. Your commitment to our pupils' development beyond the classroom is greatly valued by the entire school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Garlick



Safeguarding Update: Helping Children to Keep Safe

Keeping children safe is at the heart of everything we do at Great Leighs. Safeguarding is not taught as a single lesson; it is woven throughout school life and across subjects including PSHE and Relationships and Health Education, Computing, Science, PE, English, RE, assemblies, educational visits and other practical experiences.

Through carefully planned, age-appropriate teaching, children learn how to recognise situations or behaviours that may be unsafe, respond appropriately and report their concerns. This includes learning about trusted adults, healthy relationships, consent and personal boundaries, emotional and physical wellbeing, road and water safety, and staying safe online. We regularly reinforce a simple but important message: if something worries you, tell a trusted adult—and keep telling until someone listens and helps. Lessons are adapted sensitively to meet children's ages and individual needs. Staff create an open and respectful environment in which children feel able to ask questions, share worries and understand that abuse is never their fault. This curriculum teaching works alongside our trained staff, clear safeguarding procedures and our commitment to taking every concern seriously.

You can find further information about how safeguarding is taught across our curriculum, together with our safeguarding and child-protection policies, on the **Safeguarding section of the school website**.

<https://greatleighs.essex.sch.uk/parents-info/guide-to-the-curriculum/>

The poster included in this newsletter also provides details of our safeguarding team and explains who to contact if you are worried about a child.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. If you see or hear something that concerns you, however small it may seem, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team or contact the school office.

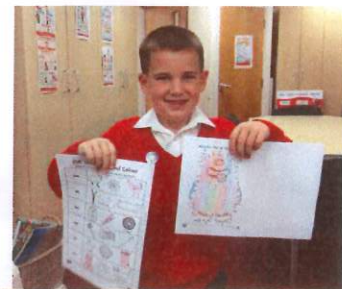
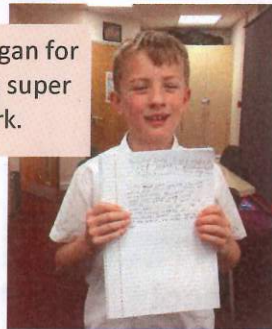




Well done to Lourdez and Hailey for their brilliant maths work



Well done to Logan for showing me his super English work.



Well done to Orson for trying hard with his Phonics



Well done to Isolde for showing me her interesting English work.



Well done to Ashley and Nathan for showing me their Computing work

Well done to Phoebe and Roman for their amazing art work



GOLDEN TICKET

Well done to Una, Amelia, Hailey, Martha, Erin and Isabelle for winning the first Golden Ticket of the new school year. They all got to enjoy a hot chocolate and biscuit with Mr Garlick.





AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Wednesday 14th October 2026 - 8:00pm

At Great Leighs Primary School

Email: ptagreatleighs@gmail.com
if you can join us.



THE BIG 100KM WALK!



A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored Laura O'Malley and Jo Constantine as they completed a 100km Ultra Challenge trekking from Eastbourne to Arundel along the South Coast.

They raised over:
£50000!

Bumblebee Class

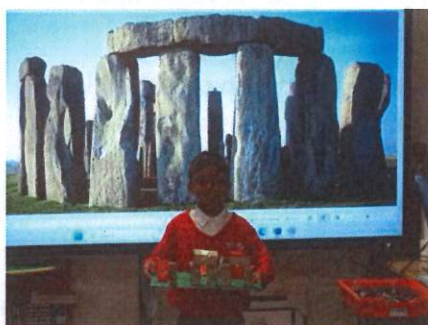
Year 3 have been learning about SMART rules to keep ourselves safe using technology and digital devices.

By Isabelle and Amelie



Bumblebee Class also started the year with some amazing replicas of Stone Henge as a summer challenge. We loved to see paintings, drawings, clay, 3D printed and Lego models to name just a few.

Well done Bumblebees!



Robin Class

We started our new science topic, **Animals Including Humans**, with an animal hunt in the school playground. Working in teams, we found hidden pictures of animals from different groups and worked with a partner to name them.

Back in class, we looked at their features, including whether they had **claws, tails, fur or scales**, and used our phonics to spell their names. We finished by sharing our favourite animals.



Rabbit Class



In Rabbit Class, we have started our new topic, **India**. As part of our music lessons, we have been learning about **ragas** and how their musical notation differs from Western music.

The children worked in pairs to create their own ragas, which they then performed to the class on glockenspiels. Their songs were wonderful, and it was lovely to see their confidence grow as they performed to the class.



Upcoming Events

22nd Sept 26	Bikeability Yr. 6 Group 1
22nd Sept 26	Yr. 3/4 In school family sports afternoon - Info to follow
23rd Sept 26	CSSP Girls Football Yr. 5/6 AM - Info to follow
23rd Sept 26	CSSP Boys Football Yr. 5/6 PM - Info to follow
24th Sept 26	Yr. 5/6 In school family sports afternoon - Info to follow
25th Sept 26	Bikeability Yr. 6 Group 2
28th Sept 26	CSSP Boccia & Kurling - Info to follow
29th Sept 26	Bikeability Yr. 6 Group 3
29th Sept 26	School Individual Photos - Info to follow
1st Oct 26	River Chelmer Boys Football - Info to follow
1st Oct 26	River Chelmer Girls Football - Info to follow
13th Oct 26	KS1 Boys & Girls Football - Info to follow
16th Oct 26	FOGLS Disco - Info to follow
20th Oct 26	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Info to follow
21st Oct 26	Flu Vaccinations - Info to follow
22nd Oct 26	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7pm - Info to follow
22nd Oct 26	LAST DAY OF TERM
23rd Oct 26	STAFF TRAINING/NON PUPIL DAY
26th - 30th Oct 26	HALF TERM
2nd Nov 26	BACK TO SCHOOL

PE DAYS

Sept/Oct

Squirrel (EYFS) Weds & Thurs (plus 26th Sept & 19th Oct)

Robin (1) Tues & Thurs (plus 21st Sept & 19th Oct)

Rabbit (2) Tues & Thurs (Forest School) (plus 21st Sept & 12th Oct)

Bumblebee (3) Weds & Fri (plus 14th Sept & 12th Oct)

Kingfisher (4) Mon & Fri

Mole (5) Weds & Fri (plus 7th Sept & 5th Oct)

Owl (6) Mon & Fri

This Week's Awards	Values Award	Maths Award	Reading Award	Building Learning Power
Squirrels	-	-	-	-
Robins	Bonnie	Ellie	Nellie	Dorothy
Rabbits	Sofia	Ethan R	Edward	Ethan C
Bumblebee	Hailey	Isabelle	Stephen	Florence S
Kingfisher	Primrose	Hudson	Summer	Bella
Mole	Cain	Owen	Freya	Sianna
Owl	Frank	Harvey	Elliot	Harry

ATTENDANCE CUP

for last week.

1st Kingfisher—100%

2nd Bumblebee - 98.3%

3rd Mole - 96.7%



Read our Online Safety newsletter here:

<https://greatleighs.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Sept-2026.pdf>



This months features are YouTube & AI manipulated images

ParentMail

Please ensure you are connected and read all ParentMails sent out to you. If you need to connect please contact the office.

Staff Training

Non-Pupil Days 2025/2026

Tue 1st Sept 26 Fri 23rd Oct 26

Fri 12th Feb 27 Mon 7th Jun 27

Weds 21st Jul 27

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2026

Mon 1st Sept to

Fri 18th Dec 26

Spring Term 2027

Mon 4th Jan to

Thur 25th Mar 27

Summer Term 2027

Mon 12th Apr to Weds 21st Jul 26

Our website is regularly updated with information on local agencies and events which may be of interest including lots of local school holiday camps and activities which you can access by clicking [here](#)



Chelmer Valley High School

A Specialist Engineering and Leadership Academy

Open Events 2026



Open Evening

Thursday 17th September 2026

5.30 p.m. — 8.00 p.m.

Open Mornings

Tours by appointment during September and October 2026. Please contact the school office to book an appointment.

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Always the best we can be



OPEN EVENING

YEAR 7 & INTERNATIONAL SIXTH FORM

Thursday 24 September 2026

16:30 - 20:00



» LEARN MORE

www.aesessex.co.uk

Willow Green, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 0DJ



Please note that due to the new school building programme, parking will not be available on the school site.