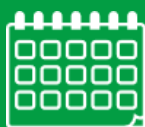




Dates for Your

DIARY



Parents Evening

Monday 31st March 2025 and
Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Easter Holiday—School Closed

Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April.
School will be closed on Monday 21st April
as it is a bank holiday.
All children are back at school on Tuesday
22nd April.

Bank Holiday—School is closed.

Monday 5th May

**Choir singing as part of VE day celebrations at
the Care Home**

Thursday 8th May

Year 6 must be in school for SATs

Monday 12th May—Thursday 15th May

Half term—School closed

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Year 4 completing Multiplication Check

Monday 2nd June—Friday 13th June

Year 6 Duxford Trip —Tuesday 10th June

Year 1 completing Phonics check

Monday 9th June—Friday 13th June

Year 5 concert at The Apex

Thursday 19th June

PD day—school closed to pupils

Friday 20th June

The new **2025 / 2026** calendar is now available on our school website or by clicking [here](#).

NEWSLETTER

A message from Mrs Mitchinson

Whilst Spring awakens and colourful flowers start to bloom, we take a moment to think about all the lovely things that are 'growing' in our Academy;

Children in Year 2 were inspired on their local visit to explore skills across different careers. I was delighted to receive an email from the organisers asking me to thank our children, "for their impeccable behaviour – your children are incredibly well behaved and polite".

Children in Year 3 joined Miss Ramsell and Mr Hicks on a Panathalon challenge at the Hub. This fun, sporting challenge also increased children's personal skills and social interactions.

Our Year 3s and 4s had great fun singing their Movie Magic. I particularly enjoyed hearing the children adapt their High School Musical song, 'We're all in this together'.

World Book Day was a great success with so many of you coming into school to share your child's enjoyment of reading.

Science week and Neuro diversity have also been celebrated this month. Early Years are learning about the Frog lifecycle and are carefully looking after their frog spawn in the hope that they'll grow into tadpoles soon —so many wonderful opportunities to enrich our curriculum.

And finally, a big thank you to all that came to our community 'Big Build' event. It was great to see so many of you get involved. We're already planning our Summer project!

As we now move into the Summer term, children are preparing for their assessments. With SATs coming soon, I'd like to take a moment to say how proud I am of the Year 6 team. The staff and children are working so hard to remember everything that has been taught. Booster sessions are having an impact too. Please continue to support your children to be at school every day, to rest and have a good breakfast each morning.

Thank you for your continued support.

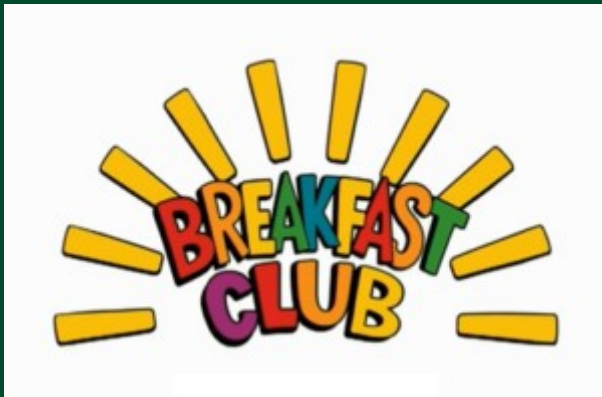
Mrs Emily Mitchinson

Head of Academy



Please continue to send your children's achievements outside of school so we can share them with our school community on Facebook. All photos or messages can be emailed to our Office;

gre-officeadmin@attrust.org.uk



Our *free* breakfast club will start after Easter. It is essential that you use our booking system when requesting a space each morning. This can be accessed via your MCAS link.

Early Bird sessions will start at 8.00 am and will be charged at £1 per session.

Our free 30 minute breakfast club will start at 8.15 and will run until the start of the school day at 8.45am.

Please note that children will have a 10 minute window to join the free breakfast club. We will not be able to let anyone join after 8.25am.

We have a selection of healthy breakfast choices on offer.

We will continue to monitor the number of children attending breakfast club.



Thank you to everyone for all of their kind

donations. We raised a fantastic **£84.98**

We loved the crazy hats and hairstyles—they really did make us smile.



Sport



Eight pupils from Year 4 went to Newmarket Rugby club on Tuesday 25th March to take part in a **Tag Rugby skills festival**. The children enjoyed Rugby Rounders, Rob the Nest, Ball touch and Hare and the Hound. All these activities developed children's skills and confidence.



The PTA will be holding a chocolate egg hunt for all children during the school day on **Friday 4th April**.

Children will be able to follow some picture clues on the school field and win a chocolate egg.

We'll take some photos and share them on dojo.

Thank you to the PTA for organising another egg-citing event for our children.



We have seen some improving attendance figures in the last few weeks.

Last week, our whole school attendance was
96.6%

A special well done to Hurricane, Strawberry, Blueberry and Peach for having over 99% attendance—well done!

Pupils who attend school regularly achieve at higher levels than those who are frequently absent.

Build the habit of good attendance early.

Edurio Parent Survey

The staff have worked together to create an action plan following your recent feedback in our Survey. We will share the 'you said, so we will' plans with you in the next newsletter.

Thank You

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This month we have celebrated **Neurodiversity!** **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** has been about celebrating the strengths and talents of people who think and learn differently. It has also been about recognising **hard work** and **determination**. It has reminded everyone of the importance of being **kind** and **accepting** of everyone.

Dyslexia:

Often, you may be great at talking, solving problems and being creative.

You may find reading, writing and memory tricky. Some famous people who have Dyslexia are Walt Disney, Bill Gates (inventor of Microsoft) and Albert Einstein.

Autism (ASD / ASC):

You might often be great at remembering things, solving problems, knowing lots and being honest. You may have a different way of communicating and understanding the world. You may be sensitive to noise, bright lights and smells.

Some famous people who have Autism are Satoshi Tajiri (the inventor of Pokémon), Greta Thunberg and Lionel Messi.

ADHD:

You might often be great at talking, being creative, energetic, and enthusiastic.



You may have a very busy mind and find it tricky to concentrate and sit still.

Some famous people who have ADHD are Dav Pilkey (author of Captain Underpants), Emma Watson (Hermione Granger in Harry Potter) and Ant from Ant & Dec.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week reminds us that whatever our differences and challenges, everyone also has their own talents. It is fantastic that people think in different ways – it makes life more interesting!

Miss Ramsell



This will be Miss Magee's last working week at Great Heath Academy. Her energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the pupils at this school will be greatly missed by everyone. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and wish you all the very best on your next adventure. Your new Nursery school are very lucky to have you.



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We achieved so much on our Community day. The children desperately wanted a new, bigger sandpit.





They wanted some where to sit and play with quiet games and books: somewhere they could explore and investigate.



They dreamt of their very own stage to perform, dance and sing.





You've kindly donated your wellies so the water and mud play can begin...



We've bought some all in one water-
proofs too!

We even have a boat...





The Opal project has not only brought fun and laughter, it has also brought enrichment to our curriculum. We're excited to plant in our new allotment and build creative spaces with our friends.





This wouldn't have been possible without the support of our WONDERFUL PTA.

The PTA kindly donated a large amount of the funds they've raised over the last few years to the 'Big Build' project.

Mr Myhill, our Site Supervisor, has worked with Mrs Ashford to plan, prepare and certainly deliver! They've helped shape the project and make the children's dreams become a reality.

Airmen and women from RAF Mildenhall came to help on the day. They were fantastic at digging, lifting and problem solving. They kindly gave up their time to bring our project to life.

TopG Wings in Mildenhall donated chicken from their restaurant to feed the adults after their morning of digging. We are extremely grateful for your generosity—and feel it was quite possibly the best chicken we've ever tasted!

Mark, our governor, also came to support. I think he was the first to arrive and one of the last to leave. He was joined by a few of our parents who showed how incredibly talented they are. We had parents (and grandparents!) helping to build the stage, build the allotment and secure the structure of the sandpit. From shelves, to sinks, to boats, to potato crates—everyone pulled together to clean, to sand, to paint and to polish.

Families came together to decorate cable reels. The children's imagination will float over beaches, through jungles, across roads and under rainbows. Your beautiful creations are just fabulous!



Whittings LLP Accountants (through Louise Basset) supported the purchasing of our boat paint.

Cambridgeshire Hydraulics donated the big clear tubes and all the black cable reels.

People in the community donated garden materials, including Paula, who gave us the fabulous blue barrel

Chris Brown of C Brown Support Services donated road signs and cones for us to use when wheeled toys are introduced.

Tesco in Newmarket donated compost, trowels and flowers.

Lawrence Bull donated cable reels.

Bury St Edmunds Police department donated traffic cones

Forest fasteners in Mildenhall donated sandpaper

Tony Parr SJ Parr & sons Ltd donated potato crates

Carpet right Newmarket donated carpet tiles

The roofing company in Mildenhall, particularly Robert Southernwood, donated guttering

Green & Home Ltd donated watering cans

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From everyone at Great Heath,

thank you!