

Dates for Your





#### Welcome back

School opens to all pupils -Tuesday 2nd September

#### **Hello Yellow Day**

Thursday 10th October 2025 Wear something yellow with your uniform for World Mental Health Day

#### October Half Term

Children not in school on Monday 27th October—Friday 31st October.

All children return to school, Tuesday 4th November. This includes...

#### PD day

Monday 3rd November—School closed to pupils.

#### Remembrance Parade

Sunday 9th November. School Ambassadors representing school.

#### **Odd Socks Day**

Monday 10th November-Wear odd socks to kick start Anti-bullying week. This year's theme - 'Use your power for good'.

#### **Children in Need**

Friday 14th November—Be SPOTacular and wear something spotty, with your uniform

Term Dates for 2025—2026 can be accessed <u>here</u>

# NEWSLETTER

### A message from Mrs Mitchinson

As we wrap up this school year, we want to thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement. It has been a pleasure to work with your children and watch them grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

By now, you will have received your child's end-of-year report, and we hope you've taken a moment to celebrate their achievements and reflect on their progress. They have worked incredibly hard, and we are proud of every one of them.

We have some happy news to share—Miss Wright will be getting married over the summer. When we return in September, Miss Wright will be known as Mrs Harwood. We wish her every happiness.

We have also said goodbye to Mr Smith, after eight years of dedicated service. During his time at Great Heath, Mr Smith has been an invaluable member of our team, helping countless children and staff. We are incredibly grateful for his enthusiasm, hard work, and all he has done for our school community. We wish Mr Smith all the very best for the future.

We would also like to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Farrow for all her work in Kiwi Class this year. We wish her every success at her new school.

We'd like to say a warm thank you and goodbye to our amazing MDSA's; Cara Schofield, Jill Tuffs, Pat Brown, Lisa Cockram and Dawn Barbrook, who will be leaving us at the end of term. Their kindness, dedication, and the care they've shown our children every day will be truly missed. We want to give a very special thank you to Pat, who has given an incredible 38 years of service to Great Heath, particularly supporting our youngest learners in Nursery Lunch Club. We wish them all the very best and hope they enjoy a well-deserved rest!

As we look ahead to the new school year, we kindly ask that you use the summer break to make sure school uniforms are ready and that your child feels prepared and excited to return.

On behalf of all the staff at Great Heath, we wish you and your family a safe, happy, and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mrs Emily Mitchinson Head of Academy

### **School Uniform**

As we look ahead to the upcoming school year, the summer break offers a great opportunity to get organised and ensure everything is in place for a strong start. One important area of preparation is making sure children are ready with their full school uniform.

Please pay particular attention to footwear. It is vital children wear shoes that are suitable in all weather. Black leather/faux leather shoes are important—not mesh

We encourage all families to use this time over the summer to check that your child has the correct uniform items, that they are clean, well-fitting, and ready for the first day of school.

Our uniform supplier, Corporate Tiger, can be found here.















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have tweaked the guidelines to state plain 'Great Heath' green t-shirts are ok for PE.

If you need support with uniform, please speak to a mem-

ber of our office team.





From September 2025, for pupils in Year 3 and above, who pay for their school dinner, the cost will be £2.95 per meal.

In September, <u>all</u> children in Reception will be having a school dinner. Children can choose if this is a hot choice, jacket potato or packed lunch.

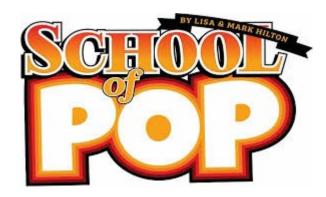


#### **New Reception Intake**

We have asked our new Reception intake to <u>only</u> bring a book bag into school. Spare clothes and PE kit can be stored in drawstring bags on pegs. We have shared that there will be no backpacks.







The Year 6 play was an absolute delight! It had us laughing and crying all the way through, and it was a real joy to see each pupil's personality shine on stage. From the acting and singing to the timing and humour, the performance was full of heart and talent. Year 6 should feel very proud of what they achieved—we certainly are!



A huge thank you to our PTA for all their hard work in bringing the Summer Fair together—it was a great event full of fun, smiles, and community spirit! Thank you also to everyone who attended, volunteered, or donated. Your support helped us raise £745, which will go towards enriching the school experience for our children.





Our recent Move Up Morning went really well. The children enjoyed exploring their new classrooms, meeting their new teachers, and spending time with new friends. It was a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on the next school year and helped everyone feel excited and prepared for September.

The SEND team have created some fabulous picture books designed to help children understand upcoming changes—highlighting what will stay the same and what will be different. We encourage you to use these books with your children to support smooth and positive transitions.

If you haven't received a link to your child's class book, please speak to the class teacher.

# Support from SENDIASS, for families with children with SEND

<u>SENDIASS</u> has shared some great information for parents to help support their children through big changes. We encourage you to take a look at these resources, by clicking <u>here</u>, to make transitions easier and more positive for your child.



#### A message from school council:

We continue to see children enjoying fruits, veggies, and other healthy choices at break time. Thank you for your support.

As shared in the last newsletter, we will be launching our healthy packed lunch guidelines in September.

As part of this launch, we will be asking children to design some healthy characters to be displayed around school to share our healthy messages. We will share more information on this in the new academic year.





We are using the NHS Healthier Families website to help us with our work. You can get homemade ideas by clicking on this <u>link</u>.

The government's eatwell guide can be found here.



Healthier school packed lunch ideas can be found <u>here.</u>

Some great activities for children aged 5-7 can be found here.

Some great activities for children aged 7-11 can be found here.



# Behaviour Awards

Children have been awarded

Bronze

Silver

Gold

Awards for always following our school rules for 1, 2 or 3 terms.

Those children who achieved their Gold
Award have been given Gold star
badges to proudly wear with their
uniform in the new year.



## Things to do this Summer

Have a look at this Families Suffolk magazine, by clicking here. They share lots of tips to enjoy the Summer and useful events places to visit.





The website, money saving central, has shared places where kids eat free this Summer. I have included a link to all the top places at the end of this newsletter.



Join Stick Man in the forest at High Lodge. Trail packs can be bought from the Information point and you can meet Stick Man himself on Friday 22 August. Join us for a day of Stick Man themed fun and activities!



Following the success of Pigs Gone Wild, Elmer's Big Parade and the Big Hoot Ipswich, St Elizabeth Hospice will be hosting a fourth art trail in Ipswich – called Hop to it! Suffolk 2025.

# Suffork **Community Libraries**

Get involved in our summer reading programme for children, open to all ages and all reading abilities! Reading Quest is an exciting opportunity to get the whole family involved in reading and making memories this summer.



Click here to find out more.

Days out with the kids has lots of lovely ideas—follow this link to find out more.

Rougham Sunflowers—Could there be anything better than strolling through vibrant blooms of sunflowers, picking to your heart's content? Or sitting by a sea of yellow with your loved ones, enjoying a summer's picnic? The sunflower field opens in early August—parking and entry is free.





Our Attendance Bear has been busy this month.

The children named him the 'Benny Be There' bear.

He has been to Apricot, Peach and Pineapple class— Year 1 have had brilliant attendance recently.

Good attendance is so important for your child's learning, friendships, and confidence. Even just a day or two missed can make it harder to keep up. With the help of our new bear, we hope to make coming to school every day feel even more rewarding and fun!

Thank you for continuing to support your child in arriving on time and ready to learn each day.

We have received a lot of holiday requests.

Please look at the term dates for next year (link on page 1) and plan your holiday around the school breaks.





Thank you for joining us for our Sports Morning and Afternoon. The children really enjoyed taking part in their races and were proud to show off their stickers. We're already thinking about how we can make the event even better next year.



We're also looking forward to launching a new Parent Forum in September, where parents and carers will have the opportunity to share ideas, ask questions, and help shape school life. We'd love for you to be involved.

More information will be shared in our next newsletter.







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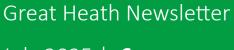
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#### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

#### ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

#### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

#### **ASK ITALIAN**

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

#### BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

#### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

#### BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept

#### **BREWERS FAYRE**

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

#### BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

#### BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

#### CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

#### **DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

#### FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025

#### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

#### **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

#### **HARVESTER**

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

#### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

#### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

#### LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

#### MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

#### MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

#### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

#### PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

#### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

#### **PUREZZA**

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

#### **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

#### SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

#### **TABLE TABLE**

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

#### TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

#### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

#### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

#### TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

#### WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

#### VO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

#### ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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