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Aspiring to be our best with kindness, respect and faith

I'm sure you will all agree that there is only one place for me to start with this edition of the newsletter - GKCS Funfest!

What an amazing event it was; the school was a hive of activity on Saturday afternoon, and it was wonderful to see so many parents, teachers, pupils and ex-pupils on the school field enjoying the wide range of stalls and activities.

The PTA did a truly amazing job, and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to them for all of their hard work and effort. Occasions like this are vital in bringing our whole school together, as well as extending our reach into the wider community, and everyone I encountered could not speak highly enough about how amazing it was. So again - thank you!

Speaking of recent events that were a great success - thank you to everybody who attended our Sports Days last week. They were warm days (to say the least!), but the children did an amazing job of trying their best and representing their houses. Congratulations to Tudor for winning the Key Stage One competition and Windsor for winning the Key Stage Two competition, and a big shout out to Mrs Last, Miss Harris, Mrs Gray and the Preschool staff for organising the events.

At the end of what was busy few days, Year 2 popped to Whipsnade Zoo for the day on Friday - and had an amazing time!





This week, Year 1 will be out and about - they have their trip to Mop End on Friday - and we look forward to hearing all about it and seeing some great pictures.

Meanwhile, back in school, we are well and truly into class assembly season. Years 5 and 4 did an amazing job with their performances to their parents, and we are looking forward to welcoming the parents of Year 3 tomorrow.

Next Tuesday is Transition Day, where your children will have the opportunity to spend the morning in their new classroom with their teacher for next year. It is always a very exciting day, and the teachers are bust planning some great activities for the morning!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Best

PTA Calendar



The poster features a red header with the GKCS PTA logo on the left and the text 'GKCS PTA' on the right. Below the header, the title 'PTA Event Dates For Your Diary...' is centered. The events are organized by month, with each month's title in a red box. The events are listed in a two-column format. At the bottom, there is a red footer with an Instagram icon and the URL 'https://www.instagram.com/gkcs_pta'.

February	
Crazy Hair Don't Care Disco	Friday 7 th February (After School)
March	
Festival of Holi	Friday 14 th March (After School)
Adults Quiz Night (School)	Saturday 15 th March
April	
Eid al-Fitr Festival	Wednesday 2 nd April (After school)
Easter Competition	Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April
PTA General Meeting	Thursday 24 th April
May	
Walk To School Week	Monday 19 th - Thursday 22 nd May
June	
National Doughnut Day	Friday 6 th June
School Sports Day Refreshments	Tuesday 17 th - Wednesday 18 th June
National Thank A Teacher Day	Wednesday 18 th June
Summer Fair	Saturday 21 st June
Weekly Sports Sessions (MUGA)	More information coming soon
Weekly Running Club	More information coming soon
July	
Summer Disco	Friday 11 th July
PTA General Meeting	Thursday 17 th July

More information on these upcoming events will be shared in due course

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Forest School News

We are into the final half term of 2025, and for some children, their final ever term of Forest School at GKCS. All of our children have embraced the new term and have been enjoying the outdoors as well as working on social skills, which is a huge part of the sessions.

We managed to get all of the fires done last half term (despite the rain!) with a little bit of help from the tarpaulin that we hung over the fire area. Even Reception have toasted their marshmallows. They were all fire safe and know how to keep safe as well as the ways in which to extinguish them.



We have had plenty of life in our pond with Tadpoles, Newts, Whirligig Beetles, Dragonfly larvae, some beautiful Irises and even a Frog! They are always supervised and it is a good learning area for the children to experience care, rule following and the excitement of catching something unusual.

This half term we are focusing on our pond area as well as using the tools to create many different items from the woodland. Year 6 will be continuing to make their mallets using the Bill Hooks and whittling knives; Year 5 and Year 4 are having a good go at creating flowers using sticks, and Years 1, 2 and 3 are working on their whittling to make wands.

Father's Day saw the Preschool children take their relatives up to the woods, where there has been loads of activities, art, excitement and bugs. I'm sure the dads all enjoyed it and it was just terrific to see them all getting involved.

This term is always a mixed one with regards to weather. The rain and sunshine intertwine in a seasonal dance where you just never know when it is coming. Although waterproofs are not always needed, it is a good idea to have them just in case the weather turns. I also need to have the children in long sleeves and long trousers whatever the weather as it protects them a bit more from stings, scratches and bites from insects which are prevalent at this time.

The timetable should be like the one below, but please just double check on Dojo as there may well be changes due to events at this crazy time of year.

Timetable for SUMMER 2		
Day	AM	PM
Monday	Oaks/Willows	5L
Tuesday	Reception	3M
Wednesday		2F
Thursday	1T	4W
Friday		6C

SuperKind

The Superkind team have been looking through all the amazing social actions we have completed this year, and we are delighted that they have confirmed we have met the criteria to earn the **SOCIAL IMPACT SCHOOLS AWARD!**

A big thank you and well done to everyone who has contributed by taking action and remembering that you are never too small to make a difference! Every pupil across the school has completed at least one of the challenges and pupils who have taken on at least four, six or eight challenges will soon be awarded with a bronze, silver or gold pin badge.

We had some great examples of volunteering for June's challenge and are hoping that July's challenge will also inspire many into taking action.

We would like you to think about 'Plastic Free July', which was founded to bring millions of people together to help solve plastic pollution so that we can have cleaner streets, oceans and communities. Could you pledge to give up at least one type of plastic? This could be plastic water bottles, shopping bags, straws, clingfilm or plastic wrapped food products. Pupils who wish to take on July's challenge must complete a 'Plastic Pledge',

explaining the type of plastic they will be avoiding and why they have chosen it as well as explaining what they will use instead. Completed pledges can be uploaded to Class Dojo so that Change Maker stickers can be awarded. Good luck!

Mrs Gandini 😊

Get Your Kicks - Summer Camp



Dates - Summer Term

Below are the current dates for the Summer Term. Please note that these may be edited, and more dates added, as the term progresses.

Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April 2025		PTA Easter Competition
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	08:30	School opens for Summer Term 1
Thursday 24 th April 2025		5H swimming begins
Thursday 24 th April 2025		PTA General Meeting
Wednesday 30 th April 2025		Year 5 trip to Sri Singh Sabha Gurdwara
Monday 5 th May 2025		BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – NO SCHOOL
w/c Monday 12 th May 2025		Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 13 th May 2025		Year 1 trip to Maidenhead Synagogue
Friday 16 th May 2025	pm	Year 2 athletics at Holmer Green
w/c Monday 19 th May 2025		Walk to school week
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	15:15	School closes for half term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	08:30	School opens for Summer Term 2
Wednesday 4 th June 2025		Class photographs
Thursday 5 th June 2025		Year 2 trip to High Wycombe Mosque
Thursday 5 th June 2025		Year 5 class assembly (time tbc)
Thursday 12 th June 2015		5L start swimming
Thursday 12 th June 2015		Year 4 class assembly (time tbc)
Monday 16 th June 2025	14:00	New Reception children Teddy Bears Picnic
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	09:30	KS2 Sports Day (gates open 09:15)
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	13:45	Reception & KS1 Sports day (gates open 13:30)
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	13:45	Preschool Sports Day (gates open 13:30)
Friday 20 th June 2025		Y2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Saturday 21 st June 2025	12:00	GKCS Funfest
Thursday 26 th June 2025		Year 3 class assembly (time tbc)
Tuesday 1 st July 2025		Transition Day
Wednesday 2 nd – Thursday 3 rd July 2025		Y4 residential to Longridge
Friday 4 th July 2025		INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL
Thursday 10 th July 2025		Year 2 class assembly (time tbc)
Thursday 10 th July 2025	18:00	Year 6 play to parents
Friday 11 th July 2025		PTA Discos
Monday 14 th July 2025		GKCS Languages Day
Wednesday 16 th July 2025		Year 6 trip to Littlehampton
Thursday 17 th July 2025		Year 1 class assembly (time tbc)
Friday 18 th July 2025		PTA General Meeting
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025		Colour Run (time tbc)
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	12:30	Year 6 Leavers' Service
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	13:30	School closes for Summer Holidays