



Greenford CE VC Primary School *Newsletter*



2.10.26

Welcome

What another wonderful week here at Greenford!

The week actually began over the weekend with the Cerne Abbas River Parade last Saturday. It was a joyful event, full of colour and creativity, and a lovely reminder of the importance of looking after our rivers and waterways. A very big well done to everyone who took part and helped to make it such a special occasion.

Back in school, it has been another week full of wonderful learning. I've been particularly lucky to see some fantastic science taking place across the school, including food tasting and investigations with electricity. I was slightly surprised to walk into Oak Class and find the children without any shoes on - but all soon became clear when I discovered they were using their shoes to help investigate friction! It is always a pleasure to see children learning through practical experiences, asking questions and finding things out for themselves.

During Collective Worship, the children's singing has really been coming along too. They have enjoyed learning some traditional hymns ready for our Harvest Service, and I know they are looking forward to sharing them with you very soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Reminders!

CAN YOU HELP US FILL A SUITCASE?

We really appreciate the bag of dressing-up items that we've received this week – **thank you!** It's a great start, but to make this really successful for our children, we'd love to add lots more to our collection.

Could you have a quick look in your cupboards this weekend?

We're looking for clean, unwanted:

- hats and scarves
- handbags and bags
- jackets, waistcoats and shirts
- colourful or unusual clothes
- dressing-up costumes
- large old suitcases to store everything in!

They don't need to be children's clothes – **grown-up clothes are often the most fun!**

If you have anything you're happy to part with, please send it into school next week. Even one or two items would help us get started. **Let's see if we can fill our first suitcase!**

Harvest Service & Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our **Harvest Service** will take place at the church on **Tuesday 13th October at 9.00am**. All of our classes will be performing as part of the service, and we warmly invite parents, carers, friends and members of our community to join us.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, children are invited to bring in **food donations for Dorchester Food Bank**.

Straight after the service, we would love you to join us back at school for our **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, which will be organised and run by our **Year 6 pupils**. Please come along for a cup of tea or coffee, something tasty and a chance to spend some time together as a school community.

Cake donations very welcome!

The Cerne Abbas River Parade on Saturday was a joyful celebration attended by 250 to 300 people. The Bubbles and Squeaks events are a culmination of months of learning and creative work. Around 418 children have dipped and discovered incredible creatures in their local rivers, the Cerne, the Hooke and Mangerton Brooke. They then worked with our artists to create an ensemble of 346 river creatures, and imaginative placards, all held high on the parade. Additional to the mayfly, caddis larvae, bullheads and trout, were giants – an otter, water vole, dragonfly and kingfisher. More malevolent creatures Bagman, Phosphate and Trolley brought important issues to the foreground in a choreographed performance.

Magical uplifting sounds were brought to the parade by Tom Hughes and children at **Greenford School** who created a river symphony, completing the parade with a March of the Beavers. Many thanks to our dedicated and talented team of artists: Sarah Butterworth, Holly Miller, Ben Piper, Flo McCarthy, Savannah Endean, and Phoebe Peel, to choreographers Anna Golding and Aimee Symes, to our ecologists and river experts Edd Moore and Kevin Parr. We thank the schools and teachers that recognised value and gave this project so much time; Greenford, Cerne Abbas and Powerstock Primary Schools, Mountjoy and Colfox. Thanks to the volunteer stewards and puppeteers, the Cerne Sustainability Group that ran the Pledge Zone, and the families that came and made it so special.



Dates for your diary

26.9.26 - Bubbles and Squeaks parade - Cerne Abbas

13.10.26 - 9.00 Harvest service in church (all welcome) followed by MacMillan Coffee morning

14.10.26 - Y3/4 Football tournament - selected children

17.10.26 - Y5/6 tag rugby tournament – Bridport - selected children – details to follow

17.10.26 - Bubbles and Squeaks parade - Powerstock

20.10.26 - Open morning for prospective parents

21.10.26 - 8.45 Golden Star morning assembly (parents invited)

4.11.26 and 11.11.26 – 3-5pm Parent consultations

Community Noticeboard



**Celebrate
Bonfire Night
with Local Food Links...**

Remember, remember to order your school meal for **Thursday 5th of November**, Gunpowder, treason and Local Butchers Sausage Hot Dog with Corn on the Cob & Banging Baked Beans. And for pud, our Yummy Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard.

Order online by **midnight on Thursday 29th October**
Visit <https://my.localfoodlinks.org.uk/>

The poster features a dark blue background with colorful fireworks. At the top center is the Local Food Links logo, a white circle with a black 'U' shape and the text 'LOCAL FOOD LINKS'. To the right is an orange circle with the text 'ORDER BY MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER'. Below the title, there are two Polaroid-style photos of food: one showing a sausage hot dog, corn on the cob, and baked beans, and the other showing a sticky toffee pudding with custard. Handwritten-style text is written below each photo.