



# Trumps Green Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a lovely half term bursting with amazing learning throughout the school, finishing with Book Week where we have celebrated Reading, Literature and Performance.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was wonderful to see you all at the children's Harvest Festival performances. They all did so well for the first performance of the year, the first of many special occasions where we are altogether in our hall celebrating the children.

Your donations to Runnymede Foodbank were truly appreciated which was conveyed in their email.

"I just wanted to say a big thank you for your wonderful support of Runnymede Foodbank during this year's Harvest Festival. Your generosity and kindness make such a difference, and we're so grateful for all the time and effort that went into your donations."



## RECEPTION

The Reception children are enjoying their Phonics lessons and are applying their knowledge within their reading sessions. The children have been learning to spot patterns in numbers such as on dice. They have made shape animals when learning all about the book "Dear Zoo" and have used tessellating shapes to create beautiful rangoli patterns in the celebration of Diwali.





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Ladybirds and Bumblebees have been loving their learning planned through the books "The Gruffalo" and "We're going on a Bear Hunt". The children made the most incredible obstacle course working together sharing their ideas and building, creating comfy secret dens and tunnels to navigate. The children enjoyed their Autumn art creating large representations of trees. Matei made some pumpkin spiced lattes which he was very proud of.



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## YEAR 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 have been busy learning all about nature sculptures in this terms Art topic. They have been learning about different kinds of nature sculptures and exploring the work of Andy Goldsworthy and other environmental artists. Each lesson has focused on a different technique using natural materials; model making, observational drawings, collecting materials, ephemeral (lasting for a short time) land art and group sculpture building. All the children have had great fun.





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## BUTTERLY LIFE-CYCLE

At the start of the term ninety caterpillars were delivered to school. The children then carefully observed the caterpillars as part of their science topic - lifecycles in animals. Over two weeks the children witnessed the caterpillar's double in size, form a chrysalis and finally metamorphose into butterflies. The release day came and there was great excitement. With only a few nerves the children held the butterflies and saw them close up.





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## BOOK FAIR

Thank you to you all for coming to the book fair with your children. It is such a special gift receiving a book and I am sure your children were very grateful. Due to your generosity we, as a school, receive a % of your spend which is an unbelievable £700 to spend on books for the classes.

## BOOGIE FOR BOOKS

The children had a whale of a time dancing with members of staff including Lisa. The children followed specific dance routines and loved having fun together. The money raised already is £1500. This money will be used extremely carefully to buy Little Wandle reading books to supplement and extend our resources. Thank you so much to all the families who sponsored the children. You are so generous.

## PYJAMA DAY

The children and staff all loved pyjama day travelling around the school to hear their favourite stories read by all the staff. You raised £451.40 which is just so kind. We will be shopping in half term to buy lots of pairs of pyjamas and then I will enjoy wrapping them all. Mrs Hazell and I will take them to St Peters before we break up for Christmas and put them under their Christmas tree in Oak and Ash Wards. The day ended with a lovely Cake Sale organised by the FOTG - thank you so much. This raised an amazing £273.90.



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## AUTHOR DAY

Alison H Simpson came and spent the day with us reading her book "Bodhi the Pirate Dog and The Great Pile of Litter". The children loved hearing all about her journey to becoming an author and were enthusiastic about the possibility of being able to buy her books.



## POETRY ASSEMBLY

The children have spent the week learning poems - this is such an important experience encouraging both performance and also aiding memory. This culminated in an assembly where all the children recited and performed their poems as a class in front of the whole school. Ladybirds and Bumblebees learnt the "Autumn Leaves Poem", Dragonflies learnt "Meeting the pirate", Butterflies "I wish I was a pirate" and Poppies learnt "Sea Shanty". I'm sure the children will love to perform their poems to you at home.

## LIBRARY VISITS

The week ends with Poppies, Dragonflies and Butterflies going to Virginia Water library later which they are all looking forward to.

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## BIKES/ SCOOTERS

Thank you to those parents who recently completed the Travel to School survey. We have a handful of children currently coming to school on a bike or scooter and a small proportion of children who walk to school. Despite our large school grounds, we do not have adequate bike/ scooter storage but wanted to find out whether your child is more likely to bike/ scoot to school if we were to provide adequate storage, please contact the office if you feel this is something that you would make use of.

## ATTENDANCE

Our average attendance figures for September were 96.54% and for October to 24th are 95.09%. The aim for school attendance is that children should be in school 100% of the time unless they are poorly. This ensures that their learning time and progress is maximised. It is so important for your children to be in school as much as possible. One measure that is so important is the persistent absence figure. Children come into this category if they have 38 sessions (19 days) absence in a year, missing 10% of their education. We monitor all children with absence to ensure we can work together to avoid this.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who have helped escort the children this half term to the Forest and also Virginia Water Library. It is always lovely having you with us to enjoy the children's experiences and learning.

Thank you so much to the FOTG committee and all the volunteers who help put on cake sales and Steph for organising the Christmas cards.

Alba's Pop's (Grandpa) is so kindly helping us this weekend by blowing and tidying all our leaves.

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## THANK YOU

Alba's Mummy is organising our Amazon wish list which will make it easier for families who wish to support us with donating glue sticks, tissues etc.

The FOTG have also planned for us to have a pantomime for the children on Thursday 18th December called "Cinderella Lost in Space" - thank you Katya for organising this. We also are excited to have a Christmas fair this year - there are so many events to look forward to.

Thank you so much to the FOTG committee members who are all remaining in their roles whilst we aim to recruit new members. This is so appreciated as it aids continuity and also enables any new committee members to be assisted.

Wishing you all a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 3rd November.

Best wishes

Sarah Morris and all  
the Trumps Green Infant School team

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## FRIENDS OF TRUMPS GREEN (FOTG)

### RECENT NEWS

We've had a great start to the school year:

- **FOTG AGM** in September
- First **bake sale** of the year: we raised an amazing **£273.90** to kick off our fundraising efforts - **thank you** to everyone who donated cakes/treats and to those who helped on the day!
- Kicked off event/activity planning at our **coffee morning** at Karma Café
- **Boogie for Books** fundraising event during book week - we've already raised more than **£1,500!** Fundraising is open until 2<sup>nd</sup> November so it's not too late to donate!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We're looking forward the second half of the term, including:

- Next **bake sale** - date TBC (Nov/Dec)
- **The Great Trumps Green Christmas Fair** on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.15-6pm
- **Cinderella Lost in Space** pantomime for the children on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec (during school)



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Get in touch if you want to get involved!





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## CALENDAR

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HALF TERM	Monday 27 - Friday 31 October	
AUTUMN TERM ENDS	Friday 19 December	1.15 pm
<b>SPRING TERM 2026</b>		
INSET DAY (School closed)	Monday 5 January	
SCHOOL STARTS	Tuesday 6 January	8.45 am
HALF TERM	Monday 16 - Friday 20 February	
SPRING TERM ENDS	Friday 27 March	1.15 pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April	
<b>SUMMER TERM 2026</b>		
INSET DAY (School closed)	Monday 13 April	
SCHOOL STARTS	Tuesday 14 April	8.45 am
BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)	Monday 4 May	
INSET DAY (School closed)	Friday 22 May	
HALF TERM	Monday 25 - Friday 29 May	
SCHOOL STARTS	Monday 1 June	8.15 am
SUMMER TERM ENDS	Tuesday 21 July	1.15 pm



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Christmas Fair	Friday 5 December - Hall	3:15 - 6:00 PM
Avery Care Home visit - Year 1	Tuesday 9 December	
Sharing Learning - all years	Friday 12 December	2:45 PM
Christmas Performance - Y1/Y2 (for Year 1 parents)	Tuesday 16 December	9:00 AM
Christmas Performance - Y1/Y2 (for Year 2 parents)	Wednesday 17 December	9:00 AM
Christmas Performance - RECEPTION	Thursday 18 December	9:00 AM
Christmas Pantomime	Thursday 18 December	2:00 PM
Christmas lunch/Christmas jumper day	Thursday 18 December	
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