

# September 2024

# Welcome to GCA



Welcome to academic year 2024-2025. We hope that the following document provides you with the key information to make your lives easier and help us to work together to support your child(ren).

## The School Day

**Gates and classrooms opened: 8.35am**  
**Gates closed and school begins: 8.45am**  
**Register closed: 8.50am (children arriving past 8.50am will be marked as late)**  
**School ends: 3.15pm**  
**Gates closed: 3.25pm**  
**Total weekly hours: 32.5 hours**

## Before and After School

**Please be reminded to enter and leave the school promptly after dropping off and collecting your child(ren) so that we can close the gates promptly.**  
**Parents and carers must not enter the school building apart from via the main entrance or for organised events.**

## Home-School Communications

**Please find our Home-School Communication Policy [here](#).**  
**This details what you can expect from school, what we expect from you and who best to contact about a range of school queries.**  
**Please also find out Parent Code of Conduct [here](#).**

## Behaviour

**Please find information about our behaviour curriculum, The GCA Way [here](#).**  
**Please find our behaviour policy [here](#).**  
**It is important that both home and school work together to promote good behaviour. We encourage you to discuss our behaviour ladder and The GCA Way with your child to reinforce expectations.**

## Lunches

**Please find information about school lunches [here](#).**  
**If you believe your child may be entitled to free school lunches linked to your benefit entitlement, you can apply [here](#).**  
**We are a nut-free school and so all lunches and snacks MUST be nut-free.**

## Trips

**Please find information about trips [here](#).**  
**Mrs Hamilton will be coordinating trips across the school. As well as local visits, which we have sought permission for via Arbor, every year group will go on at least one 'big' trip. Payment for this will be made via Arbor and the PTA will be contributing towards the costs of coaches.**

## Calendar

**Please find our Whole School Calendar [here](#).**  
**There is an option to subscribe to the calendar which will automatically add all future events into your phone's calendar. PTA events will also be added to this calendar.**

## Uniform

**Please find the expected uniform [here](#).**  
**Children should be wearing the correct school uniform including PE kit on PE days . Children not wearing the correct uniform including jewellery beyond stud earrings or a watch will be reminded of the expectations and a message will be sent home.**

# Staff

## Class Teachers



**MRS HARMAN**  
**HAZELNUT CLASS**



**MISS JAMES**  
**ACORN CLASS**



**MRS BAKKER**  
**CHERRY CLASS**  
**(M/TU)**



**MRS HANDLEY**  
**CHERRY CLASS**  
**(W,TH,F)**



**MRS VAJZOVIC**  
**JUNIPER CLASS**  
**(M/TU)**



**MRS SAVAGE**  
**JUNIPER CLASS**  
**(W,TH,F)**



**MRS HEMMINS**  
**MAGNOLIA CLASS**



**MISS BULLMAN**  
**MAPLE CLASS**



**MRS MILLARD**  
**SYCAMORE CLASS**



**MRS ERWOOD**  
**ELM CLASS**



**MISS BARRADELL**  
**BEECH CLASS**



**MISS TURNER**  
**ASH CLASS**



**MRS SOULSBY**  
**POPLAR CLASS**



**MRS BRIGHT**  
**HOLLY CLASS**



**MRS COOK**  
**WILLOW CLASS**



**MS PAULEY**  
**OAK CLASS**  
**(M,TU)**



**MRS HAMILTON**  
**OAK CLASS**  
**(W,TH,F)**

# Year Group Information



## Useful Information

- Fruit is provided for snack in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) may bring in a healthy snack to have at breaktimes.
- Please label all clothes. Items that are un-named will be donated to a school uniform charity.

## Curriculum and Assessment

- Information on the GCA curriculum for each year groups can be found on the year group pages on our website. Click [here](#) and select the relevant year group.
- Children from Y1 to Y6 access music and computing lessons with our specialist teachers (Mr Greenwood and Mrs Hamilton)
- Information on assessment for each year groups can also be found on the Year Group pages of the website (linked above)

## Online Platforms

- Children from Y1 to Y6 have access to the following online platforms - Mathletics and Spelling Shed.
- Children from Y3 to Y6 have access to AR, Mathletics, Spelling Shed and TTRS
- All usernames and passwords can be found on your child's Dojo portfolio page.

## Reading

- Reading Books in Year 1 and Year 2 will be changed once a week. Children in KS2 will change their own books, when necessary.
- AR quizzes can be taken at home. A link to take AR quizzes can be found here <https://login.renaissance.com/12d2c92d-3342-4d1f-9c6c-62e2466e8562?state=1375c10a-f034-40e5-8eaa-6e0cac7618bb>

## PE

- PE Days for the current half term can be found on Dojo in the events section of the whole school story. This will be updated half termly.

## EYFS

- When the children have settled, they will begin to bring reading books home. Please listen to your child read for 5-10 minutes a day. Reading books should be read more than once.
- Children will be sharing their lunchtime play with Year 1 and Year 2 on the Key Stage 1 playground and QEII courts.
- Children will need a coat at school everyday.