

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

October Newsletter 2

The end of the 1st half-term has nearly arrived... where has it gone?

U11 Tag-Rugby @ Stowmarket Rugby Club

Well done to both teams for their excellent achievements at the Gipping Valley & Thurston School Sport Partnership U11 Tag-Rugby

Our Dark Blue Team won 6 matches and drew 1 out of their 7 matches which put them at the top of the table!

REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!

Celebrating Success Open Classrooms... come and have a look at your child's work!

Friday 23rd October 2026 @ 2:30pm

A chance for your child to share their work with you and to celebrate their learning success from the 1st half-term.

Year 6 Parents

The Secondary School Application Deadline is Fast Approaching!

If you have **not yet applied** for a secondary school place you **must apply by the closing date of Saturday 31 October 2026.**

LifeExpo Visit

As part of our Christianity units of learning in RE this year, Oak Class had the opportunity to take part in a Life Expo Workshop at St Mary's Church in Hadleigh.

The Life Expo workshop is an interactive, multimedia educational program designed for primary school children (typically Years 5 and 6) to support Religious Education (RE) lessons through exploring the life, teachings and the miracles performed by Jesus. This project has been running successfully for over 20 years.

Moving forward, the workshop will support the children's RE lessons on Christianity throughout this academic year. The workshop included a number of bases (pods) each equipped with iPads which provided a balance of interaction with adult speakers/leaders and the use of videos, tablets and headphones to bring the topics alive.

The children were highly praised on their knowledge of Christianity and for their outstanding behaviour.



First Class Honours Degree.... Awarded to Ewan!

Congratulations to our very own Ewan Cotton on being awarded a First-Class Honours Degree in Graphic Communication.

Ewan is a key and popular adult in our school community. He has many roles in school from caretaker, teaching assistant and midday supervisor.

As well as his core roles in school, Ewan gives up a considerable amount of his own time to support residential experiences, lead and support the running of extra-curricular clubs, manages our Instagram presence and is now just taking over responsibility for our school website.

Ewan's educational journey has followed a local route starting at Great Finborough & Buxhall Under 5's, Great Finborough Church Primary School (one of our first group of Year 5's and 6's after the middle schools closed), Stowmarket High School, West Suffolk College & the University and Professional Development Centre of Bury St Edmunds.

Ewan developed his passion for graphic design while at Stowmarket High School where he was inspired by his graphic design teacher Mr Duszynski.

Well done Ewan... we are very proud of you! You are a great role model to the children of our school.

	<p>A selection of items from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will be on sale at the school gates from Monday 2nd November 2026.</p> <p>A group of children from Oak Class will be visiting the National Memorial Arboretum (Gardens) in Staffordshire on Friday 6th November 2026.</p> <p>Everyone is invited to our school's Remembrance Service @ St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday 11th November 2026 @ 2:15pm.</p>	
<p><u>Upcoming Tournaments & Festivals</u></p> <p>U11 Mixed Football- Thursday 5th November- Beyton Sixth Form (Thurston)</p> <p>U11 Boys Football- Tuesday 10th November- Stowupland</p> <p>U11 Dodgeball- Tuesday 1st December- Thurston High School</p> <p>U9 Dodgeball- Tuesday 8th December 2026- Thurston High School</p>		<p><u>U9 Football Festival @ Stowupland High School</u></p> <p>A minibus full of children from Sycamore Class recently participated and enjoyed an after-school football festival at Stowupland High School.</p> <p>Well done for representing the school!</p>
<p><u>School Club Parent/ Carer Survey (Autumn 1)</u></p> <p>Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the recent survey.</p> <p>A detailed letter will be issued tomorrow explaining all the outcomes and changes as a result of the surveys but, I am pleased to confirm that Breakfast Club will start, after October half-term, from the earlier time of 7:45am.</p> <p>It is our intention to extend the finish time of the After School (Child Care) Club. We have carried out a snap poll this evening to understand what finish time would work best for our regular users of this facility (details to follow).</p> <p>We hope this will provide you all with greater flexibility and meet your child care needs better.</p>		
		
<p><i>Have a lovely half-term holiday!</i></p> <p><i>Children Return: Monday 2nd November 2026.</i></p> <p><i>Autumn Term (2) Ends: Friday 18th December 2026.</i></p>		