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THE GREGG News

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THE GREGG OUTDOORS

As the temperature dropped, our focus during Outdoor Learning lessons has shifted to reflect the seasonal changes happening around us.

We've had a fantastic few weeks celebrating the vibrant colours of autumn. Did you know we have over 67 different types of trees in our school grounds? Students have loved exploring the woodland, collecting leaves of all shapes and sizes, and learning how to identify them. Along the way, we also discovered different types of funghi growing in our woodland.

Using the collected leaves and mallets, the students experimented with leaf printing on fabric—creating some truly impressive natural designs!

As part of their hibernation and habitats topic, our Year 7 students looked at local wildlife and what happens to them during the winter months. They made clay animals and found the perfect spots for them to "hibernate" in our Outdoor Learning space.

Our fabulous bell tent has been a real asset—providing shelter from the cold whilst the students have been busy preparing something special for the Christmas Fayre...

The Gregg Outdoors Apple Chutney, made by our students using windfall apples from the school orchard.

We're thrilled to announce the winners of our label design competition—Tam L and Evie R! Their beautiful designs will feature on the larger jars for sale.

Each jar is finished with the leaf-printed fabric created by our students, making them truly unique.

We hope you'll join us at the Christmas Fayre and visit the student stall where you can pick up a jar of this delicious chutney—perfect for the festive season!

A JOURNEY TO NARNIA

A group of 90 students, staff, their families and friends enjoyed another wonderful trip to the Mayflower to see the "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe".

The show was packed with beautiful choreography, stunning set design and, of course, very talented musicians and actors.

These Gregg Community theatre trips are such a lovely experience for everyone. Thank you for coming and can't wait until the next one!

Mrs Azor

LETTERS TO OUR SONS

'We would love to hear from fathers everywhere who want to tell their sons what it means to them to be a father and pass on some pearls of wisdom'

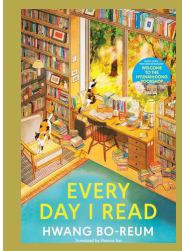
Stephen Graham and Orly Klei

Following the response he received from the global TV phenomenon Adolescence, Stephen Graham would love your help in continuing the conversation between fathers and their sons. Together with psychology lecturer Orly Klein, they are calling on you, the dads, to write a letter to your sons about what matters most to you about fatherhood, being a man and the lessons you want to pass down to them.

There's no right or wrong way.

Visit the Letter to Our Sons section of the Bloomsbury website for all of the information on how you can take part.

MS KING'S BOOK CORNER



Every Day I Read by Hwang Bo-Reum

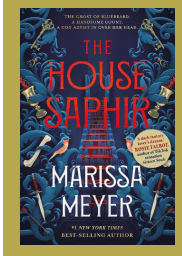
I am currently reading this beautifully written collection of short essays about how and why we read. Within this gentle, philosophical collection celebrating books, reading and language, there is something for everyone to enjoy, including a treasure trove of book recommendations

Winter Tales by Dawn Casey

A treasury of stories celebrating the wonders of winter, and the qualities within that warm our hearts through the long cold. This beautifully illustrated book brings together a selection of winter tales from all over the world - from North America to Siberia, Scotland, France, Russia and Norway.

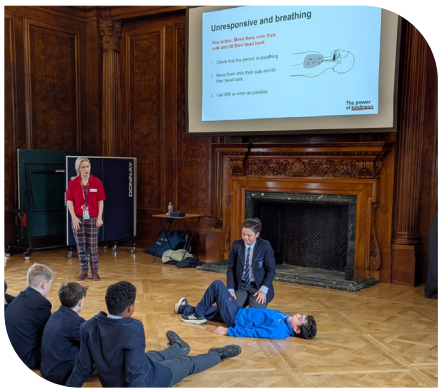
Heroes and Monsters by Rana Tahir

Do you remember the chose your own endings books? In anticipation of the Stranger Things fifth and final season about to drop, celebrate all things Hawkins , so dust off those Kate bush tapes and jump on your BMX as you immerse yourself in the world of the Upside Down.



The House Saphir by Marissa Meyer This is a sensational mix of romance and murder mystery. This is a witchy, whimsical roller-coaster of a read.

YEAR 7 PSD



This half-term our Year 7s have been looking at personal safety as part of their PSD lessons. They have already had a first aid work shop delivered by Nathalie from the British Red Cross and last week they heard from Brian from the RNLI about how to be safe near the water and the Water Safety Code.

YEAR 10

This week's Year 10 Assembly focused on the charity behind the International Men's Day Movember campaign. They discussed three of the biggest health issues affecting men: mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

From humble beginnings in Australia in 2003, the Movember campaign has grown into a truly global one, committed to helping to change the face of men's health. For ideas on how you can support this charity please see there website - www.movember.com

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MATHS OLYMPIAD

UK Maths Trust

Congratulations to Hien in Year 11 who sat the British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 (BMO1) paper. This is a prestigious national competition that challenges the UK's most talented your mathematicians aged 16-18.

Hien has shown exceptional dedication to mathematics, having achieved a Grade 9 in Maths at the end of Year 10 and continuing to deepen his knowledge in preparation for this event.

This is an outstanding achievement and testament to Hien's hard work and passion for Mathematics. Well done Hien!

Miss Carter

If you fancy putting your maths knowledge to the test, you try the question below.

A friend has a box with four balls in it - two are red, one is black and one is white. She takes two balls out at random and shows me that one of them is red.

What is the probability that both of them are red?

ENGLISH

We've been super busy launching competitions over the last fortnight! In-house, we've just launched the Winter Poetry Competition - students can enter on Firefly by 5th December.

Nationally, the Stranger Sagas Competition from Young Writers is offering the opportunity for our young authors to bend reality and twist what 'normal' is in their 100 word stories. We can't wait to see who's selected to be published!

And finally, all of our Year 7 students have the opportunity to visit the Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio Tour in February.

We will take part in an exciting creative writing lesson, tour the exhibitions and visit the gift shops.

Payments are to be made by 10th December. Please contact Mrs Board if you have any questions.

TOP OF THE BENCH

Our students attended the Royal Society of Chesmistry's Top of the Bench event and they performed fantastically, impressing the judges with their practical skills and we are thrilled that they returned with the award for best "Experimental" - a great achievement!

The mixed team from Years 11, 10 and 9 were required to work together, as a team, to carry out various challenging tasks.

The competition had a strong element of practical work - including experiments that the students had not encountered before and various paper exercises, drawing on practical skill, chemistry knowledge and calculations. It aimed is to be very challenging academically and experimentally.

This year, for example, students were asked questions about the rotation of molecular bonds and the practical element involved using gas cannisters, which they would not have used before.

The TGS team were:
Ethan R(Year 11)
Charlotte C(Year 10)
Rory S (Year 10)
Alissa O (Year 9)

Well done to our team of young scientists. The trophy is now proudly on display in the HART buidling.

ENGLISH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Our English Students of the Month of November were Eva M (Mrs Board) Sophie C (Ms Butcher), Henry O (Mr Warner), Charlie I (Mr Morgan Vassaf) and Dimitrios (Mrs Roy).

Congratulations to you all and thank you for your dedication to making the most out of English at The Gregg.

SCIENTIST OF THE MONTH

This Month Bonny K and Jay J have been nominated as Scientist of the Month.

Bonny has impressed her teachers with always being ready to learn and working hard to build on her previous knowledge.

Jay J has been commended for his enquiring mind and asking great questions to further his understanding of the subject.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Thirty of our keen runners travelled to Petersfield last week to compete in the Hampshire Inter Schools Cross Country Championships. It was a muddy and cold race but our students all ran tremendously well, with our Year 8 Girls team winning their category.

Weightlifting

Mr Bayford took some of the KS3 Elite Sports Students to Lakeside Weightlifting to complete an Olympic Weightlifting Course.

Some of the school's Elite Swimmers, Cricketers and Rugby players worked on developing their power.

Yr 7 & 8 Girls Football

Our Girls' Team travelled to Oasis Mayfield to play against five other local schools in a friendly tournament. Bethany R did a fantastic job as Team Captain to lead a side with lots of girls playing their first competitive fixture for the school.

SARISBURY SPARKS

It was a proud moment for Sarisbury Sparks U10 Whites, as the team qualified to play on the pitch at the Eastleigh vs York match - stepping out at half-time in front of thousands of supporters.

This was an unforgettable experience and a huge achievement for a hard-working group of players.

Sarisbury Sparks is one of the teams the school sponsors as part of our commitment to supporting young people and local community sport.

By sponsoring and supporting local teams, we hope to provide opportunities for children to develop confidence, teamwork, resilience and a lifelong love of sports.

COUNTY KUDU CHALLENGE

Well done to Marty for completing the County Kudu Challenge and finishing joint first with his Explore Scouts team.

The Kudu Challenge is an overnight hike where teams have to navigate through the dark, completing challenges along the way.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

We love celebrating the amazing things our students do outside of school.

Please send with any news that you would like us to share in our newsletter to us at:

marketing@thegreggschools.org

Entrance Assessments

Year 9

For students currently in Year 9
who wish to join The Gregg School,
our Year 9 Assessment takes place on
Friday 9th January 2026

Year 6

Our senior school transitional entrance assessment for current Year 6 wishing to join The Gregg School in Year 7 in September 2026 takes place on
Saturday 24th January 2026

Open Mornings

The Gregg Prep - Thursday 24th February
The Gregg School - Thursday 12th March
9.30am-11.30am

Visitors are welcome to tour the school with our students, talk to our teachers and visit the classrooms.

Please share with your friends and family!
Book online here:
https://tinyurl.com/4wxudknc

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

We are delighted to share that GoSport Activity Centre will be joining us at The Gregg School to deliver their Ofsted-registered Holiday Activity Camps throughout Easter, Summer and Half-Term 2026.

These camps offer children aged 5–15 (from Year 1) the chance to enjoy a wide range of outdoor and creative activities in a safe, friendly and engaging environment. Sessions include archery, climbing, bushcraft, STEM challenges, cookery, LEGO robotics, team sports, axe-throwing and more — all delivered by qualified and DBS-checked instructors.

Bookings for all holiday periods are now open.

www.gosportactivitycentre.co.uk/holidayactivitycamp/southampton

GoSport Activity Centre

TOWNHILL PARK EVENTS

KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

Saturday 29th November
Christmas Fayre 11-5pm

Thursday 4th December
Winter Concert 6-8pm

Thursday 11th December
Year 7-8 Panto Trip

Friday 12th December
Festive Wear Day
Rowing Challenge

Monday 15th December
Carol Service 11.30am

Tuesday 16th December
End of term - 12.55pm finish

Tuesday 6th January 2026
Start of term

Friday 9th January
Year 9 Entrance Assessment

Saturday 24th January
Year 6 Entrance Assessment

Hope to see you at our Christmas Fayre!