

# Grace Cook Gazette

GRACE COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND  
NURSERY

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## A message from the Headteacher

## Spring 1 - 2025

### Diary Dates

2025

#### TERM DATES FOR 2025

Spring Term 2025

7th January 2025 - 4th April

Spring Half Term 2025

17th February - 21st February

Easter Holiday 2025

7th April - 21st April

Summer Term 2025

23rd April - Friday 18th July

Summer Half Term 2025

26th May - 30th May

**Monday 24th February - Parent Consultations**

**Monday 3rd March - Parent Drop in (8.30) / 1:1 sessions with Annie O'Neill**

24th February 2025 (Nursery open)

22nd April 2025 (Nursery open)

\*Friday 4th April and Friday 18th July  
**(School/ nursery closed at 1.30pm)**

Whilst every attempt has been made to ensure accuracy, the Trust reserves the right to change these dates should it be necessary to do so.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

We are half way through the year! This term's newsletter give you an idea of the continued amazing learning across the school. It has been wonderful to see the pupils with enthusiasm and energy to dive into a busy and productive term.

In this edition of our newsletter, you will find important updates on upcoming events, exciting learning opportunities, and highlights from the classroom. We are looking forward to next half term filled with growth, creativity, and success for every student.

As mentioned in my Dojo post last week we hope the recent Ofsted Inspection report will be with you towards the end of March.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in ensuring the best educational experience for your child at Grace Cook. Let's make next term a memorable one! Have great half term - sunshine is coming!

Mr Dediccoat - Headteacher



## Nursery - Moon Room

In moon room, we have been exploring colour mixing, using primary paint colours. The children used brushes, sponges, and their hands to blend colours, sparking curiosity and encouraging problem-solving as they predict and observe changes in the paint.



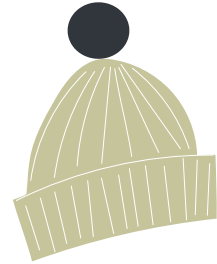
Our role play area is rich with authentic resources, fostering imagination and real-world understanding. The children have been carefully pouring and serving tea, building independence and social skills. By using real mugs and a kettle, children engage in meaningful play, developing their fine motor skills and confidence in handling everyday objects safely.



## Nursery - Star Room



This spring term, Star Room children have been brimming with curiosity and creativity! From whipping up delightful treats in the "Gingerbread Bakery" and being detectives, to painting and discovering the magic of frost on crisp mornings, every day has been an adventure.



As the seasons begin to shift, we'll be preparing for spring by exploring new life and growth, sparking wonder in the natural world around us. Our hands-on activities will continue to inspire, with opportunities to build, create, and discover at every turn. It's a season full of exploration, imagination, and joyful learning!



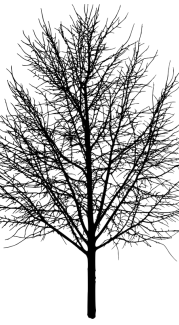
This term we are reading a Traditional Tale each week. The children have been really engaged in the learning opportunities across all areas of the curriculum, and we have enjoyed making links on our Welly walks too.

We have just shared the story The Three Billy Goats Gruff which led us to making bridges, painting trolls, measuring and lots of activities to support our sentence writing. Mrs Mayes

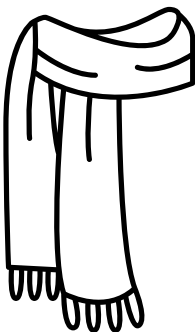




# Mercury class



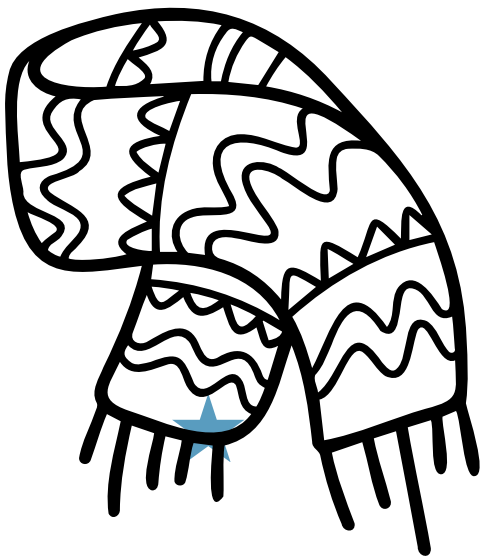
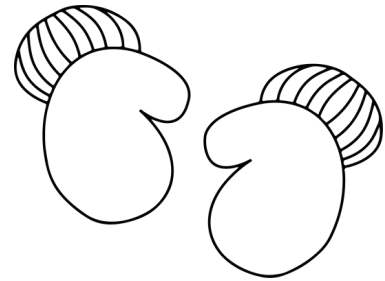
Year 1 have had a brilliant first Spring term. They have been busy writing letters as Paddington bear, learning to double in Maths and even handle some animals! They continue to work incredibly hard, and I am looking forward to our final Spring term together with some cooking coming up!  
Mrs Brown



# Venus Class

The children have been working really hard recently. They have all come back to school after Christmas with a great attitude to learning and are becoming really confident learners. I have been particularly wowed in maths. We have learnt about money and multiplication and division. I am having to plan lots of extra challenges for them because everybody is so eager to show me their maths skills!

Mrs Buffrey





# Earth Class

Another incredibly hard-working half term! Our maths has been looking at fractions as well as using our times table knowledge to use column multiplication and bus stop division. We are continuing to use our times tables knowledge and improve this. In English, we have written a narrative story based on the life of an animal and are now writing non-chronological reports about famous UK landmarks.



In Science, we have been looking at forces and magnets and understanding the difference between contact and non-contact forces. We have finished our work on prehistoric Britain and look forward to moving onto a new topic after half term. We have also been studying the UK, looking at various counties across England.



We have loved creating some artwork based on the work of Faith Ringgold. We created a piece called 'our favourite place' and painted this on fabric. Although we found this difficult, we persevered and worked hard to try our best. The Ukulele practice is coming on amazingly and Mr Watson is really proud of the work we have done. Finally, we have started a unit of work on the computer programme 'scratch'. We have been exploring how we can create different sounds and even tried to make our own keyboard.

Have a relaxing half term and enjoy some rest!

Mr Smith