



# Grace Cook Gazette

GRACE COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND  
NURSERY

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## A message from the Headteacher

**June/ July 2024**

Diary Dates

**2024/25**

**TERM DATES FOR 2024/25**

**Autumn Term 2024**

**4th September - 20th December**

**Autumn Half Term 2024**

**28th October - 1st November**

**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**

**2024/25 PD Days (Non Pupil Days  
for School and Nursery)**

**2nd and 3rd September 2024**

**4th November 2024**

**6th January 2025**

**22nd April 2025**

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,

This will be the last newsletter of the term and academic year - our second year as a school!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, parents and children for all their hard work and support this year. Further to this our Governors who challenge and support all we do at Grace Cook and our brand new Friends of Grace Cook who have started off with a successful event alongside our Sports Afternoon. Finally our wider community involvement - including Kicks and Tricks who provide our wrap around care, Holiday camps and PE/ Sports provision, Chilton Community Church, Open the book, Gipping Valley Sports Partnership, Local sports clubs and businesses who have made valuable contributions to our school this year (I'm sure I've forgotten someone - so thank you if I have!)

### Staffing

We say a farewell this term to Ms Roper who will be leaving us to relocate to the Midlands. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work and commitment from the very first day the school opened. She has helped our Nursery grow and develop superbly over the last two years!

We welcome Mr Smith who will be teaching our new Earth Class (Y3/4) and Mrs Coates Dale who will be joining us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.



## A message from the Headteacher/ continued

### Staffing cont/

We also say hello to Miss Williams who will be joining our Nursery as a teacher and leading Star Room. Finally, Mrs Levett who will be joining the Team as a Specialist Teaching Assistant.

We are also excited to welcome over 30 new children in September as our school numbers grow to nearly 100! Exciting times ahead as Grace Cook continues to flourish.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4th September.

Mr Dediccoat - Headteacher





## Nursery - Moon Room



The children searched the sand trays and stones, counting them and comparing them by size using words such as “biggest” and “smallest”. As an extension, some shells and stones had numbers on them and the children had fun finding numbers one to ten!



In moon room this term we have explored Spring turning into Summer with bugs making a appearance and pretty flowers growing around us. We have enjoyed the warmer weather engaging with the learning opportunities in our outdoor area. With the summer holidays around the corner, we have talked about going on holiday, visiting the seaside and have incorporated sand, shells and water into our activities.





## Nursery - Star Room

We have enjoyed bringing our learning outside now that the weather is warmer and the sun is out. Lots of us are getting ready to move on to Reception classes, so we have been practicing our best name-writing and drawing to impress our new teachers!



We have been busy conducting experiments at nursery, exploring what happens when we mix different colours together. We used pipettes to fill up test tubes and watched the liquids to see what colours formed.

## Sun Class

As we enter the final two weeks of the term, our final book is another favourite from Julia Donaldson - *Sharing a Shell*. Activities across literacy and maths have been themed around the seaside and include making patterns with shells, catching sea creatures and answering doubling questions along with lots of opportunities to consolidate sentence writing in preparation for Year 1. This year the children in Sun Class have worked incredibly hard and are now ready to make that transition into Year 1.





## Mercury class



I can't quite believe this is the final newsletter for Mercury class. It has been an outstanding year and all your children have worked incredibly hard, and have been such a pleasure to teach. This Summer term has been packed with lots of new learning ready for Year 2, paired with recapping our Year 1 learning to embed our already fantastic knowledge, and skills. Here are some final photos of some of our learning. I cannot thank your children enough for a wonderful year in Year 1!



## Venus Class



Venus class have had a very busy final term! They have been working really hard in their learning and they've particularly written some amazing poems.

They also had an Anglo-Saxon workshop which was full of fantastic activities. They re-enacted a battle, played a game of knuckle bones and made some beautiful brooches.

