



News from Great Alne Primary School



Responsible, Respectful, Ready

“ From tiny acorns, mighty oaks do grow...”

23.1.26

Dear Families/Carers,

Another busy week here at Great Alne Primary School. I could not be prouder of our children and the thoughtful, enthusiastic way they share their ideas and passions.

During our school Council Meeting in KS2 last week, it was decided that Great Alne Primary School would place a renewed focus on the outdoor play and learning opportunities available to our children at playtimes and lunchtimes.

During our discussion, the children were fascinated to learn that around **20% of a child's primary school education is spent playing outside**. This sparked a lively conversation and, together, the School Council decided that Great Alne Primary School would work together to develop the outdoor play and learning opportunities available to our children at playtimes and lunchtimes.

I am delighted to say that the impact of this has already been clear to see. The children have been busy designing and building obstacle courses using planks, crates and tyres. These creations have encouraged problem-solving, teamwork and perseverance, as well as inspiring imaginative play and plenty of laughter. Watching children negotiate, collaborate and cheer one another on has been a real joy.

Our mud kitchen has also been a hive of activity this week, producing an impressive array of mud pies, cakes and even hot chocolates! These playful moments are rich learning opportunities, helping children to develop creativity, communication skills and friendships. Acorns class thoroughly enjoyed getting really muddy!

Outdoor play is such an important part of childhood, and seeing our pupils so engaged, resourceful and happy makes us incredibly proud. Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we nurture confident, curious and caring learners.

It was wonderful to see the whole school swimming this week. Children in Acorns were so proud of their achievements in the water, and so were we! Next week, we look forward to more fun and adventures on our school trip to the Snow Dome.



Have a restful weekend. See you on Monday morning.

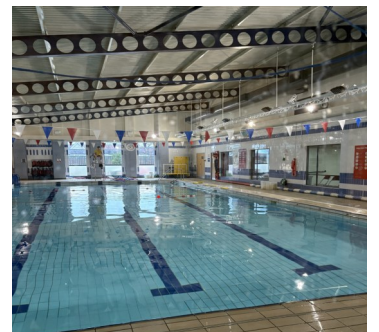
Miss L. Williams



Outside Play and Learning



Our week's learning!



In the Community!



ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

BOOK BY
DAVID GREIG

MUSIC BY
MARC SHAIMAN

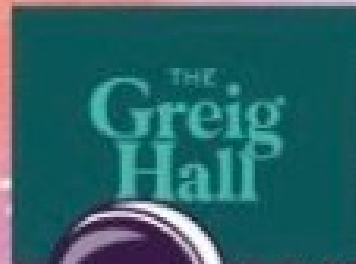
LYRICS BY
SCOTT WITTMAN
MARC SHAIMAN

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY ROALD DAHL
SONGS FROM THE MOTION PICTURE BY LESLIE BRICUSSE AND ANTHONY NEWLEY

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Great Alne School Diary Dates – 2025-2026

Autumn term 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Wednesday 3rd September – Children return for autumn term

Half term: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 6th January – Children return for spring term

Half term: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Ends: Thursday 26th March 2026

Friday 27th March 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Spring (Easter) holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026 – Children return for summer term

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Ends: Monday 20th July 2026 **Teacher Training Day**