

Monthly Newsletter

November 2024



SEND Cafe

A big thank you to all the families who attended our first SEND Cafe. It was a wonderful opportunity for many like-minded families to meet together. We hope you all enjoyed the tea and cake. Miss Tyler received some useful feedback from families about what focus you would like moving forward. However, if you were unable to attend or have had further thoughts, please do let us know. We look forward to sharing news of our next cafe opening in the New Year!



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Library Update

If you would like to visit the library - it is open every Friday after school from 3:15 - 3:45pm. Enter through Miss Tyler's classroom. It has been a joy to see so many of you exploring and enjoying new books and taking some home to share with the wider family.

Mr Varela recommendations:

Key Stage Two book = The Land of Roar (Jenny McLachlan)

Key Stage One family read = Fantastic Mr Fox (Roald Dahl)

Family share = Mixed up Fairy Tales (free look box)



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Meet the staff

I am excited to announce a new feature to our newsletter called 'meet the staff'. It is an opportunity for you to learn more about us and understand why we love what we do! It is a great chance to see what we do in and above our class roles; and be a point of contact should you have a passion about particular subjects and have some ideas for new experiences/opportunities for pupils. I will share a couple each month at the bottom of the newsletter.



3 Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding is of vital importance to us all at Great Whelmetham. It is also important that we keep our parent community updated: This month the theme is 'Online Safety'. Please click the picture to follow the link which will provide you with useful information. This video is specifically designed for children in Key Stage Two. If you have any questions about any of our safeguarding features, then please speak to the class teachers or Mr Varela.

STAY SAFE



ONLINE





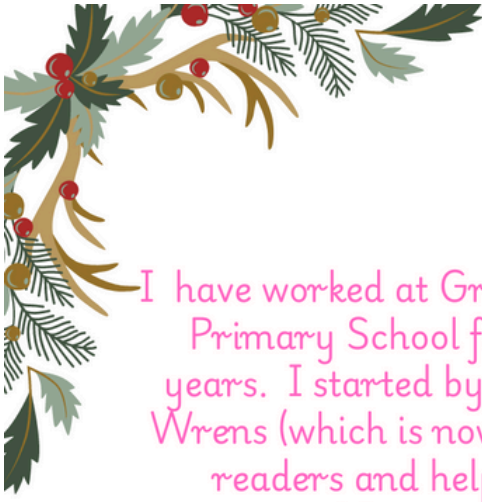
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NURTURE - GROW - SUCCEED TOGETHER

Dates for your Diary

- 27th November - Open Day - New Intake 2025
- 4th December - Whole School Panto trip
- 5th December - Prestige Sports boxercise taster (Owls/Swans)
- 6th December - Y5/6 Carol singing at Cornwallis Care Home
- 10th December - Christmas Story retelling @ the Church 'KS1' (AM)
- 11th/12th December - PTFA - Christmas Shop
- 12th December - Wear a Christmas Jumper Day
- 12th December - Christmas lunch
- 13th December - RockSteady Concert (PM)
- 17th December - Christingle Assembly (PM)
- 19th December - Owls Cornet performance (parents welcome)
- 19th December - Last day of term
- 20th December - PD Day
- 6th January - PD day
- 7th January - Children back in school

**BEST WISHES
MR VARELA
HEAD OF SCHOOL**



Ms Robson

I have worked at Great Whelmetham Primary School for just over 13 years. I started by volunteering in Wrens (which is now Larks) hearing readers and helping out with activities. After a while I completed my level 2 in Supporting Teaching and Learning. I am also a Mental Health First Aider.

My son, Ethan went to this school and he loved his time here. I know what it's like to have a child go through the school system and the challenges you can face.

I am wellbeing lead for the children and this is my passion. We are all different and learn in different ways and sometimes we struggle. Having someone you can talk to is so important. I know I wish I had of had an adult that I could have of gone to when I was as school. Mental health is so important for adults and children alike and I like to think that I am approachable and a good listener. Sometimes it's just so good to offload instead of keeping those thoughts inside of you.



As your children will tell you, I love anything pink and glittery, Christmas and Winter. I also have a love of pens (sorry about the legami craze!)





MR VARELA

About Me

Teaching is my passion; I truly love what I do. I had been a teacher for over ten years before taking on the role at GW in 2021.

I live with my wife, our two children and Milo the dog. On our weekends, we love to spend time together as a family, going on walks, playing games or going on little adventures together.

I love paying and watching a variety of sport. Football is my favourite, but I took up running at the beginning of the year and recently ran a half marathon.

How I Teach

I believe to get the very best out of each child, positive relationships are the key. I like to build upon pupil's strengths and their passions.

My approach is to engage pupils with my genuine joy and enthusiasm for learning - we can go on the journey together! I love to create an environment where children are empowered to be risk takers and explore going beyond their limits.

We all want to have fun; active learning linked to real life is where children's positive engagement peaks.

I want to instil a lifelong love of learning in my children that will stay with them at GW and beyond.

My Role

In my role as Head of school, I get to work closely with all members of staff to help them deliver the best education and experiences for children at GW. I love being part of the Governing body and leading the direction of the school. I am also fortunate to work with the PTFA who help support with a variety of events. The local community is so important, and I enjoy being able to make links and look for new opportunities to network.

I teach in Owls class three days a week. I ensure to plan lessons carefully to excite, inspire and challenge children. After delivering lessons, I ensure I mark, assess and evaluate work carefully to plan purposeful next steps accordingly.

I also lead Science, Computing, Design Technology, Religious Education and work closely with the ethos committee and Eco-council. In this role I monitor teaching and learning and raise the profile of these subjects within school. I love using these platforms to create everlasting memories/experiences for children, giving them new opportunities and igniting new passions.



Head of School/ Owls Class teacher