

Great Oaks Weekly



Friday 24th April 2026

Caring for our Environment

This week, students took part in environmental projects, exploring how we can care for our school and the world around us. Across all pathways, pupils engaged in creative and practical challenges, from recycling art and eco-bricks to energy-saving initiatives and improving school spaces.



3NW focused on clearing two flower beds, removing weeds, filling three wheelbarrows, working together as a team, and preparing the area for planting later this year...

Pathway 1 making eco bricks



BEFORE

AFTER

Wow!

3ES made a robot from recycled materials



C16 litter picking



Above: 3MG spent a day without using lights – the picture shows them reading by sunlight.

Left: Post 16 preparing the tabletops in the café for an artistic makeover.

Display Corner

Animal themed English Week display, featuring *Wind in the Willows* artwork and student writing.





South Site News

By our regular columnist **Mike Bull**

New Friday Clubs at South Site include Parks and Golf. Class assistant Deanna is pictured enjoying a swing with Dhevraj in Mansell Park, Millbrook. Golf Club starts this week with driving practice at swanky Chilworth Golf Club.

Year 11 classes in The Den now have a bulletin board to share news and connect with other classes.

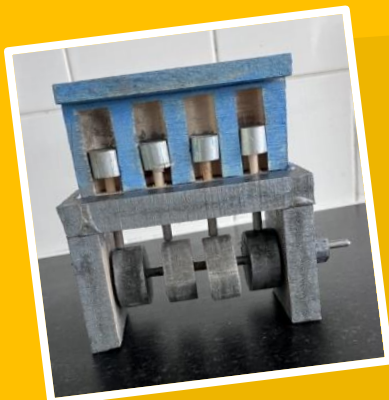
Graze and Grow Enterprise students in the college are propagating mint plants, which they will be selling for 50p a plant. All college classes will be working "flat out" in the next couple of weeks - decorating tables in the South Site cafe.



Caelen with bulletin board



Dhevraj and Deanna on the swings



James' Engine

James in **3JJ** spent last half term designing and making a mechanical toy engine in DT. He worked hard, showing real determination and skill. Staff are very proud of his dedication!

What do you call a factory that makes average products?
A satis-factory!

HAHA
HAHA
HO HO!



The Mystery Joker



GO Nature!

A new feature from David, our site manager, who is often in school very early. Last week he spotted deer near the Phoenix building and by the car park — a great reminder of the rich wildlife around Great Oaks.



Interview with Iron Man



During an English lesson **3JS** interviewed the iron man! They wanted to know why his eyes were yellow and why he was made of metal.



MAXimum Attendance



Attendance over the last two weeks has reached 91.2%, which is very positive. Thank you for the continued effort.

A fantastic start to the Summer term - Let's keep attendance high over the coming weeks.

Woof!

