

Greenside Grapevine

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Dates for your Diary

Please also see the calendar page on our website

<https://www.greenside-sch.org/>

October

23rd School closes at 3.15pm to all pupils

24th Inset Day (school closed to all pupils)

November

3rd School reopens at 8.40am to all pupils

26th NCMP Height/Weight Check (Reception and Year 6)

26th Vision Screening (Reception only)

December

9th Flu Immunisations

As we approach the end of the first half term, we want to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic start it has been. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into school life and embraced their new year groups with enthusiasm and positivity.

This week marks our Parents/Carers' Consultation Evening, and we're truly excited to share your child's achievements and progress so far. It's been a joy to see their confidence grow and their curiosity flourish in the classroom.

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. From ensuring your child arrives on time, dressed smartly in the correct uniform, to making sure they have everything they need for the day — we know it's no small task, and we appreciate every effort you make.

Reception

We will be starting our PE lessons on Thursday 6th November. Please can you ensure your child brings a bag consisting of their PE kit and suitable shoes.



As we wrap up the first half term, we want to shine a spotlight on the amazing staff here at Greenside. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated, skilled, and compassionate team who consistently go above and beyond to meet the needs of every child.

This time of year often brings seasonal illnesses and, like many schools, we've experienced some staff absences. Despite this, our team has shown remarkable flexibility, creativity, and unwavering support to ensure that learning continues smoothly and joyfully for all our pupils. Their commitment and resilience have been nothing short of inspiring, and we are truly grateful for everything they do. They've earned their upcoming break — and then some!

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break over the half term. Whether you're heading off on an adventure or enjoying some quiet time at home, we wish you a restful and happy holiday.



Be Internet Legends

Internet Legends

All children in Key Stage 2 will participate in an online safety assembly and take part in "Be Internet Legends" on Tuesday 11th November at 9:30am. Our focus is 'Kindness' online and we would like to share a link to help parents/carers find out more. This is an online safety

program for children that provides resources for parents/carers to reinforce safe habits at home. It covers key principles such as Think Before You Share, Check It's For Real, Protect Your Stuff, Respect Each Other, and When in Doubt, Discuss. For parents/carers, it involves discussing online activity with children, setting family rules and encouraging them to ask questions about the internet, with the goal of raising a confident, safe digital citizen. https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/adventure

Children In Need

Children in Need will take place on Friday 14th November and we will be collecting 1ps and 2ps to donate. Children will also be able to come to school in non uniform and we will be sharing further details closer to the time.



FROGS

A big thank you to FROGS and our parents/carers for their fundraising and support so far this year. The FROGS Sponsored Walk raised £2450 and the FROGS Discos raised £1019.13!

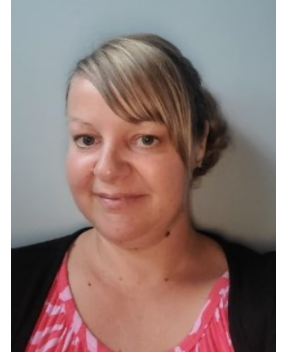
We would like to thank FROGS, our parent/carer volunteers and also our school staff for supporting and ensuring school can stay open to allow all our children to enjoy their after-school disco.



Staffing Update

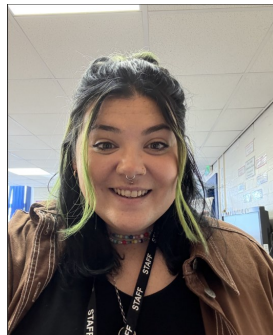
We want to keep you informed about recent changes to our staffing team. Maintaining transparency and strong communication with our families is a top priority, and we're committed to ensuring a smooth transition for everyone.

We'd like to share that Miss Young, one of our dedicated lunchtime supervisors and part-time teaching assistants, will be leaving Greenside after 13 months. She has made the decision to leave her permanent role at Greenside to spend more time with her children, but you may still see Miss Young helping out at Greenside from time-to-time. Miss Young has been a valued member of our team, always bringing warmth and care to her role. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication and the positive impact she's had on our school community. Please join us in wishing her all the very best for the future!



We're excited to share that Mrs Branton will be taking on a new role after the half-term break. After almost two years of dedicated service as one of our lunchtime supervisors, she has successfully secured a part-time teaching assistant position within our Tenacious Toucans class. Mrs Branton's commitment to our school community has been greatly appreciated, and we're thrilled she'll continue to support our children in this new capacity. Please join us in congratulating her on this well-deserved opportunity!

We're delighted to announce the appointment of two new full-time teaching assistants to our Greenside family!



Miss Goulding will be supporting learning across our Year 3 and Year 4 classes, bringing her experience from working with a variety of ages in a different country.

Mrs Hussain will be joining our Reception team, bringing her enthusiasm and care to our youngest learners.

We're excited to welcome them both and look forward to the ideas and expertise they'll bring to our school community.



As many of you are aware, Miss Young, Mrs Branton and Mr Plant will be leaving our lunchtime supervising team. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work, care, and dedication to our children over the years. They will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

We're also delighted to share that we've successfully recruited three new lunchtime supervisors who will be joining us after the half-term break.

- Miss Roche
- Ms Simohamed
- Miss Hemsworth

We look forward to welcoming them to Greenside and are excited about the energy and support they'll bring to our lunchtime team.





Attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year remains at 98%. Our whole school attendance from the start of September is 96.27%.

98%

We would like to thank all our parents/carers for their support in ensuring a really positive start to the year! Please continue to remind your child of the importance of attending school regularly, on time and ready to learn.

Attendance

As we reach the end of the first half term, we will be sending out our half termly attendance letters. These letters are sent to pupils with below 97% attendance.

Even though we are fully aware that the impact of absence during the first half term has a bigger impact on your child's percentage, we have a duty to inform and report on their attendance.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents/carers that we are always happy to help if you require any support with your child's attendance. If you think we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Remember, less than 6 days absence over the whole school year will ensure above 97% attendance by the end of the school year.

REMEMBER
The class with the highest attendance each week will receive an extra playtime!

Class Attendance so far this academic year:

- Friendly Foxes 95.08%
- Enthusiastic Elephants 96.64%
- Positive Penguins 97.22%
- Outgoing Otters 98.74%**
- Confident Chameleons 96.76%
- Adventurous Anacondas 95.35%
- Persevering Pumas 97.27%
- Dazzling Dolphins 94.89%
- Tenacious Toucans 96.43%
- Creative Caimans 95.06%

Well done Outgoing Otters!

Punctuality

It is extremely important that our pupils arrive at school on time each day. **Doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.45am.**



As you can see from the results, Dazzling Dolphins have "dazzled" us with their punctuality this half term! Well done dolphins, you will receive an extra playtime next half term.

Please can we remind all our parents/carers and children that school starts at 8.45am. This means children must be in the building at this time.

If you are running late with your child, please contact the school office to provide a reason and always report them to the school office on their arrival.

We understand that occasionally situations do crop up and these can be unavoidable but if your child's punctuality becomes a concern, our attendance team may be in touch to offer support. If you think school may be able to help with anything, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The tables have now been reset. Let's see which class can "wow" us with their punctuality next half term!

From the start of September (02.09.2025), classes have the following late marks on their registers. This includes both L marks (late after 8.45am) and U marks (late after 9.15am).

- Friendly Foxes 4
- Enthusiastic Elephants 13
- Positive Penguins 8
- Outgoing Otters 18
- Confident Chameleons 6
- Adventurous Anacondas 31
- Persevering Pumas 35
- Dazzling Dolphins 2**
- Tenacious Toucans 16
- Creative Caimans 21

Well done to all those who arrived at school, on time and ready to learn!

REMEMBER
The class with the least late marks each half term will receive an extra playtime!

Mindful Messages

This segment on our Grapevine is to support the wellbeing of our families and young people. Mrs Middleton, our Family Liaison Officer, is keen to share services and groups, both local and national.

If you would like any support then please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or by our family support email address familysupport@greenside-sch.org.

You can also find lots of helpful information on our website <https://www.greenside-sch.org/support-for-families/>



Taking a little more inspiration from the Action for Happiness website, we would like to share with you their 10 Keys to Happier Living.

Over the coming weeks we will explore each one in more detail but if you would like to take a look for yourself, please visit <https://actionforhappiness.org/10-keys>

