

Greenside Grapevine

Friday 13th March 2026

Dates for your Diary

Please also see the calendar page on our website

<https://www.greenside-sch.org/topic/news-and-events>

March

- 18th Chameleons Class Assembly 9am (for parents/carers)
- 20th Red Nose Day (further information to follow)
- 25th Anacondas Class Assembly 9am (for parents/carers)

April

- 1st FROGS Break the Rules (further information to follow)
- 1st Parent/Carer Evening (further information to follow)
- 2nd Otters Class Assembly 9am (for parents/carers)
- 2nd Parent/Carer Evening (further information to follow)
- 2nd FROGS Bake Sale
- 2nd School closes to all pupils at 3.15pm**
- 20th School reopens to all pupils at 8.40am**
- 22nd Year 5 Whitby Residential (22nd-24th)
- 30th Year 1 Harlow Carr Visit (further information to follow)
- 30th Penguins Class Assembly 9am (for parents/carers)

May

- 4th May Day Bank Holiday - School closed**
- 7th Elephants Class Assembly 9am (for parents/carers)
- 11th Year 6 SATS (11th-14th)
- 21st Year 5 Whitby Assembly 9am (for parents/carers)
- 21st School closes to all pupils at 3.15pm**
- 22nd Inset Day - School Closed**

June

- 1st School reopens to all pupils at 8.40am**
- 4th Class Photographs
- 15th Year 6 Weardale Residential (15th-19th)
- 25th Transition Day
- 29th Foxes Class Assembly 9am (for parents/carers)

July

- 1st FROGS Summer Fayre
- 13th Year 6 Performance 2pm-3pm
- 15th Year 6 Performance 6pm-7pm
- 17th Year 6 Graduation 2pm-3pm
- 17th School closes to all pupils at 3.15pm**

This time of year always seems to fly by as the school is in full flow with everyday learning, enriched by our wide variety of clubs, trips and visits. Recent highlights include our Year 4 Skipping Festival, Cross Country final, World Book Day celebrations, Year 6 SATs booster sessions, swimming lessons, Forest School and our ever-popular keyboard and guitar lessons. Not to mention our wonderful FROGS disco! One Year 6 pupil told me it was *the best one yet*—and was very sad it was their last one! We are incredibly fortunate to have such an active and supportive FROGS parent/carer group who work so hard to create these wonderful, lasting memories for our children. Your time, commitment and dedication are truly appreciated and valued by the whole school community.

BREAK THE RULES DAY





On Wednesday 1st April you can break the rules!!

Every pupil and member of staff at Greenside will be able to break rules from the list below.

Choose as many rules as you like for a £1 donation.

1. You must not wear pyjamas to school.
2. Only black socks allowed.
3. You must not have any crazy hair or hair accessories.
4. No hats allowed.
5. You must wear school uniform.
6. No nail varnish to be worn.
7. School shoes only.
8. School staff must wear smart clothing.

Many of you will also be aware that Hindus all over the world celebrated **Holi** at the weekend. Holi, often known as the *Festival of Colour*, marks the arrival of spring and celebrates love, renewal and the triumph of good over evil. We hope all our families who celebrated enjoyed a wonderful and special time together.



Important Reminder - Trim Trail

Please can we remind all our parents/carers that children are not allowed to play on the trim trail before or after school. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils and includes our older children who make their own way to school.



Red Nose Day

We are excited to announce that Comic Relief will take place on Friday 20th March 2026. Children are invited to wear a red item of clothing or something with spots if they want wish to. To help us raise money for Comic Relief, we ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p. All money raised will help tackle issues such as homelessness, mental health problems and food poverty in the United Kingdom and around the world. Thank you for your support and we cannot wait to see some amazing outfits!

Cloud Unit

We are looking for some extra toys and equipment for the Cloud Room. If any of our families have anything at home that's no longer needed, we would really appreciate your donations. We understand many of you have donated to the OPAL scheme but the children who access the Cloud Room would love to play with any of the following:

- Super hero figures
- Cars
- Car mat
- Magnetic board with magnets
- Battery operated fairy lights
- Any kind of battery operated lights
- Soft squishy sensory toys



Leeds Well School Partnership Sporting Events

From 1st January 2026, children participating in any Leeds Well School Partnership events will be required to follow the guidance below to ensure a safer working and participation environment for all pupils and staff. Before taking part in any Leeds Well School Partnership event, pupils must remove the following personal items:

- Jewellery, including body piercings
- Religious artefacts
- Watches
- Hair slides and similar accessories

Religious headwear must not be loose-fitting in a way that could get caught, restrict movement, or cause injury. Sport-specific hijabs and other forms of secure religious headwear are often recommended or available. This requirement applies to all pupils to reduce the risk of injury to themselves and others when taking part in physical activity or movement-based events.

Leeds Well School Partnership will not accept disclaimers from parents or schools regarding the wearing of jewellery or religious adornments, as such indemnities carry no legal validity.

Leeds Well School Partnership have given the following guidance for schools

- Include the rule in your PE policy and uniform guidance.
- Advise parents to schedule piercings during holidays so they can be removed for PE.
- Adopt a whole-school “no jewellery” policy for PE, extra-curricular activities, and active playtimes.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all participants safe and enabling full access to our events.



Arbor

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening will take place on Wednesday 1st April 2026, between 3.40pm and 7pm, and Thursday 2nd April 2026, between 3.40pm and 6pm. All appointments are easily bookable on Arbor, where you can choose your own timeslot, and they are available to book until 9am on Monday 23rd March 2026. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any support.

Safe Dismissals

Previously, our parents/carers have completed a Safe Dismissal Form to inform us of those who regularly collect their child from school. This information will now be recorded on Arbor. Any person who regularly collects your child must be recorded on Arbor with their contact number and marked as "Can Collect". To check your child's contacts, please visit their Profile page within your Arbor app and add any missing information. If you are unsure if a contact is marked as "Can Collect", please email the school office and they will be able to double check.

Please can we remind our parents/carers that if your child is going to be collected by someone who is not named to collect (e.g. they are going to a friend's house after school), you **must** email the school office so your child's class teacher can be notified. If you do not inform us, your child will not be released at the end of the school day and we will need to contact you.

Consents on Arbor

Within school, we require permission from parents/carers for their child to access the internet, take part in occasional trips and permission to take and share their photograph. If you notice this on your child's Arbor, please follow the instructions to give consent.

Clubs on Arbor

We have started to add our extra-curricular clubs to Arbor. This should hopefully make it more clear to parents/carers and will allow you to easily look back at the information and check which dates and times your child has been asked to attend.

We are in the process of adding all our existing clubs so, if you notice your child has been invited to a club on Arbor, please check and register to confirm their attendance. If you are aware of your child attending a club but you do not notice it on Arbor, please do not be concerned; your child is still able to attend their club for this term. All future clubs will be communicated to parents/carers via Arbor. We appreciate your patience while we continue to migrate to our new Arbor system. In the coming weeks, you may also notice we are starting to add trips and payments to Arbor but as always, we will keep you updated.

We are currently experiencing a number of children not attending their allocated school clubs. As places in these clubs are limited and highly valued, it's important that children commit to the sessions they have signed up for. The school funds the external coaches to run many of these activities, so unused spaces have an impact on both resources and opportunities for others. If your child no longer wishes to attend a club, please inform the school office as soon as possible. This will allow us to offer the space to another pupil and ensure clubs continue to run smoothly. Thank you for your support.



Attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year remains at 98%. Our whole school attendance from the start of September is 95.43%.

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We would like to thank all our parents/carers for their support in ensuring their child(ren) attend school regularly, on time and ready to learn! **If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Knowles or Mrs Middleton.**

From the start of this half term (23.02.2026), 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 2
- Enthusiastic Elephants 12
- Positive Penguins 3
- Outgoing Otters 14
- Confident Chameleons 0**
- Adventurous Anacondas 12
- Persevering Pumas 19
- Tenacious Toucans 5
- Dazzling Dolphins 4
- Creative Caimans 11

Well done Confident Chameleons!

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

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

Class Attendance so far this academic year:

- Friendly Foxes 95.80%
- Enthusiastic Elephants 95.14%
- Positive Penguins 97.05%
- Outgoing Otters 97.83%**
- Confident Chameleons 96.84%
- Adventurous Anacondas 93.55%
- Persevering Pumas 96.13%
- Tenacious Toucans 95.43%
- Dazzling Dolphins 92.72%
- Creative Caimans 94.75%

Well done again Outgoing Otters!

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, 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/>

If any families feel that themselves, or their young person, needs support around grief and loss, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Middleton.

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/>

<https://winstonswish.org/>

Grief and loss is one of the most challenging parts of life. Supporting a young person with grief can be difficult, especially if we are also processing this loss ourselves. There is a lot of support available to help families with this both in and out of school.

[Child Bereavement UK](https://www.childbereavementuk.org/)

[Bereavement support for children and families |](https://www.winstonswish.org/)

[Winston's Wish \(winstonswish.org\)](https://www.winstonswish.org/)

