

Dates for your Diary

Please also see the calendar page on our website

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

October

- 8th** Years 1 and 2 Abbey House Museum Visit
- 15th** Individual School Photographs
- 15th** FROGS Autumn Disco (further information to follow)
- 15th** Y1 Parent/Carer Evening (further information to follow)
- 16th** Y1 Parent/Carer Evening (further information to follow)
- 22nd** Parent/Carer Evening (further information to follow)
- 23rd** FROGS Non-Uniform Day
- 23rd** Parent/Carer Evening (further information to follow)

November

- 26th** NCMP Height/Weight Check (Reception and Year 6)
- 26th** Vision Screening (Reception only)

December

- 9th** Flu Immunisations

It's been a wonderful few weeks of learning and leadership here at school! Our children have been exploring our 'I am responsible learner' hero powers - what it means, why it matters and how it helps us grow into confident, capable individuals. Throughout the last few weeks, we've had meaningful discussions about how taking on responsibilities helps prepare us for adulthood. Whether it's helping a friend, leading a group or caring for our environment, every small act builds character and confidence.

Our Year 6 pupils have truly stepped up, taking on a variety of important roles around school. Their thoughtful application letters were a joy to read, full of insight and passion. We can't wait to see how they flourish in their new responsibilities.

We're thrilled to announce our newly elected school councillors! A huge well done and thank you to every child who applied - you showed great enthusiasm and maturity, and we're so proud of you all. Our new school councillors are Lowan (Elephants), Indy (Penguins), Lottie (Otters), Jax (Chameleons), Caleb (Anacondas), Sophia (Pumas), Evie (Toucans), Jake (Dolphins) and Molly (Caimans).

Reminders...

Items Labelled

We have had an influx of parents/carers saying their child's jumpers/cardigans have gone missing but we are unable to locate items when there are no names in them. Please ensure all your child's clothing is labelled along with water bottles, lunchboxes and any other items. We appreciate your support in ensuring we can return all belongings to the correct child.

Waterproofs and Wellies

Please can all EYFS (Reception) parents/carers provide an all-in-one waterproof and wellies. If children do not have these items, they will not be able to access the woodland area. Please don't forget to label your child's waterproof and wellies!



Parking Around School

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you to ensure you leave enough time before and after school to park your vehicle in a safe place. Though we don't have parking facilities, we are fortunate to have access to the Golden Lion car park. We also carry out lessons on road safety in school and we would appreciate your support in reiterating these messages to ensure your child knows how and where to best cross the roads on their journey. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



Sports Clubs

Organising sports clubs and PE events takes a great deal of planning and preparation, so it is very important that once a child signs up to a club/event, they are committed to attending. This helps ensure that teams can practise together and events can run smoothly. We kindly ask parents/carers to return permission slips and forms as soon as possible, as this allows us to finalise arrangements quickly and avoid unnecessary delays or cancellations. Thank you for your support in helping us provide the best opportunities for our pupils.



Attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year remains at 98%. Our whole school attendance from the start of September is 96.24%.

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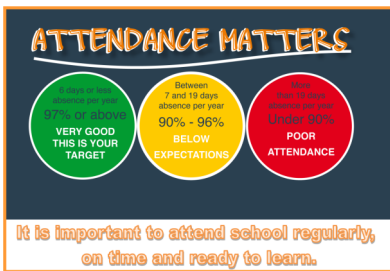
We would like to thank all our parents/carers for their support in ensuring a really positive start to the year! Please continue to remind your child of the importance of attending school regularly, on time and ready to learn.

Attendance

We would like to share with you some useful information and the correlation between school days missed and the end of year percentages.

Over the course of the year, **if your child misses more than 6 days of school, they will be unable to achieve over 97%**. This equates to one day every half term.

While we appreciate that we are entering flu season, and we would never expect pupils to be in school if they are seriously unwell, we would like to



encourage children to attend school if they are a little under the weather. This helps build the resilience they will need to succeed in later life.

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

Class Attendance so far this academic year:

- Friendly Foxes 95.19%
- Enthusiastic Elephants 96.39%
- Positive Penguins 96.48%
- Outgoing Otters 99.07%**
- Confident Chameleons 97.73%
- Adventurous Anacondas 95.85%
- Persevering Pumas 97.88%
- Dazzling Dolphins 94.40%
- Tenacious Toucans 95.45%
- Creative Caimans 94.44%

Well done Outgoing Otters!

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 2
- Enthusiastic Elephants 4
- Positive Penguins 6
- Outgoing Otters 9
- Confident Chameleons 4
- Adventurous Anacondas 15
- Persevering Pumas 18
- Dazzling Dolphins 1**
- Tenacious Toucans 10
- Creative Caimans 9

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!

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.**



Anxiety or worry is a normal feeling we all experience from time to time. At times it can be something that may be helpful, helping us feel more in control and prepared however, worry can sometimes start to feel uncontrollable and have a significant impact on our daily life.

What Might you Notice in Your Child

Your child may complain of physiological symptoms, i.e. headaches, abdominal pain and/or sore throat, often with no signs of actual physical illness. They may also show anxiety, fearfulness or express negative feelings when faced with the expectation of attending school.

Complaints of anxiety related symptoms include, but are not limited to, sweating, difficulty breathing, nausea, increased heartrate and butterflies in the tummy. These symptoms are typically more prominent on weekdays, when faced with the prospect of school, and absent at weekends and school holidays.

If you notice any of these signs in your child, please do not hesitate to contact us for help and support.

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/>



If you enjoyed our self-care calendar for September, we are delighted to share with you the updated calendar for October from Action for Happiness.

If you would like any further information, please visit <https://actionforhappiness.org/>

Optimistic October 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good
6	Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today
13	Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future
20	Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face
	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month		

