

# Greenside Grapevine

## Thursday 21st May 2026

### Dates for your Diary

Please also see the calendar page on our website

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

#### May

**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

5th FROGS Non-Uniform "Rainbow Day"  
(see further information on Grapevine)

15th Year 6 Weardale Residential (15th-19th)

23rd Year 1 to 6 Sports Morning

24th Reception Sports Morning

25th Transition Day

29th Foxes Class Assembly 2.15pm (for parents/carers)

#### July

1st FROGS Summer Fayre

6th Year 6 Bikeability (further information to follow)

13th Year 6 Performance 2pm-3pm

14th Greenside's Got Talent Performance 2pm-3pm

15th Year 6 Performance 6pm-7pm

16th Reception Trip to Bradford Alhambra Theatre and the Media Museum

17th Year 6 Graduation 2pm-3pm

**17th School closes to all pupils at 3.15pm**

Though this has been a short half term, we have certainly managed to fit in an incredible amount of learning, achievement and community spirit.

We are extremely proud to have launched Phase 1 of OPAL. The children have embraced the new opportunities with enthusiasm, and we are already seeing the impact — including fewer first-aid incidents and a noticeable reduction in behaviour incidents. It has been wonderful to watch them explore, collaborate and play in new ways.

Our Year 6 children have completed their SATs, showing resilience and determination throughout and, across school, we have enjoyed a number of class assemblies, with pupils confidently showcasing and sharing their learning.

This half term has also included:

- The Year 6 Triathlon
- The Year 1 educational visit to Harlow Carr
- Participation in the Leeds Book Awards
- Maths competition challenges
- Year 5 and 6 educational visit to Bolton Abbey
- External sporting events, including Danish Longball and Cricket.

Our amazing club offer at Greenside allows children to take part in football, netball, crafts, music tuition, karate, early bird readers, pickle ball, science and we are all looking forward to what the children have been working on for Greenside's Got Talent!

Our curriculum drivers of *community* and *aspiration* have certainly been evident in everything we have done this half term.

To top off an already productive half term, our wonderful FROGS (Friends of Greenside) worked tirelessly to enter Greenside into the Pudsey Carnival last Saturday. Their hard work and dedication ensured that Greenside was proudly represented with a fantastic David Attenborough 100th Birthday-themed float. A huge thank you to FARMAC for generously allowing us to use their float.

It was heart-warming to see so many children, families and staff supporting the event. Being part of such a welcoming and supportive community is a real privilege.

We wish all our families a restful break and look forward to another exciting final half term of the academic year ahead.





### FROGS Rainbow Day

After the success of last year, FROGS are running a Rainbow raffle again as one of their summer fundraisers. They will be creating colour themed hampers that each represent a colour of the rainbow. Each year group has been allocated a colour and we will be asking for donations of items in that colour. For example, Reception have been allocated the colour red, so we will be asking for red hamper donations from that particular year group.

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 5th June** where children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for their hamper item. Following Rainbow Day, your gift donations will be used to make Rainbow hampers which we will be raffling off. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

### Leeds Book Awards

A group of Key Stage 2 pupils attended the Leeds Book Awards ceremony this week to hear from each of the shortlisted authors, find out the winning books within the fiction and graphic categories and have the opportunity to have books signed by the authors. Each author talked about what inspired them, the process they go through to create a story, the setbacks they have faced along the way and about their passion for creating stories. It really was an inspiring day! The winning books will be announced in an assembly after half term, led by the pupils who attended and Mrs Percival. Each of the 6 books are still available to read in each Key Stage 2 classroom and can also be borrowed from your local library.



### “Just One More” Campaign

Eating vegetables isn't just good for us, they are packed with vitamins and minerals that help keep our bodies happy and our immune systems ready for action. But let's be honest... figuring out how to squeeze them into everyday meals (in a way the whole family will enjoy!) can feel a bit tricky. And sometimes vegetables get unfairly labelled as “too pricey” or “too boring.” That's where the **Just One More** campaign swoops in! Now celebrating its fifth fun-filled year, they're sharing loads of colourful, tasty, budget-friendly ideas to help everyone enjoy veggies in new and exciting ways. From quick snacks to family favourites, they're here to inspire you to add *just one more* serving of veg to your day, because every little bit makes a big difference!



### Why Vegetables Matter

Vegetables play a vital role in a healthy, balanced diet. They are:

- **Packed with goodness:** Veggies are full of essential vitamins and minerals like folate, vitamin C and potassium.
- **Great for your gut:** They're loaded with fibre, helping keep digestion healthy and preventing constipation.
- **Boost your long-term health:** A fibre-rich diet can help lower the risk of bowel cancer and veggies also support heart health and reduce the risk of some cancers and strokes.
- **Part of a balanced diet:** Vegetables help us build colourful, nourishing meals that keep us feeling our best.
- **They're delicious!** With so many flavours, colours and textures to choose from, there's a vegetable to suit everyone (even the fussy eaters!).

Check out the website for more information and ways to take part! <https://foodwiseleeds.org/justonemoreveg/>



### Attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year remains at 98%.  
Our whole school attendance from the start of September is 95.46%.

# 98%

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.

### Attendance

Our half termly emails will be sent out today. If your child has below 97% attendance and we can offer any support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please can we remind parents/carers that, for any planned absence from school (i.e. holidays during term time), parents/carers **must** complete a Leave of Absence form. These can be found on our website <https://www.greenside-sch.org/attendance-1/> or collected from the school office.

All forms must be completed and returned to the school office **prior to the leave being taken**. Holidays during term time are only authorised in exceptional circumstance but it is important that we are aware of all absences for both attendance and safeguarding purposes.

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

### Class Attendance so far this academic year:

- Friendly Foxes 96.20%
- Enthusiastic Elephants 95.10%
- Positive Penguins 96.97%
- Outgoing Otters 97.82%**
- Confident Chameleons 97.02%
- Adventurous Anacondas 93.23%
- Persevering Pumas 96.10%
- Tenacious Toucans 95.63%
- Dazzling Dolphins 92.55%
- Creative Caimans 94.87%

**Well done Outgoing Otters!**

From the start of this half term (20.04.2026), 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 3
- Enthusiastic Elephants 12
- Positive Penguins 0**
- Outgoing Otters 19
- Confident Chameleons 7
- Adventurous Anacondas 13
- Persevering Pumas 31
- Tenacious Toucans 6
- Dazzling Dolphins 6
- Creative Caimans 13

**Well done Positive Penguins!**

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

### Punctuality

Please can we remind parents/carers of the importance of attending school on time and ready to learn. **Doors open at 8.40am and school starts at 8.45am.**

We are heading into the final half term of the year but we still expect the same high standards of attendance and punctuality.

Arriving on time every day ensures your child does not miss the start of lessons but also allows them to start their day with their peers.

Better late than never  
**But never late is better**



# 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](mailto:familysupport@greenside-sch.org).



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

For this edition of our Mindful Messages, we are sharing some links for families that are facing challenges around eating and food. Nationally, there has been an awareness campaign around eating and food related conditions or disorders. While this is not something we directly cover in our curriculum, we focus on a healthy balanced diet and why that is important to fuel our bodies. We do know that a lot of families face challenges around eating with their children, and seeking the right help at the right time is key. If you feel this is something you would like further advice on, we would recommend you speak with your GP or, if we can offer any further support in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

We do understand that this can be a difficult topic, we are in no way medical professional but we are keen for our families and young people to get the right support.



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings/eating-problems/>

<https://edaw.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/>

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/mental-health/eating-disorders/>

<https://www.arfidawarenessuk.org/about>

<https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/get-information-and-support/get-help-for-myself/i-need-support-now/helplines/>



# THE WELLY POST

## Reminder of School Houses



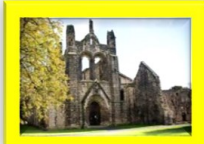
FOUNTAINS ABBEY



ROCHE ABBEY



BOLTON ABBEY



KIRKSTALL ABBEY

## Phase 1 - Assembly Feedback

Children are still really engaged and enjoying OPAL and gave really positive feedback during our whole school assembly this week. Feedback included: love it all, like the water play, like the freedom and love the den building.

## Reminder - Weather

Please ensure children are bringing in wellies and waterproofs so they can access all areas, all the time. We will be outside more; however, staff will always do dynamic risk assessments ensuring that conditions are safe. We will have "welly" days where the field will only be accessible if children are appropriately dressed in wellies and waterproofs. Special sheltered welly storage is on the way and will hopefully be here by the start of next half term.



Lunchtime Houses are working well and children are getting more time to play and enjoy all our areas and resources. The children need to go into lunch with their houses, children were reminded of this in the whole school assembly.

## Introducing Big Tidy Friday

Fridays are a day where everything gets tidied away and dens are completely taken down; the rest of the week elements are left up so children can return to their play each lunchtime.



## Cappuccino Tyres

We would like to thank Cappuccino Tyres for their donation of tyres which our children are enjoying during their OPAL play!

## Play Ideas for Home...

### 1. Nature treasure hunt

A nature treasure hunt is simple but powerful. Children explore the outdoor area in search of natural items that match a list or theme. For example: find something smooth, round, green or noisy. The focus is on observation and discovery, not competition.

This activity encourages curiosity, teamwork and sensory awareness. It can also be adapted for different learning goals, such as identifying leaves, shapes or textures.

Curriculum links: science (classification, habitats), literacy (descriptive language), art (pattern and texture).

Bring outdoor play into your school's daily routine with the OPAL Primary Programme. [Learn more.](#)

### 2. Loose parts building challenge

Loose parts play allows children to create, imagine and experiment using open-ended materials such as crates, tyres, fabric, planks, ropes and boxes. Ask pupils to work together to build something that solves a challenge: a bridge for toy animals, a den, or a marble run.

The process, not the product, is what matters. Children learn through trial and error, negotiation and reflection.

Curriculum links: design and technology, maths (measurement, shape), PSHE (teamwork, communication).

Research from Learning Through Landscapes highlights that loose parts play enhances collaboration and problem-solving in children.

# LEEDS FREE & LOW COST MAY HALF TERM

Our Mumbler Guide of places to visit around Leeds over the Holidays

## INDOOR PLACES TO VISIT

Hedgehogs Trail at Leeds City Museum  
Leeds Art Gallery  
Royal Armouries Museum  
Movies for Juniors at Cineworld  
Story Explorers at Leeds Central Library  
M&S Archive, University of Leeds  
National Railway Museum, York  
National Science and Media Museum, Bradford  
National Coal Mining Museum, Wakefield  
The Moomins at Ferens Art Gallery, Hull

## OUTDOOR PLACES TO VISIT

Petals & Poisons Trail at Kirkstall Abbey  
Kids' FORP Adventure Trails at Rounday Park  
None-Go-Bye Farm  
The Arium Play Area  
Meanwood Valley Urban Farm  
Leeds Urban Bike Park  
Hope Pastures- Horse & Donkey Trust  
Love Exploring App at Leeds Parks  
The Great Jewel Heist Trail, Leeds City Centre  
Pugneys, Wakefield  
Temple Newsam Estate  
Room on the Broom at Anglers, Wakefield  
Cannon Hall Museum & Gardens, Barnsley  
Bolton Abbey Welly Walk  
Little Toe Pumptrack in Wetherby  
Valley Gardens, Harrogate  
Walk York City Walls

## KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR £1

ASDA- £1 all day, no adult spend required.  
Bills Leeds - (25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May) - Up to two kids eat free with adult meal.  
Farmhouse Leeds- £1 with a paying adult.  
Hungry Horse (25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May) - Kids Eat for £1 with the purchase of a adult main.  
Las Iguanas- Kids Eat Free. Download the app.  
Meanwood Tavern- Free Kids pizza with every 12<sup>th</sup> pizza.  
ROSA THAI - (25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026) Kids Eat Free - Sign up on their website.  
YO SUSI - Kids Eat Free. Min £10 spend  
ZIZZI'S -(24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May) Kids Eat Free when you buy an adult main.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday 24th May- Middleton Park Dog Show  
Tuesday 26th- Friday 29th May- Lego fun at Leeds Kirkgate Market  
Wednesday 27th May- Live story time sessions with Bluey at the Merrion Centre  
Wednesday 27th-Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May- Free Bean Planting at Temple Newsam  
Saturday 23rd - Sunday 31st May- Free Dino week at Wakefield WX

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we are  
child friendly  
Leeds

Just  
**One**  
More  
Veg everyday

## The Benefits of Eating Vegetables



They are a great source of  
vitamins and minerals

They provide lots of fibre

There are lots of varieties  
to try



There are lots of seasonal  
produce which helps reduce  
cost



Vegetables contribute to a  
healthy, balanced diet.



#justonemore

For more information on eating more  
vegetables visit: [www.foodwise.org](http://www.foodwise.org)

Just  
**One**  
More

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# How to create a vegetable zoo!

Just One More Veg everyday

Create your own vegetable zoo and try new veggies along the way!  
Remember to ask an adult to help when using sharp tools like knives.  
Always start by washing your hands and rinsing your vegetables.



## Hungry Caterpillar

### WHAT YOU WOULD NEED

- Chopping Board
- Sharp Knife (adult use only)
- 1 Cucumber
- 1 Cherry Tomato
- 1 Red Pepper



ASK an adult to slice the cucumber into thick round pieces. Also to cut the legs and antennas from the pepper and cherry tomato.



Place the cucumber slices in a line to form the caterpillar body



Add the cherry tomato and pepper for the head and antennas.  
And done, enjoy your caterpillar!

## Cauliflower Sheep

### WHAT YOU WOULD NEED

- Chopping Board
- Sharp Knife (adult use only)
- Cocktail sticks
- Cauliflower
- Black Olives



ASK an adult to slice the cauliflower in florettes.



Place cocktail sticks for the legs and head



Place a small cauliflower piece for head and black olives for eyes and enjoy!

## Pepper Turtle

### WHAT YOU WOULD NEED

- Chopping Board
- Sharp Knife (adult use only)
- 1 Green Pepper
- Cucumber Slices
- Olives



ASK an adult to slice the green pepper from one side for the shell



ASK an adult to slice some cucumber slices for the head and legs



Add the cucumber head, legs and 2 black olives for eyes and done, your turtle is ready!