Greenside Grapevine

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dates for your Diary

Please continue to check the latest edition of the Grapevine as more dates are added.

Please also see the calendar page on our website https://www.greenside-sch.org/topic/news-and-events

July

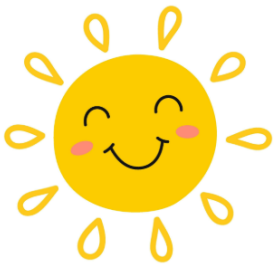
7th	Year 1 to 6 Sports Morning at St Lawrence Cricket Club 9.30am-12pm
7th	Energy and Fun Festival with Mr McLachlan 9.30am-11am (selected pupils only)
8th	Reception Sports Morning on the School Field 10am
9th	Year 5 and 6 High School Musical at Crawshaw
10th	Year 5 Reading Festival at Crawshaw
13th	Year 6 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**

September

Tuesday 1st	**Inset Day (school closed to all pupils)**
Wednesday 2nd	**School opens to all pupils at 8.40am**

Weather

Please can we remind parents/ carers to continue to ensure their children are appropriately equipped for the weather.



Children should have a sunhat and , essentially, a water bottle.

We also advise that sun cream be applied before school, and we welcome children to bring their own bottle of sun cream so that they can top it up at lunchtime.

As the weather remains unpredictable, it is also essential that children have a waterproof jacket in case of rain. Children should also bring their wellies if they wish to access OPAL on the field at lunchtime.

I hope you have all been enjoying the cooler weather this week. Following the extremely high temperatures earlier in the week, I would like to say how fantastic our children and staff were in finding ways to stay cool while continuing with their learning. We are very fortunate that around half of our building is air-conditioned. When temperatures become particularly high and uncomfortable, we have measures in place to ensure that all children and staff can access cooler areas and benefit from time in air-conditioned spaces. This has also provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about fairness, kindness and sharing the resources we have available.

Thank you for ensuring your children were prepared for the warmer weather by applying sun cream before school, sending in additional sun cream for top-ups where needed, and providing sun hats, sunglasses and water bottles. During OPAL, some of our children were especially resourceful and found creative ways to cool down in the water area!

I would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the rearrangement of Sports Day. As always, safety must come first. With temperatures exceeding 30°C and limited shade available at St Lawrence Cricket Club, it simply was not safe to proceed. We are pleased to announce that we have secured an alternative date of **Tuesday 7th July**, with temperatures currently forecast to be around **24°C**, which should be much more manageable with additional safeguards in place. We will do our very best to keep to this date, as we fully appreciate how difficult it can be to arrange time away from work and how important it is for families to be there to cheer on their children—and perhaps even take part in the parent/carer races!

Last Thursday, our children enjoyed their transition day, and it was wonderful to see how ready and prepared they are for their next steps. They returned excited, confident and looking forward to the next chapter of their learning journey. Well done to everyone for approaching this new experience with such positivity and enthusiasm!

Mrs Sarah Fuller,
Headteacher.

A Message for Our Year 6 Families

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to share a special message with our Year 6 parents and carers. Enjoy these final few weeks of your children being at primary school. You should feel incredibly proud of how ready they are for their next step. Over the years, they have grown into confident, resilient and thoughtful young people, and they have demonstrated just how prepared they are for the exciting journey ahead.

Take time to soak up all the special moments still to come – the celebrations, parties, leavers' events, Sports Day and all the opportunities to reflect on the wonderful progress they have made during their time at Greenside. These are memories to treasure, and milestones that deserve to be celebrated.

We are looking forward to sharing these final weeks with our Year 6 children and celebrating just how incredible they all are. They have been fantastic role models for our younger pupils, and we know they will continue to achieve great things as they move on to the next chapter of their education.

Well done, Year 6 – and thank you to your families for your support throughout your primary school journey. We cannot wait to celebrate with you all.

A Huge Thank You to FROGS

We would like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic FROGS Team and all of our parents and carers for their continued support throughout this year. Together, you have raised a significant amount of money which has made a real difference to our school community.

Over the years, FROGS has helped to fund many valuable projects and experiences for our children, including the Trim Trail, library refurbishments and support for our Christmas productions, all whilst bringing our school community together through a range of enjoyable events and activities.

Most recently FROGS have hosted our Summer Fayre, we would like to say a huge thank you to the FROGS team, parent volunteers and staff who spent their afternoon setting up the field and hosting our World Cup Summer Fayre. The event was a success, the weather stayed warm and Mr Khan and Mr McKinney had one hydration break too many. We hope they've dried off! This year's Summer Fayre raised £953.40. Another great amount that will help to fund our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) project.

As part of the Summer Fayre, you have spent the last few weeks purchasing tickets for our Rainbow Raffle Hampers. Some of our school council members picked the winners and they are as follows:

Purple Hamper: Green Number 6 - Theo K in Creative Caimans
Pink Hamper 1: Pink 752 - Grace C in Confident Chameleons
Pink Hamper 2: Yellow 400 - Amber B in Creative Caimans
Blue Hamper: Yellow 167 - Alex M in Enthusiastic Elephants
Green Hamper: Pink 26 - Jones' in Dazzling Dolphins/Creative Caimans
Orange Hamper: Pink 217 - Isobel J in Dazzling Dolphins
Yellow Hamper: Green 24 - Rowan D in Friendly Foxes
Red Hamper: Yellow 144 - Delilah B in Enthusiastic Elephants

Well done to all of our winners. The hampers are available to collect from the school office at your earliest convenience. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jo Jones for all of her hard work and dedication, as Chair of FROGS, over the years. Jo has now stepped down, as her children move on to high school. Helen Sidebottom was elected as the new Chair at the FROGS AGM last week and we know she will do a fantastic job.

I would also like to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to our Year 6 parents who have played a particularly important role in FROGS and will now be leaving the team as their children move on to secondary school. Your commitment, enthusiasm and hard work have had a huge impact on our school, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and effort you have dedicated over the years. Thank you so much for everything you have done.

As always, FROGS is looking for new members and volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, meeting other
parents and helping to make a difference for our children, please contact the school. We would love to hear from you.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is about to begin and is a great way for children to continue to read over the summer holidays, with certificates, rewards and prizes to be won for reading any books of your child's choice, including audiobooks. Sign up for free at your local library.

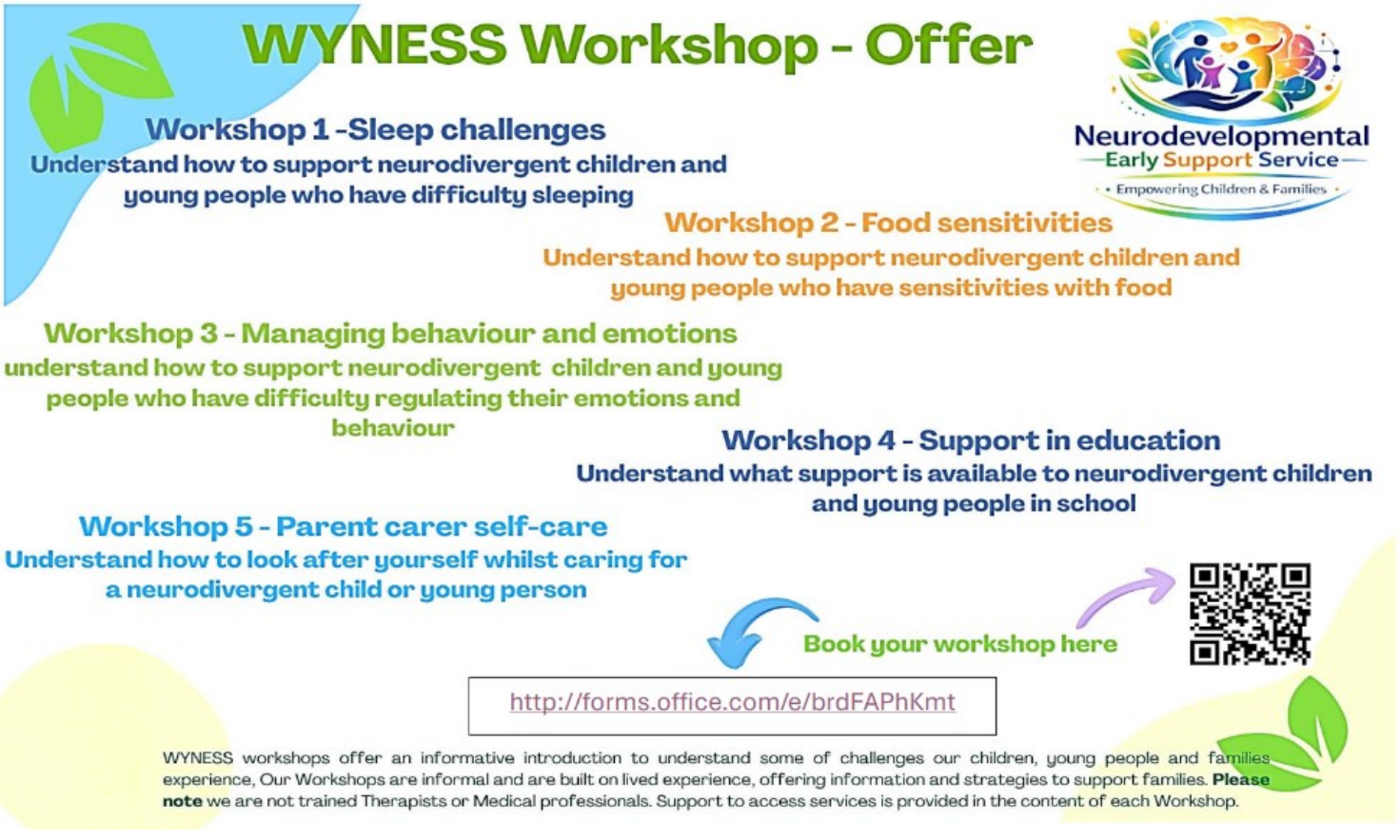
Four schools from across the city with the most improved number of completers will win an assembly from award-winning children's author, Jeffrey Boakye. Jeffrey is the creator of the 'Kofi' series about a boy and his adventures through music - *Kofi and the Brand New Vibe* is included the official Summer Reading Challenge book collection. He is also the author of several non-fiction titles, including *Musical World* and *Musical Truth*.

Follow the link to find out more about the challenge and about the books your child can borrow from the library linked to this year's theme of 'Read to the Beat':

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/read-to-the-beat-books-landing

Greenside's Got Talent

On Tuesday 14th July, the children will be performing in front of the school during the afternoon. Please ensure that your child brings any required costumes and equipment on the day. Unfortunately, due to capacity in the hall, we are unable to allow parents/carers to attend the performance, but we hope they tell you all about it at home time!



Greenside Primary School Edition

THE WELLY POST

Review

The OPAL team have met recently to review our journey so far and to look at what we can add, improve and continue next year! Please see the wish list below for resources we would like to continue to develop OPAL play next year.

Website—OPAL Page

If you would like some more information on OPAL we now have our OPAL page on the website where you can see our justification, our play policy , photos and other useful links.

Home › Curriculum › Our Curriculum › Outdoor Play and Learning Programme - OPAL

All children have agreed and helped to put together our OPAL Play Promise. At play and lunchtimes we follow these promises and always follow our Great at Greenside Rules.

Our Greenside Play Promise

1. We Respect and We Share
   - We take turns
   - We share toys and spaces
   - Everyone is welcome to play
2. We Listen and We Are Kind
   - We listen when someone is talking
   - We speak and play nicely with each other
   - We help others when they need us
3. We Tidy Up and Care for Our World
   - We put equipment back where it belongs and keep all areas tidy
   - We look after nature—plants and animals We take care of our toys and tools

Together we play safely, kindly, and happily!

Our Play Team Commitment to you We promise to:

1. **Value play as a right** – Every child has the right to play, as set out in Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).
2. **Provide time and space to play** – We will protect and prioritise playtime every day, in all weathers unless unsafe!
3. **Offer rich, varied play opportunities** – Our outdoor spaces will include natural, creative, and open-ended materials that inspire imagination and exploration.
4. **Include everyone** – Every child, regardless of age, ability, background, or gender, will have equal access to enjoyable play opportunities.
5. **Support children's independence** – We will encourage children to take ownership of their play, make choices, and learn to manage risks safely.
6. **Celebrate creativity and joy** – We will recognise and value the importance of fun, friendship, laughter, and adventure in school life.
7. **Work together** – Staff, pupils, parents, and the wider community will work in partnership to create a positive, playful culture at our school.

Together we play safely, kindly, and happily!

Some more ideas to try at home...

Twenty questions One person thinks of a thing or a person and the others have to guess what it is. Only questions that get a Yes or No answer are allowed. The others must guess by the 20th question. First one to guess gets to be the one answering questions next time round. If you like, start by choosing a category such as animals.

Slo-mo balloon ping-pong
All you need is some balloons and table-tennis bats – or make your own bats using paper plates and sticks for handles. Clear some space and slo-mo-ping-pong!

Vinegar volcano – you might remember this from school!
You will need:

- a baking tray
- modelling clay
- vinegar
- red food colouring
- bicarbonate of soda
- spoon.

On the tray make a volcano using modelling clay. Hollow it out most of the way down keeping a hole about 3cm at the top. Press the modelling clay firmly onto the tray at the bottom to prevent it leaking.

- Put a teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda inside the volcano
- Mix a teaspoon of red food colouring and 3 teaspoons of vinegar together in a jug
- Pour the mixture into the volcano and see what happens!

What's the science? Carbon dioxide gas is given off by the mixture of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar, causing an eruption. This could also be done easily in a drinking glass.

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Our OPAL Wish List

Please find below our OPAL wish list of resources. If you can donate any of these resources it would be greatly appreciated!

- Large water tuff trays
- Guttering and piping
- Water toys
- Pallets
- Scooters and other wheeled vehicles
- Helmets
- Natural resources (flowers, shells, pebbles, logs, pine-cones, conkers ,etc.)
- Bubble mixture
- Bubble wands/machines
- Soft furnishing (cushions, blankets , old tents etc.)

End of Year Survey—OPAL

As part of our usual end-of-year parent/carer survey, we will also be including questions specifically related to OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). This will help us gather a whole-school view of feedback and understand the impact of OPAL across our community

In addition, our staff and pupils will also have the opportunity to share their views and experiences. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey when it is sent out. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us celebrate successes and identify areas for further development.

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/**

Continuing to focus on supporting your child through change and transition time, here is another useful NHS resource to support your child with managing worry.

Young Person Activity 1: Worry Tree

Meet the worry tree, when you sit down to think about your worries, a structured technique called the 'worry tree' can help keep you focused on understanding the difference between problems you can solve and hypothetical worries that are beyond your control.

Application of the worry tree helps young people manage stress and anxiety by teaching them practical techniques rooted in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT).

Using the tree below, think about all the things you may be worried about when thinking about the transition to secondary school, and follow through the arrows to challenge your thoughts.

Pudsey Community Project

Pudsey Community Project will be holding a pop-up school uniform event at Pudsey Community Project after school next Tuesday 7th July from 3pm - 4.30pm.

They have a wide selection of logo uniform, plus lots of plain jumpers, trousers, dresses, shirts and polos shirts.

They would love it if more children were eco warriors by being happy to reuse uniform. It makes a huge climate impact – 1kg of textile waste has a carbon impact of 18kg carbon dioxide, which is the equivalent of driving a car 93 miles!

They will also be attending this year's Breeze in the Park events at Swinnow and Farsley in August with a school uniform stall in partnership with the Leeds School Uniform Exchange. There will be logo items for Swinnow and Farsley schools, plus lots of general stock too!

LEEDS SCHOOL UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Breeze In the Park

Reduce Reuse Kids' Clothes ECO WARRIOR at Pudsey Community Project

Reduce Reuse on Tour...

in partnership with
Leeds School Uniform Exchange

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM at BREEZE

Thurs 13th Aug - Swinnow Moor
Wed 26th Aug - Hainsworth Park Farsley
12-4pm

Free entry to the uniform stall, booking required for the inflatables and activities
Book Breeze sessions on the Breeze website
www.breezeleeds.org/breeze-in-the-park

Reduce Reuse Kids' Clothes ECO WARRIOR at Pudsey Community Project

School Uniform Event
Tuesday 7th July
3.00-4.30pm

at Pudsey Community Project
(Fartown, Pudsey, LS28 8LP)

Logo uniform for Pudsey, Calverley, Farsley and Swinnow primary schools, a selection of items for Pudsey Grammar, Crawshaw and Priesthorpe plus LOTS of plain uniform items.

[If you can't attend this event uniform is always available term-time Mon-Sat 10am-12noon and Wed 6-8pm. Or during the Summer hols Tues and Thurs mornings]

Please give a cash/card donation to help us cover costs - thank you!

LEEDS SCHOOL UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Emotionally Based School Avoidance

West Cluster

Please join us for **two** 2-hour EBSA workshops on:

Part 1: Wednesday 17th June
Part 2: Wednesday 24th June 2026
(you must attend Part 1 to attend Part 2)

9.15-11.30am
(arrival 9.15-9.30am)

Christ Church Primary School
LS12 3NU

Inner West Cluster

Topics discussed include-

Introduction to EBSA.

Understanding safety & Safety behaviours.

How to support your child through co-regulation

Communication & Language

Working together

The 3 R'S

Goal setting & relapse planning.

Please note – these workshops are open to parents/carers from all schools across the Cluster. To book a place please visit our website: www.bramleycluster.com

Behaviour Support

West Cluster

Please join us for **two** 2-hour workshops on:

Part 1 – Tuesday 10th June
Part 2 – Tuesday 17th June 2026
(you must attend Part 1 to attend Part 2)

9.15-11.30am
(arrival 9.15-9.30am)

Park Spring Primary School
LS13 4QT

Inner West Cluster

Topics discussed include –

Let's Talk Behaviour, what are you seeing?

Identifying Triggers

Emotional Regulation

Teen behaviours

Parenting Styles

Communication and Connections

Strategies to help

Please note – these workshops are open to parents/carers from all schools across the Cluster. To book a place please visit our website: www.bramleycluster.com

Sleep Support

West Cluster

Please join us for **two** 2-hour sleep workshops on:

Part 1 – Tuesday 2nd June 2026
Part 2 – Tuesday 9th June 2026
(you must attend Part 1 to attend Part 2)

9.15-11.15am
(arrival 9.15-9.30am)

Valley View Primary School,
Coal Hill Drive, LS13 1DD

Inner West Cluster

Topics discussed include –

- Importance of sleep
- Sleepy foods & sleep diaries
- Sleep cycles & recommended sleep
- Self-settling & gradual withdrawal
- Night wakings, night terrors & reducing naps
- Creating positive sleep associations
- Developing routines & using visuals to support
- Adjusting bedtime timings
- Other information & support

Please note – these workshops are open to parents/carers from all schools across the Cluster. To book a place please visit our website: www.bramleycluster.com

PUDSEY PANTHERS

LAUNCHING SEP 26

OPEN TO SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

BASKETBALL - SATURDAY PM
NETBALL - SUNDAY AM

WEEKLY TRAINING & MATCHES

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

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JUNIOR BASKETBALL & NETBALL CLUB