

Greenside Grapevine

Friday 17th July 2026

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th July - School closes to all pupils at 3.15pm

Tuesday 1st September - Inset Day (school closed to all pupils)

Wednesday 2nd September - School opens to all pupils at 8.40am

Well, here we are at the final *Grapevine* of the 2025-26 academic year. It is hard to believe how quickly the year has gone. As I reflect on the many achievements, successes and memorable moments we have shared, I am incredibly proud of what our children, staff and wider school community have accomplished together.

This week, the Senior Leadership Team evaluated our School Improvement Plan and were delighted with the progress made across all of our priority areas. Firstly, the launch of OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) has transformed playtimes for our children. We are excited to move into the next phase of development. Children have gained so much from making full use of our school grounds, building friendships across year groups, developing independence and confidence, and learning to take measured risks in a safe and supportive environment.

Secondly, we have continued to strengthen the consistency of teaching and learning in English and Mathematics across the school. We are particularly pleased with our recent Phonics Screening Check, EYFS outcomes and KS2 results, which will be published on our website in the autumn term.

Thirdly, our curriculum remains rich, varied and engaging and is now being carefully adapted as we move towards becoming a one-form-entry school. It is wonderful to hear children talking confidently about their learning and demonstrating how our *Fab 5* approaches and knowledge mats are helping them retain and apply their knowledge more effectively.

Finally, we continue to enhance our provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We were particularly pleased to receive positive external validation from our School Improvement Adviser, recognising the significant work that has taken place to further strengthen support for all learners.

Alongside these priorities, there have been countless other improvements and developments across school which may not appear on our School Improvement Plan but reflect our commitment to continually making Greenside the very best it can be. I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your ongoing support throughout the year. By working in partnership, we can achieve the very best outcomes for your children, and your support makes an enormous difference.

For some families, particularly those whose youngest child is leaving Greenside this summer, this marks the end of a long and special journey with us. On behalf of everyone at Greenside, thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Your involvement, support and friendship have helped shape our school, and you will be greatly missed.

I wish all our children, families and staff a wonderful summer holiday. I hope you enjoy plenty of sunshine, relaxation and special family time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting and productive year on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 8.40am**. Thank you for your continued support, and have a fantastic summer.



Farewell Year 6 – Class of 2026

After a jam-packed few weeks filled with wonderful performances, water fun, pizza parties, buddy time, Bikeability, the Year 6 party, signing shirts, wearing hoodies and, of course, graduation, it is finally time to say goodbye to our fantastic Class of 2026.

Every cohort that passes through Greenside is special, but this year group will always hold a particularly special place in my heart. We began our Greenside journey together, learning and growing alongside one another, and it has been a privilege to watch them develop into the wonderful young people they are today.

They leave us as kind, caring, mature and independent individuals who are ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead on their next educational journey. They have made us proud in so many ways and have been excellent role models for our younger children.

Year 6, thank you for the memories, the laughter and the countless moments that have made your time at Greenside so special. We will miss you greatly, but we know that you are ready for the next chapter.

Goodbye and good luck, Class of 2026. It has been an absolute pleasure. We wish you every success and happiness for the future.



Mrs Sarah Fuller,
Headteacher



Staffing Update

As we reach the end of another successful year, we would like to take a moment to recognise our incredible staff team. Working in a school is certainly not a 9–3 job. Our staff regularly give their own time, energy and commitment to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. Whether through clubs, events, planning, support for families, or simply the countless unseen tasks that happen behind the scenes, they consistently go above and beyond.

What makes Greenside such a special place is the way our staff support one another and work together with a shared determination to help every child thrive. Their care, dedication and professionalism make a real difference every single day, and they are hugely appreciated.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to **FROGS** for recognising the staff's hard work and treating them to some well-deserved refreshments in the staffroom. This thoughtful gesture was greatly appreciated and was a lovely reminder of the strong partnership between our school and parent community.

To all our staff – thank you for everything you do. You are truly fabulous, and Greenside is a better place because of you.



Staff Goodbyes

As previously communicated in a recent letter, we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff at the end of this term. While we are always sad to see colleagues leave, we are incredibly grateful for the contribution each of them has made to Greenside and the positive impact they have had on our children, families and school community. We thank them for their dedication, hard work and commitment and wish them every success and happiness in the next stage of their careers and personal journeys.

On behalf of everyone at Greenside, thank you for all you have done. You will always be part of the Greenside family, and we hope you look back on your time here with fond memories. Good luck, and best wishes for the future!



We have not yet communicated but, Miss Roberts, one of our Year 4 Teaching Assistants, is also leaving us after spending the last 18 months at Greenside. She is moving on to pursue a career in teaching, and we would like to think that her time at Greenside has helped to inspire this next step. During her time with us, she has been a great asset to the school, supporting pupils in the classroom, helping to lead our school choir, and building many wonderful relationships with children and families.

We are incredibly grateful for her hard work, enthusiasm and dedication, and we wish her every success and happiness for the future. Good luck, Miss Roberts – we know you will make a fantastic teacher!

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to those who have already completed our end of year questionnaire. We really appreciate and value your feedback. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete following the link below.

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Summer Holidays

If you are looking for things to do over the summer holidays, take a look at the following websites. There are lots of ideas, including free and low cost family days out.



<https://northleeds.mumbler.co.uk/>



<https://wearechildfriendlyleeds.com/schoolholidays/>



<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/hub/things-to-do/summer-holiday-activities-2026>



Follow us on social media and share your favourite activities!

We are **child friendly Leeds** presents your...

Summer Guide

SUMMER 2026

We have included as many free and pay-as-you-feel events as possible, along with some low-cost activities. You can download this guide and click on each link to find out more.



Scan the QR code to view the official blog.

FREE EVENTS ALL SUMMER

- Trivial Pursuit Leeds**
A city-centre takeover to play the free family game where you visit Leeds landmarks, solve challenges and collect prizes by Leeds Bid.
- Leeds City Museum - The Game**
Step into the game at City Museum with puzzles, crafts, board games, workshops, puppet shows and animal encounters.
- Story Explorers - Central Library**
An immersive exhibition taking you through outer space, the jungle, the ocean with stories and activities.
- Summer Reading Challenge**
Discover the joy of reading with 'Read to the Beat', the music-themed challenge aimed at 4-11 year olds to enjoy free books & rewards.
- Birds, Bees, Bats & Bugs**
A nature-themed trail around Kirkstall Abbey featuring wildlife displays, crafts and family-friendly activities.
- Kirkgate Market Summer Activities**
Enjoy the "Summer of Fun" with free holiday activities including Lego play, den building, circus skills, craft workshops and creative fun.
- Leeds Discovery Centre Tours**
Family-friendly store tours, hands-on craft workshops, animal encounters and activities inspired by the 1.3 million-object collection.
- The Arium Outdoor Play Area**
The Fun Arium is our outdoor play area for all ages open everyday 9am to 4:30pm, and Sunday 10am to 3:30pm.

BREEZE in the Park events for just £1

This summer Breeze are back with 25 events across parks in Leeds from 12-4pm. Enjoy games, interactive play system, arts zone, sports, food and, their classic inflatables zone.

Sign up for free to Healthy Holidays!

Children & young people eligible for free school meals may take part in FREE activities, holiday clubs and a healthy meal. Sign up by searching the internet: 'Healthy Holiday Leeds'

Middleton Railway Steam Train Days

A family friendly ride on the historic steam and diesel trains and woodland adventures at Middleton Railway on weekends and Wednesdays from £4.

Theatre Performances & Shows in Leeds

Theatre shows and outdoor screenings: Beauty and the Beast at City Varieties, Rapunzel at Leeds Industrial Museum, outdoor theatre at Harewood House - low cost offers & prices vary.

Junior Activities - Active Leeds Leisure Centres

Enjoy a range of sessions with Active Leeds from swimming, dive camps, gymnastics lessons, and outdoor adventures. Activities, price & booking methods may vary and prices are from £5.

No Strings On Me - Hyde Park Picture House

Enjoy magical puppet-themed films, live shows and hands-on shadow puppet workshops and it's pay what you can / low cost.

Butterfly Bliss - Tropical World

From the Big Butterfly Count weekend (18-19 July) with all things butterflies, family-friendly activities, crafts and keeper talks with admission from £5.50.

Plant Power - Temple Newsam

Giant flower sculptures, creative crafts, trails and workshops exploring the world of plants. Low-cost entry and kids go free on Tuesdays.

Royal Armouries Mongolian Summer

Daily Mongolian horse shows, family trails, free activities as well as pay-as-you-go events inspired by the Genghis Khan exhibition.

A Lotherton Summer Holiday

With six weeks of summer fun including activities, sand pit, fairground rides, crafts, classic seaside games, photo opportunities and trails from £6.25.

Play Barn & Activity Cycle Park

Visit Temple Newsam's Home Farm and Play Barn, with tickets from £9 per person, then head to the new Golf and Activity Park, where families can enjoy a free adventure playground cycle park.

White Rose Kids' Carnival

Play park featuring rides, games and attractions with free entry and pay-as-you-go activities.

LOW COST* PLEASE CHECK PRICE

CHILDREN'S RECOMMENDATIONS OF SPECIAL DAYS OUT IN LEEDS

Thackray Museum of Medicine Under 6s free & choose your own price tickets.	Flip Out & Ninja Warrior Offers available but ticket price range from £9.95 - £16.95.	The Hole in the Wand Crazy Wizard Golf in St John's Centre, tickets from £7.49.	King Pins, Volcano Falls & The Escapologist Bowling, Arcades, Mini-Golf & Escape Rooms at White Rose, Leeds.	Harewood House Events Play, circus skills, nature adventures, tours, from £10.	Leeds Local Offer Accessible spaces & events for children & young people with SEND.
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Attendance

98%



Our attendance target for this academic year remains at 98%. Our whole school attendance from the start of September is 95.28%.

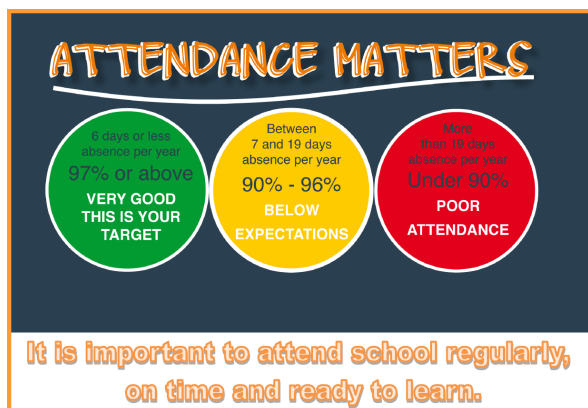
We would like to thank all our parents/carers for their support in ensuring their child(ren) attend school regularly, on time and ready to learn!

Certificates

We have distributed our attendance certificates this week and these celebrate the whole academic year. We are pleased to announce that 153 pupils achieved over 97% attendance from the start of September, which is amazing! Those pupils with 100% attendance across the year also received a pencil to thank them for their dedication.

Reports

You will all have received your child's report by now, which also includes their attendance data for this year. Please discuss this with your child and remind them of the importance of attending school regularly, on time and ready to learn.



The image shown above is also included with your child's attendance data and shows how many days each percentage bracket equates to.

Class Attendance this year:

Friendly Foxes 96.09%
Enthusiastic Elephants 94.89%
Positive Penguins 97.22%
Outgoing Otters 97.71%
Confident Chameleons 96.80%
Adventurous Anacondas 92.72%
Persevering Pumas 95.57%
Tenacious Toucans 95.46%
Dazzling Dolphins 92.67%
Creative Caimans 94.74%

Well done Outgoing Otters!

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

Unauthorised Absences

If your child has been recorded with under 90% attendance during this academic year, this equates to over 19 days and we will be closely monitoring their attendance in September and throughout the next academic year. Schools must consider issuing a penalty notice (fine) if your child has 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period (school weeks only). These sessions do not need to be consecutive and can be carried forward across different terms and school years.

What counts as an absence: This applies to any unauthorised absence, such as term-time holidays, arriving late after registers close or uncertified illness. For further examples of unauthorised absences, please see our attendance policy <https://www.greenside-sch.org/attendance-1>

Rolling 10-week period: Because it is a "rolling" period, the 10-week clock is continually moving. Absences are not wiped clean at the end of a half-term or academic year; they are carried forward into the new term or year, counting backwards from the most recent absence.

As always, if you require any further clarification or support with attendance, **please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Knowles or Mrs Middleton.**

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 2: Strength Spotting

Spotting and tapping into your strengths can be game changing. It could be that you're an amazing artist or great at sports, you could be a great listener or a supportive friend. We all sparkle and shine in different and unique ways.

Spotting your strengths will help you to see yourself in a more positive light, helping you to re-frame your negative thoughts quicker and more effectively.

Using the prompts below, take a moment to reflect on and celebrate your strengths, or your sparkle and shine as we like to say! Remember you are unique and that's awesome.

Things I'm good at...

Things my friends
would say about me...

Things I like about
myself...



Things my family love
about me...

Things I'm proud of...

I am unique because...



Young Person Activity 3: My Support System

Big changes come with big feelings and emotions, sometimes new and difficult, that you might not know how to deal with.

To better help you prepare and deal with this transition, identify people who make up your support system who are there to help you.

These are the people you can turn to when things get hard or overwhelming, they can support you by listening to you, giving you advice or reminding you of the extra support that is available to young people if they need it.

Write down the names of all the people you can think of that you want to be in your support system. This can be anyone you trust, anyone who makes you feel good about yourself or even your pets!

Remember to connect with these people whenever you feel like you need some extra support. If you'd rather speak to somebody anonymously, go to the back page of this resource where you'll find support service contact information.



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
Working together with children, families & schools

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
Working together with children, families & schools

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
Working together with children, families & schools

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

