

Greenside Grapevine

Friday 5th September 2025

Dates for your diary:

September

16th Year 6 Reading Festival at Crawshaw Academy

October

2nd Years 3 and 4 Royal Armouries Visit

3rd FROGS Sponsored Walk

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

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. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Before and after school safety

The external school gates will be open from 8.30am in the morning and 3.05pm. Whilst waiting for the internal doors to open, please can we ask that your children are closely supervised (except if your children are in Year 5/6 and has permission to walk to school) and they do not play on the trim trail or any other equipment. There are risk assessments that need to be followed when using them. It is great see so many children using the scooter and bike racks in reception and down the side of the KS1 door. Please can we ask the children to walk their bike or scooter to the racks, once inside the school grounds, to avoid accidents during the before and after school busy periods.

Boys Brigade

We have been asked to invite our children, both boys and girls, to join the Boys Brigade. If you are interested, please see <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/>

Welcome back to all our existing and new families to the new academic year 2025-26. We hope you all had a good summer break, have enjoyed some quality family time and managed to make the most of the weather. We have loved hearing all about the children's adventures they have experienced during their holidays. Following their break, the children have settled back in quickly and look very smart in their uniforms. We appreciate all the effort that goes into ensuring your child/ren have everything ready and labelled for the year ahead. We will support and encourage the children to take good care of their belongings through reiterating our yellow rule 'Look after our property and the environment'.

During assembly this week, we enjoyed being back together as a school family and talked about what the word 'family' means and how there are lots of different types of families. We explored the roles different family members play and how everyone is equally as important as each other. We discussed the importance of making new additions to the family feel welcome. Therefore, we would like to officially welcome our new reception children, and children who have transferred to our school, and all their families to our 'Greenside Family'. Our Year 6 children are particularly excited to get to know their new reception buddies and help them settle into their new school.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents/carers who took the time to complete our end of year survey. Your feedback and opinions are extremely valued and support us to improve the school. We will share the parent/carers feedback in the next Grapevine. We are looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with you all this year to further develop outcomes for all our children.



JOIN THE ADVENTURE **புலம்பெயர்**
FOR BOYS AGED 8 TO 11 YEARS

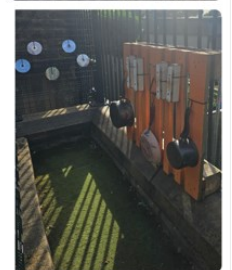
THE BOYS' BRIGADE
The adventure begins here

The poster features a large image of a smiling boy in a blue Boys' Brigade uniform. Two smaller inset photos show other boys in uniform, one giving a thumbs up and another holding a flag.

School Developments

We are delighted to inform you that during the school holiday, the library refurbishment has been completed! We would like to say a huge thank you to all our FROGS (Friends of Greenside School) and all our parents/carers for their support in enabling the school to raise the money (£9,367) to develop the library. The library was fully funded by the FROGS and in honour of this you will see a frog strategically placed in our library. Like all development projects, this was real team effort. We would like to thank Mrs Percival, our reading and writing leader, for leading on the project along with Mrs Pollitt and Mr Khan. Mrs Middleton, Miss Brooks and her daughter, Olivia, also helped with the packing up and setting up. Thank you everyone, the library looks fabulous!

The high quality and wide range of books that we have invested in over the years are now displayed as they deserve to be. The library is a very inviting, calm and welcoming place where our children can continue to develop their love of books and become lost in their imagination and learn new facts and information. Enjoy reading children!



In addition to the new library, we would like to say a huge thank you to Seagulls Paint for their generous donation of paint for our Year 1 playground. Their support, and Miss Gilbert's creativity and enthusiasm, has helped brighten up the space, making it more welcoming, colourful and fun for our children to enjoy every day!



School Uniform

We have had some questions about school uniform so we would like to share our recently approved uniform policy for your information. A school uniform is important so that children feel a sense of belonging, not worry about what they have to wear and for health and safety reasons. Throughout this half term, staff will be supporting and reminding children and parents/carers of the uniform policy. Thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.

All our policies can be found <https://www.greenside-sch.org/policies/> and we have shared below our uniform requirements. There is no requirement to purchase items with the school logo; plain and unbranded uniform is acceptable.

Please ensure that your child's long hair is tied back and, if your child has pierced ears, they can wear stud earrings only, for health and safety reasons which must be either removed or covered for PE. Other items of jewellery, such as bracelets, rings and necklaces, are not permitted.

Our Uniform:

- Plain white or yellow shirt or polo shirt.
- Bottle-green pullover, sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without logo).
- Black or dark grey skirts, pinafore dresses, trousers or shorts.
- In summer, plain green or green/white checked or striped dresses may be worn.
- Plain black, grey or white socks.
- Plain black, grey or green tights may be worn.
- Black leather footwear (plain, flat heels).

P.E. Uniform:

- A bottle green jumper, cardigan or hooded top (with or without logo).
- Plain black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms.
- White, short sleeved, round neck t-shirt without school logo OR green, short sleeved, breathable round neck t-shirt with school logo.
- Black pumps or trainers suitable for outdoor P.E.
- A plain green, red, yellow or blue t shirt (dependent on child's house team).

Secondary School Admissions

If your child is in Year 6, you can apply for their place at secondary school. Please see the Leeds City Council website <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school> for details on how to apply. The deadline is Friday 31st October 2025.



Open Evening
18TH SEPT 2025
Arrive from 5.30pm
No need to book
Headteacher talks
6.15pm
7pm
7.45pm



We Are Crawshaw



Attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year remains at 98%. Our whole school attendance for the first few days is 98.65%.

98%

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

As you will be aware, attendance is a high priority at Greenside. We want our children **to want** to come to school and every member of staff is committed to ensuring your child is happy and settled while they are here.

Our children love to learn and regular attendance ensures your child does not fall behind academically. It also builds important social skills and can contribute to overall well-being. At Greenside, we try to instil good attendance habits all the way through school, from the moment they start in Reception, and we

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

are looking forward to sharing some exciting new incentives with you as the year progresses!

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

Class Attendance so far this academic year:

- Friendly Foxes 100%
 - Enthusiastic Elephants 100%
 - Positive Penguins 100%
 - Outgoing Otters 100%
 - Confident Chameleons 96.67%
 - Adventurous Anacondas 97.02%
 - Persevering Pumas 97.22%
 - Dazzling Dolphins 100%
 - Tenacious Toucans 100%
 - Creative Caimans 97.13%
- Well done everyone for a really positive start!**

Punctuality

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our pupils and parents/carers how important it is to ensure you are punctual, ensuring you arrive at school on time each day.



School punctuality is vital for improving academic success by ensuring pupils don't miss crucial lessons and summaries. It is also important for developing essential life skills, such as time management, responsibility and self-discipline. It also demonstrates respect for teachers and our other pupils, it reduces stress and it forms good habits that are essential for higher education and future careers.

Last academic year, we massively improved the number of late marks on our registers and this year we would like to continue and improve our whole school punctuality even further!

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 0**
- Enthusiastic Elephants 0**
- Positive Penguins 2
- Outgoing Otters 1
- Confident Chameleons 1
- Adventurous Anacondas 2
- Persevering Pumas 2
- Dazzling Dolphins 0**
- Tenacious Toucans 0**
- Creative Caimans 0**

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!

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 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/>



We would like to start the year with this action calendar. Please feel free to use it, share it and come back to it throughout the year to find what works best in supporting with your family's health and wellbeing.



ACTION CALENDAR - FOR FAMILIES



30 actions to help parents look after themselves and their families in challenging times. Please use and share

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| 1 Go on a smile collecting mission, starting with a smile in the mirror | 2 Choose one song each and arrange a family dance off | 3 Send someone a message to show you really appreciate them | 4 Take turns to notice 3 things around you that are beautiful | 5 Be kind to yourself and others | 6 Together, make a list of things you are grateful for | 7 Think of a goal to work towards and do one thing to get started |
| 8 Take a mindful walk together and notice what you see hear and smell | 9 Play Musical Statues | 10 Create a bedtime routine together to help with sleep | 11 Bake cupcakes and decorate them as gifts for each other | 12 Cross your arms and give yourself a hug | 13 Take turns to share a happy memory | 14 Find out about the values and traditions of another culture |
| 15 Do something together to support a local charity | 16 Create a collage of things that make you feel happy | 17 Before bedtime, share what has gone well during the day | 18 Introduce a family 'Daily Pause' to be calm together | 19 Create a family wishes jar and take steps to make them happen | 20 Learn a new skill together as a family | 21 Create a kindness box to keep a record of kind actions |
| 22 'Surprise' yourself. Find unexpected ways to move your body | 23 Make a rainbow salad | 24 Smile and say something positive every time you walk into a room | 25 Create a poster highlighting everybody's strengths | 26 Notice the shapes, colours and smells of a new family meal | 27 Make a list of things that have helped you cope with difficult times | 28 Tell someone you love how much they mean to you and why |
| 29 Do something good for the environment | 30 Hold an awards ceremony to celebrate acts of kindness |  "A person's a person, no matter how small"
- Dr Seuss | | | | |

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org