Greenside Grapevine

Friday 9th October 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

October

13th Year 1 Educational Visit to Abbey House Museum
13th Coffee Morning "Transition Home to School" 9am-10.30am
14th Years 1 to 3 FROGS Disco 3.30pm-4.30pm
14th Years 4 to 6 FROGS Disco 4.45pm-5.45pm
15th Individual Photographs
19th Year 4 Skipping Workshop 9am-11.30am
21st Parent/Carer Consultation Evening 3.40pm-7pm
22nd Parent/Carer Consultation Evening 3.40pm-6pm
23rd FROGS Autumn Bake Sale and FROGS Non-Uniform Day, in exchange for a tombola prize
23rd School closes at 3.15pm for October Half Term

November

2nd School reopens at 8.40am
6th Whole School Flu Immunisations
10th Years 3 and 4 Science of Sound Workshop
13th "Be Internet Legends" Day
20th FROGS Non-Uniform Day, in exchange for coloured hamper donations (further details to follow)
27th Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check
27th Reception Vision Check

December

16th Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance 9.15am
17th Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 9am
17th Key Stage 2 Evening Christmas Performance 5pm
TBC Reception Christmas Performance
18th School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas Holidays

Over the last few weeks, our assemblies have focused on mental health, growth mindset, and taking responsibility for using our voices in a constructive and respectful way. Children have been developing their oracy skills, learning how to express themselves clearly, confidently, and thoughtfully. We were delighted by the number of children who took the time and effort to complete applications for the School Council. The standard of applications was exceptionally high, and every child who put themselves forward should be incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm. Our new School Councillors were announced in assembly and will act as the voice of their classes, listening to the ideas and views of their peers and sharing these with Mr Khan, our School Council Leader. Our School Councillors are Oscar (Elephants), Reuben (Penguins), Ivy (Chameleons), Zach (Anacondas), Arabella (Pumas), Freya (Toucans), Zara (Dolphins) and Emma (Caimans).

This year, the School Council will focus on:

- Developing our OPAL provision and increasing opportunities for high-quality play.
- Sharing strategies to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.
- Encouraging healthy food choices, particularly during breaktimes and lunchtimes.

As part of their role, School Councillors will receive training from Mr Khan and will also become MindMate Ambassadors and Healthy Food Ambassadors, helping to promote wellbeing across the school.
We are equally proud of our Year 6 pupils, many of whom have volunteered for additional leadership roles, including:

- House Captains
- OPAL Area Leaders
- OPAL Play Detectives
- Sports Crew
- Reading Ambassadors



Mrs Sarah Fuller, Headteacher

Suitable Clothing

As the weather becomes a little colder and more unpredictable, please ensure your child has a suitable coat, footwear and other clothing. Please see the information later in the Grapevine from Pudsey Community Project, who carry out Children's Clothes Events throughout the year on a pay-as-you-feel basis.





Prepared for the Day

Please ensure your child arrives at school with everything they need for the school day, including lunch boxes, drinks bottles, musical instruments and sports kits, if necessary! Please also ensure everything is clearly labelled so it finds its way back to your child if they misplace it.



Reading Buddies

It has been wonderful to see so many children demonstrating leadership, responsibility, and a desire to make a positive contribution to school life. Alongside these opportunities, children have continued to learn about mental health and growth mindset strategies that can support them in managing their feelings, overcoming challenges, and building resilience. They have shown great maturity and interest in these topics and are already beginning to apply some of these strategies independently in school. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes, confidence, and leadership skills our children continue to demonstrate.

Website and Social Media Updates

You may notice some changes to the photographs we share on our website and Facebook page over the coming weeks. Whilst nothing has happened at Greenside, there have been increasing concerns nationally about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and reports of facial images being misused online. As a precautionary measure, we are reviewing how we share photographs to ensure we continue to safeguard our children while celebrating their achievements. The consent you have already provided remains unchanged; however, you may begin to see more photographs that show children from the side, from behind, or engaged in activities where faces are not the main focus. This will allow us to continue showcasing the amazing learning, experiences and successes taking place across the school, whilst taking an additional step to protect our pupils' privacy. If you would like to review or change your photography consent preferences, please contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in this matter. Our policies and procedures will be updated to reflect these changes and ensure they remain in line with our commitment to keeping children safe.



Celebrating Our Teaching Assistants

Teaching Assistants' Day took place on 25th September, and we would like to take this opportunity to recognise and celebrate the incredible contribution of our Teaching Assistants at Greenside. Our Teaching Assistants are an integral part of both the wellbeing and education of our children. They are often the unsung heroes of our school community, working tirelessly behind the scenes to support learning, nurture children, and help every pupil achieve their very best. Quite simply, our children and teachers could not do without them. Their dedication, patience, expertise and care make a significant difference every single day, whether they are supporting learning in the classroom, providing interventions, helping children overcome barriers, regulating children or offering encouragement and reassurance when it is needed most. We would like to publicly thank our talented, skilled and hardworking Teaching Assistants for all that they do. Their commitment has a profound impact on children's outcomes and provides invaluable support to staff across the school. Thank you to our wonderful Teaching Assistants for the difference you make each and every day. Greenside is a better place because of you.

Staffing Update

We are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Gilbert, one of our Year 1 Teaching Assistants, who has worked at Greenside for the past four years supporting our younger children. During her time with us, she has brought tremendous energy, creativity and dedication to her role, making a positive difference to the lives of many children and families. Miss Gilbert will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils, and we thank her for her commitment to Greenside. We wish her every success and happiness in her new adventure.

We are also saying farewell to Mr Bramley, our Year 5 Teaching Assistant, who has made the difficult decision to leave Greenside to pursue other opportunities. Over the last three years, Mr Bramley has provided invaluable support to our older children, delivered interventions, and played a key role in supporting our Year 6 productions. His enthusiasm, commitment to education and positive relationships with pupils have been greatly appreciated, and he will be missed by the whole school community. We wish him all the very best as he begins this exciting new chapter.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome new members of staff to the Greenside team:

- Mrs Smith, Teaching Assistant in Year 1
- Mrs Lister, Teaching Assistant in Year 5
- Mrs Tinker, Play Leader and Teaching Assistant supporting children across the school

All three bring a wealth of experience and expertise, and we are looking forward to the positive contribution they will make to our school community. We know they will quickly become valued members of the Greenside team and help us continue to provide the very best support for our children. We are excited to welcome them to Greenside and look forward to sharing their skills, knowledge and experience with our pupils and families.

Illness and Infections



As we move into the autumn and winter months, schools often experience an increase in cases of infectious illnesses, including vomiting and diarrhoea, respiratory infections, and seasonal viruses. At school, we promote the importance of handwashing in preventing and controlling infections and encourage children to wash their hands at key times, such as after using the toilet, before eating or handling food and after playtime, etc.

We would like to remind parents/carers that children, and staff, who have experienced vomiting and/or diarrhoea must remain away from school until they have been symptom-free for 48 hours after their last episode. This remains one of the most effective measures for preventing the spread of infection within schools and other educational settings.

If you have any questions or would like more information on exclusion periods, please do not hesitate to contact the school office where we will be able to support you further. We also find the NHS guide below very useful.

Healthy Snacks and Break and Lunch Times

Across school, we have noticed an increase in the number of pupils bringing in crisps, chocolates, biscuits and other foods high in refined sugar to eat at breaktimes. As outlined in our Food and Drink Policy, we encourage children to bring in fruit or vegetables as this not only reduces packaging waste and litter, but promotes healthier food choices. School provides Reception and Key Stage 1 children with fruit and vegetable snacks at break times. Whilst there are a small number pupils with specific dietary needs as outlined in their plans, the vast majority of pupils are encouraged to eat the following:

- Carrot sticks
- Cucumber sticks
- Pepper sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Strawberries
- Cut grapes
- Banana
- Apple
- Blueberries
- Pear
- Melon
- Cheese
- Breadsticks
- Crackers
- Pitta bread



This year, our School Council will be sharing messages around positive food choices as we will be going for reaccreditation of the Healthy Schools Award.



Music Recital

On 10th December, we will be holding a Greenside Music Recital at Pudsey Parish Church, starting at 6:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for children who take part in school music lessons, choir or ArtForms ensemble sessions to perform and showcase their musical talents. If your child is interested in taking part, please have a conversation with them about this exciting opportunity. We would love to see as many children involved as possible for what promises to be a fantastic evening of music and celebration.



Fabric Donations

We are kindly seeking donations of scrap fabric for our beginners' sewing club for children. If you have any unwanted fabric or remnants at home, we would be very grateful to put them to good use.



Attendance



Our attendance target for this academic year remains at 98%. Our whole school attendance from the start of September is 96.84%.

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!

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

We would encourage all families to try to keep absence due to ill health to a minimum and we are always willing to support families who have brought children to school when they are a little under the weather. We are allowed to administer medicines or other medication which has been prescribed by a doctor and we will always phone home and inform parents/carers if your child deteriorates.

Class Attendance this year:

Friendly Foxes 99.67%
Enthusiastic Elephants 97.85%
Positive Penguins 98.20%
Confident Chameleons 97.41%
Adventurous Anacondas 96.55%
Persevering Pumas 98.20%
Tenacious Toucans 94.55%
Dazzling Dolphins 91.41%
Creative Caimans 97.21%

Well done Friendly Foxes!

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

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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 have seen an incredible start to the year, with only 373 minutes recorded across the whole school, which compares to 805 minutes at this time last year.



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/**



Trick or Treating Advice

We want you to enjoy Halloween, but remember, not everyone wants to take part!

Here's a few things to remember when you're out this Halloween.

- **If you're going trick or treating, make sure you go with an adult and your parent/carer knows where you're going and when to expect you back.**
- **Don't knock if there's a sign saying 'No trick or treat here'.**
- **Be careful not to frighten elderly or vulnerable people.**
- **Don't go trick or treating alone - stay with your group.**
- **Only visit areas where there are streetlights. Avoid taking shortcuts through gardens, alleyways or parks.**
- **Don't throw eggs and flour. This is a form of anti-social behaviour, which will not be tolerated.**
- **Be careful crossing roads in the dark. We would recommend wearing a bright costume or having a reflective strip on it and, if part of the costume includes a mask, make sure you can see through it.**



Have a great time, stay safe and look out for each other. If you or someone you know is in danger, call 999.

If you see this poster, then please respect it!

SORRY, NO TRICK OR TREATERS!



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WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

Reduce Reuse Kids' Clothes
- part of Pudsey Community Project

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES EVENTS at Pudsey Community Project



Winter Coats Event (all ages)

Saturday 10th October 2-5pm



Christmas Clothes & Winter Coats

Saturday 21st November 2-5pm

Regular Opening Times (term-time):

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Children's Centre Family Services



September – December 2026

Armley Children's Centre
Chapel Lane, Leeds, LS12 1UT

Little London Children's Centre
169a Meanwood Road, Leeds, LS7 1SR

0113 5352241

Opening |Times:
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 4:00pm

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Useful Contacts

Mental Health

Leeds Mental Wellbeing Service:
www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk
0113 8434388

MindWell: www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk
MindMate: www.mindmate.org.uk

If you require urgent support, please contact **Crisis team on:**
0300 300 1485

or if you feel you may harm yourself or others, please call **999** immediately.

Domestic Abuse

If you or someone else, you know is experiencing Domestic Abuse the following support and advice services are available:

Leeds Domestic Violence Service:
0113 2460401
Men's Advice Line: 0113 2224203
In an emergency dial 999.

Or speak to the Children's Centre Team.

Housing Support

Leeds Housing Options:
0113 222 4412, emergency out of hours call 0113 378 8366
housing.options@leeds.gov.uk
Leeds Homes:
www.leedshomes.org.uk
Issues with private rents or Landlords contact Private rented Housing Team:
0113 3784699
prs.housing@leeds.gov.uk

Financial & Gambling Support

National Gambling Helpline:
0808 8020 133 or live chat via www.gamcare.org.uk
Better Leeds Communities:
0113 2754142
Step Change: 0800 1381111
Money Buddies: 0113 2350276
CAP Debt Help: 0800 3280006

Substance Misuse

For advice for you or someone else around drug or alcohol addiction call:

Forward Leeds: 0113 8872477
FRANK (Drugs): 0300 1236600
www.talktofrank.com

School Admissions: 0113 2224414
Child Benefit: 0300 3003100
Universal Credit: 0800 3285644
Tax & Income Support: 0345 6088545
Welfare Rights: 0113 3760452
West Yorkshire Fire Service: free smoke alarms & checks 0800 5874536**Citizens Advice:** www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Generalist Advice: call 0113 275 4142 or email advice@betterleeds.org.uk

Woodhouse Community Centre

Headspace - contact lucy@oblong.org.uk or 0113 2459610 for more information.
10:00am - 1:00pm IT Suite open
11:45am - 12:45pm Food parcels
6:00pm - 7:00pm Brave Men Group

NEW WORTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

40 Tong Road, Leeds, LS12 1LZ

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JOY-A-THON

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FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

6:00 PM	JOY-A-THON OPENS	Special guest **Andy Mayers**
6:30 PM	TWO NON BLONDZ	Local favourites
7:00 PM	ROCHEY	Rock and pop
7:45 PM	DANNY vs FOOD	Superstar special guest Danny Malin
8:00 PM	AMICI	Featured band
9:00 PM	LAST CALL	Amazing acoustic duo
9:30 PM	THE BUSSTOP SHOW	70's/80's live party show
MIDNIGHT	JOY HOUSE DJ	Get the party started
1:00 AM	DJ HAZMAT	Live Heavy Metal Rock Experience
2:00 AM TIL 6:00 AM	FEATURED DJ'S	Party on through the night.

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

8:00 AM	JOY ZUMBA	Book your tickets for the biggest Zumba in West Yorkshire
9:00 AM	RONNIE THE RHINO	Families, clubs, teams, all welcome for a dance off with Ronnie; prize for best team? YORKSHIRES BIGGEST EVER DANCE OFF!
10:00 AM	DAVE AND DENNY	Fat Boy Slim, Ministry of Sound, this DJ has supported them all introducing his son DJ Denny
11:00 AM	LORD MAYOR OF LEEDS'	special guest
11:30 AM	EMMA JAMES	Sensational songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's
12:00 PM	UKULELE HENRY	The featured local icon
1:00 PM	PHIL FRYER	'Legendary' Las Vegas Frank Sinatra performer
2:00 PM	TONY KING	One man and his guitar
2:30 PM	PETER FORSYTH XLR RADIO DJ	Karaoke Challenge
3:30 PM	PRESTON BIRD	'Supported The Reytons at Wembley Stadium' 'must see' amazing upcoming original artist
4:00 PM	CRAIG BRAUNS	'Local hero' and what a voice
5:00 PM	PICK N MIX	A little something for everyone
5:45 PM	ROCCO	Performs the JOY-A-THON song Everyone on Stage!



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