Greenside Grapevine

Friday 23rd 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

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 (details to follow)

27th Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check

27th Reception Vision Check

December

14th Reception Christmas Performance 2-3pm

15th Reception Christmas Performance 9-10am

16th Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance 9.15am

17th Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 9am

17th Key Stage 2 Evening Christmas Performance 6pm (arriving at the church at 5.45pm)

18th School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas Holidays

What a busy and successful first eight weeks of the academic year it has been! The children have settled into their new year groups so smoothly and are well back into the rhythm of school life, learning and routines. There is so much to be proud of across the school, but I would particularly like to say a huge well done to our youngest children in Reception.

Our Reception children have made a fantastic start to their school journey. They are already attending Celebration Assemblies, fully integrated into lunchtimes, and confidently demonstrating our *Great at Greenside* values each day.

Thank you to all of our Reception families for your support in ensuring that children arrive at school ready to learn, equipped with everything they need, and developing their independence. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled and cannot wait to see how they continue to grow and progress throughout the year.

What a fantastic start, Friendly Foxes!

As our current Reception children complete their first half term at Greenside, we are already beginning to look ahead to welcoming our new Reception cohort for September 2027. We have a number of opportunities for prospective parents and families to come and see Greenside in action, meet staff, and find out more about what makes our school such a special place to learn.

Reception 2027 Open Events

Open Evening

- Tuesday 11th November, 6.00pm - 7.00pm

School Tours

- Wednesday 22nd October, 9.15am
- Wednesday 5th November, 1.45pm
- Monday 16th November, 1.45pm
- Tuesday 17th November, 9.15am

If you, a family member, friend or neighbour have a child due to start Reception in September 2027, we would be delighted to welcome them to one of our open events. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish all our families a wonderful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 2nd November 8.40-8.45 am refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.



Mrs Sarah Fuller, Headteacher

Show Racism the Red Card

We are aware that Show Racism the Red Card Day took place on 16th October. Events such as this provide an important reminder that racism has no place in our society or our school community. They also help to raise awareness of the impact that racism and discrimination can have on individuals and communities.

At Greenside, we are committed to promoting equality, respect and inclusion for all. Discussions around racism are addressed through our curriculum, assemblies and teaching of British Values, helping children to understand the importance of treating everyone with kindness, dignity and respect.

As a school, we are proud to celebrate diversity and ensure that every child feels safe, valued and included. Racism is not tolerated at Greenside, and we will continue to educate our children about respect, understanding and acceptance as they prepare to become positive citizens in our diverse and multicultural world.

National Stammering Awareness Day

To mark National Stammering Awareness Day on 22nd October, it was a delight and a privilege to welcome former Greenside pupil Archie back to school to raise awareness of stammering and the challenges that some people who stammer can face. Archie spoke to the children about how we can support those with a stammer and the importance of showing patience, kindness and understanding.

Archie was truly inspirational. He shared his own personal experiences and spoke openly about his journey, helping children to understand that a stammer does not define a person or limit what they can achieve. He also highlighted a number of famous people who have stammers, reinforcing the message that everyone should be proud of who they are.

There was a real sense of pride and emotion throughout the assembly as Archie encouraged our children to celebrate their individuality and appreciate the unique qualities that make each of us special. The children listened attentively, showed the utmost respect and empathy, and rewarded Archie with the biggest round of applause at the end of his presentation.

A huge thank you to Archie for giving his time to support our children and for delivering such a powerful and memorable message about confidence, resilience, inclusion and being proud of who you are. We are incredibly proud to call him a former Greenside pupil.



FROGS Sponsored Walk and Autumn Disco

On Friday 25th September, the children spent the morning participating in a sponsored walk, supported by our FROGS. Each class had lots of fun walking, jogging and running around the field as many times as they could in 15 minutes. It was all very competitive!

Your donations and support helped us to raise a staggering **£2403.70** which will be used to support our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL).

Thank you to the FROGS members who spent the whole morning out in the cold, stamping lap sheets for everyone and to the Greenside staff for supporting the children, arriving promptly and for keeping things running smoothly. These events wouldn't be possible without you.

Our FROGS Autumn Disco last Wednesday was also a huge success! A big thank you to all of our FROGS volunteers, staff and families whose time, support and contributions helped make the event such a wonderful evening for our children.

The disco was a fantastic community event, filled with fun, laughter and plenty of dancing. Thanks to everyone's generosity and support, we raised **£1083.80**, which will help FROGS continue to provide exciting opportunities and resources for our children.

We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort and dedication that went into organising and running the event. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves and making happy memories with their friends.

As always, it's a good sign of a successful disco when the children leave smiling, rosy-cheeked, hot and exhausted after a night of non-stop dancing!

Thank you once again to everyone who helped make the evening such a success. We are fortunate to have such a supportive school community.

Building Update

Our wonderful Greenside building is full of character and history, and while we love its unique features, it also brings its fair share of challenges! As school budgets become increasingly stretched and our building continues to age, we work hard to maintain the site and respond quickly to any issues that arise.

This week, a recurring leak affected our **Anacondas** classroom. To ensure we could investigate the issue thoroughly while keeping everyone safe, we were fortunate to have alternative spaces available within school. Our Anacondas class have now successfully relocated to our intervention room, where teaching and learning continue as normal.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the children and staff for their flexibility, positivity and understanding during the move. The pupils adapted brilliantly to the change and demonstrated fantastic resilience and maturity.



We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we continue to care for and maintain our much-loved school building. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff remain our highest priority.

OPAL Update and Donations

As Christmas approaches, many families will be having a good clear out at home. If you are sorting through toys and outdoor equipment, please keep **OPAL** in mind. We are always grateful for donations of scooters, wheeled toys and other outdoor play equipment that children may have outgrown. These items make a huge difference to the play opportunities we can offer and are always well loved by our pupils.

We are also in the process of setting up an Amazon Wishlist. As a Health Promoting School, we are encouraging families to think differently about celebrations and gifts. Instead of sweets, why not consider donating a book or purchasing an item from our wish list, such as bubbles, chalks or other play resources? These simple items provide endless opportunities for fun, creativity and learning for all of our children.

This week, we welcomed our OPAL mentor into school to review the progress we have made so far. The meeting was extremely positive, and she was particularly impressed with how much we have achieved since launching OPAL in May. Considering the relatively short time we have been on this journey, the progress made by both staff and children has been fantastic.

Thank you for your continued support with OPAL, whether that is ensuring children come to school with appropriate clothing for outdoor play or making donations of resources. Your support really does make a difference and helps us to continue developing exciting, high-quality play opportunities for all our children. Together, we are creating richer play experiences that support children's wellbeing, creativity and development every day.



Attendance

As always, our individual attendance information will be sent out this Friday 23rd. Mrs Knowles and Mrs Middleton closely monitor our attendance daily, weekly and half termly and, if your child's attendance is below 97%, you will receive an email informing you of this and offering our support. We are always here and happy to help to ensure all our children can attend school regularly and on time. If you feel you need any support or further information, please do not hesitate to contact the office 0113 2574509 or admin.info@greenside-sch.org.

Candlelighters

Candlelighters bring light and hope to families touched by childhood cancer in Yorkshire and this year we have raised £320.38 through selling badges and pens.



Parents' Consultation Evenings

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our Parents' Consultation Evenings this week. We hope you found the meetings informative and that you now have a clear understanding of the next steps to support your child, whether academically or with their social and emotional mental health.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic Year 6 House Captains, who generously gave up their own time to help during the evenings and represented Greenside so incredibly well. They are a real credit to our school and to you as parents. In fact, they were so impressive that I was beginning to wonder if they were trying to put me out of a job!

If you were unable to attend, please let your child's class teacher know. They will be more than happy to arrange a telephone appointment or an alternative meeting time that is convenient for you. We value these opportunities to work together and support every child to achieve their very best.



Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.

- Try to buy from a reputable store or website. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.
- Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark
- Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"
- Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources



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