



Newsletter



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Recently at Greenfields...

Time has certainly flown this week and the children have all returned from the holiday a little bit taller but definitely ready to get back to learning. Nursery and Reception have been joined by 7 eggs this week, and currently we have 6 very loud chicks who are helping our EYFS team to teach about growing up and life cycles. This term, growing is very definitely a theme – not just animals, but plants and ourselves as well. If you can see the EYFS windows and garden, you'll also see beans growing in reception, and Nursery helped Mrs Perren and I plant lots of pansies to make the garden a bit more colourful. Add these to the wonderful daffodils which have all bloomed, school is definitely a riot of colour right now!

It was really lovely to hear all the positive comments in Green Book this morning, so many about children coming back with a great attitude to learning and really aspiring to be their best they can. We really do not have much of this year left, and I know some of you feel all I ever do is talk about attendance, this really is the term where it matters! So much happens and it is so easy to think a day missed won't matter, but it really does! It's not just learning, it's socialising too, and as the children grow, friendships do change in the blink of an eye. If a child is not here, they cannot develop those friendships and it can have big consequences. With the weather being better, colds are less likely, so please do trust us and send your child in if they wake up with a headache or a sneeze. Hay fever is not a reason to stay off – it can be treated. We really do need everyone to pull together to improve our attendance. With Ofsted looming, we know we will be scrutinised in this area as we do not meet National expectations.

This term we also try to ensure everyone gets a trip or an experience to really embed learning. I know times are tough, but we will give you as long as possible to pay, and we do need everyone to try to do their bit. We cannot afford to subsidise all trips, but we do keep costs to a minimum. If you do have difficulties, please come in to speak with me to find a way forward. Costs are based on the whole class sharing the overall cost, so someone not paying means we have to, and obviously there comes a point where the trip is not viable, and so will be cancelled if we do not get enough. Please look out for letters soon.

As I said, this term is all about growth and we are already busy preparing the children for next year. But there is a lot to achieve first. Please do ensure you check the calendar and piota for messages about events. I can only add what I know about when I'm told it, so it does get changed and updated!

Finally, thank you all for making sure all the children looked so smart for their photos today. They practised their smiles in assembly this morning – you are all in for a treat!

Have a lovely weekend and see you all soon!

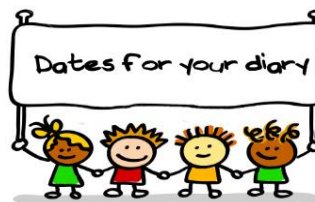
Kate Day



Attendance Spring Term

Nursery	84.96%
Reception	95.49%
Year 1	94.04%
Year 2	94.23%
Year 3	94.31%
Year 4	95.69%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	86.36%

The government expectation is that schools meet 94% attendance – this is classified as “Good”. Right now, as a school, we are 92%. Every 10% missed means that children missed half a day off school this week, and if I asked you can your child afford that, the answer is no. I know I am only talking to a small group who persistently take time off, but it really does impact the whole class. It would be so lovely to show a completely green graph soon! This week there are 4 classes who would be green, but also 4 classes below 94%. Let’s please try!



1.5.26	Y4 Playleader training day
4.5.25	Bank Holiday
6.5.26	Reception Health Screening
7.5.26	Local Elections – school open but hall in use
8.5.26	Y3&Y4 Basketball sessions
11.5.26 – 14.5	SATs Week
15.5.26	Break the Rules Day
18.5.26 – 21.5.26	Y6 Residential to Willow Tree
21.5.26	Y2 Class Assembly
22.5.26	TRAINING DAY – School Closed
25-29.5.26	Half Term
11.6.26	YR Class Assembly
18.6.26	YN Class Assembly
25.6.26	Y5 trip to Phasels Wood
26.5.26	Y5 trip to Phasels Wood Years 1&2 trip
6.7.26	Y6 Production
8.7.26	Grange Park transition day Years 2,3&5 transition workshops
9.7.26	Transition Day
13-17.7.26	Sports Week
15.7.25	Sports Day
17.7.26	Summer Fair
21.7.26	9am Reception Graduation 11am Nursery Graduation 2pm Y6 leavers Assembly to school 3.30pm Y6 Leavers Party
22.7.26	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Y6 parents 1pm END OF TERM
23.7.26	Training Day
1.9.26	Training Day
2.9.26	TERM STARTS

