



Newsletter



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Recently at Greenfields...

The end of the school year is always a mixture of happiness (to have made it) and sadness (of saying goodbye) and this year is no exception. It has been an incredibly tough year for numerous reasons, but it also seems to have flown by. Allow me a minute to reminisce if you will...

It's a lovely time to reflect on the highs, and what a year this has been!

- We have a super set of SATs results again from the children in Year 6 who have done better than we anticipated and made excellent progress – you deserve to be very proud of all your results.
- We are so pleased with the impact of joining our 'new' phonics programme as now we can see the impact of two years of ELS as the number of children who have strong passes is incredible.
- We have had new staff join throughout the year, and they have made such a positive impact to the teaching team and our new career teachers really have flown.
- Electric Umbrella was simply brilliant, and we loved the buzz in school on a Thursday when they visited – it was very special to be living with them alongside their 'Golden Buzzer' moments.
- Christmas was a normal spectacular where all of the children came together to put on a wonderful performance, and sing their hearts out to you, and Kindness wasn't just for Christmas as we saw it in their actions daily.

- The Circus was another first for my time at Greenfields, and it was wonderful to open our grounds up to so many families and share the experience with so many people.
- Fundraising and generosity hit new highs, and collectively as a school we have raised nearly £10,000 in total for either ourselves or external charities which is just amazing.
- Our roof project went seamlessly, and now we have a warm, signal blocking roof which covers the whole school and despite the months of scaffolding and banging means that the school is now in a great external shape.
- But above all of these we have the best children and families a school could wish for. Bigger than ever, with over 220 children consistently it has been wonderful to be a part of Greenfields as we reach capacity. And without a doubt the children are the best part, day in, day out. Thank you for giving us the privilege of teaching your child and working with you.

Alongside the highs there have definitely been challenges this year. Not only did we start the year with a fire, we also had a flood, poisonous caterpillars (again) and the never-ending stress of more children and less money to do what we need. We have also said goodbye to several wonderful families who have moved too far away to commute, and this week we say goodbye too to Mrs O'Shea as well as our Year 6 class. We wish them all well in the next chapter of their lives, and know they leave Greenfields with wonderful memories, friendships and the tools that they

need to succeed in their next journey. We wish them all the very best of luck for the future, and know that we will hear all about their exploits and adventures.

Thank you from all of the staff and myself for the generous gifts and cards you have bestowed on us at the end of the year. They are very much appreciated, and your kind words mean an awful lot to us all. We all wish you a very happy summer holiday. Make the most of the time you have with your children, enjoy the late nights, the pillow fights, the smiles laughter and love. Enjoy being together and make sure the children are refreshed and relaxed, ready to do it all again in September! I have tried to put all the dates we know about already on the calendar, so put them in your diaries now so you are prepared.

See you all back for 8.40am on the 4th!



Mrs O'Shea

There are very few children whose lives have not been touched by Shelagh O'Shea at Greenfields. I know so many families valued her as the first teacher their child had due to her calm, encouraging way she had with them. She really gave the children a terrific start in school. However, I have known for some time that we were on borrowed time with Mrs O'Shea, and now she is a granny, and quite rightly wants to give her life to her growing family and have time with them. We wish her all the very best in her retirement, and I know many, many families thank her for the impact she has had on them. We wish her all the very best in her new home too, and hope that we will see her at special occasions in the future. From the whole community:

Thank You !

Results!

At the end of the year we have the final data and I am so proud of how far all our children have come. This year we have the following sets of results:

Reception: Good Level of Development

GLD all children / 28	Hertfordshire	National
57% (16)	70	68

Phonics:

	Pass at 32+ whole class	Hertfordshire	National
Year 1(30)	73% (22/30)	82	80
Year 2 retake (7)	100%		

Y6 SATs

	EXS+	GDS	Hertfordshire	National
SPAG	60	20	76	73
Reading	83	27	78	75
Writing	70	17	72	72
Maths	87	23	76	74
Science	83	-		82
Combined	63	7	63	62

These results show that our children come in low nationally, and as they progress through the school we get our children to achieving in line or better than the national average. We are so proud of all the children for their aspiration and giving their all, and for the teachers who work so hard to support them. Well done!



Attendance 2025-26

Nursery	94.78%
Reception	92.46%
Year 1	94.86%
Year 2	94.54%
Year 3	94.88%
Year 4	93.71%
Year 5	90.78%
Year 6	96.05%

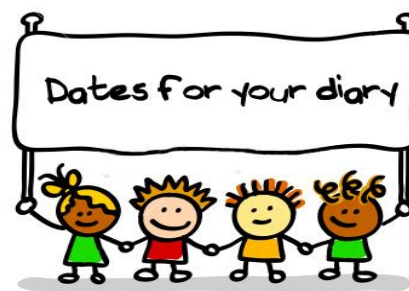
As we enter the Ofsted window again, I do urge everyone to do the best they can to ensure children are in school as our attendance this year has not been good enough, and this will cause us a downgrading if it does not get above national. We are better than this and want to show we are, but it will be deemed that poor attendance is not good enough. I really hope I can have your support in ensuring our school gets the recognition we deserve.

Attendance winners

Well done to Marley, Darci, Lucy, George, Brooklyn, Maya, Oliver and Dexter, who all won 100% raffle awards.

We continue to give classes with 100% non uniform days – this year we managed 8 in total – with Nursery and Year 2 both winning 2 each. Please help us reward the children for their good attendance by ensuring they are in school. A headache, a cold, a cough or a tummy ache do not stop learning.

Holidays will not be authorized unless there are exceptional circumstances.



3.9.25	Training Day
4.9.25	TERM STARTS
8.9.25	All Reception in to 1pm
10.9.25	Nursery Starts
11.9.25	Book Fair
12.9.25	Mixed Celebration of Work – Hall
18.9.25	Y4 trip to St Albans
19.9.25	Inflatables Day and Family Fun Evening
26.9.25	Y5 trip to Kew Gardens (proposed trip)
6.10.25	Y3 trip to COAM – Pre History Y6 trip to COAM – Goodnight Mr Tom
8.10.25	Y4 tri golf tournament
9.10.25	Harvest Assembly
10.10.25	World Mental Health Day
16.10.25	Y4 Class Assembly
17.10.25	School Disco
22 & 23.10.25	Parents Evening
27-31.10.25	Half Term
3.11.25	Bikeability Week
11.11.25	Flu jabs Y6 Class Assembly
12.11.25	Y5 Fun Run
17.11.25	Y6 trip to Uxbridge Bunker
28.11.25	Occasional Day – School Closed
10.12.25	Christmas Show 5.30pm
11.12.25	Christmas Show gam
12.12.25	Christmas Fair
15.12.25	School Panto Trip
16.12.25	Awards Assembly Christmas Lunch Christmas Parties
17.12.25	END OF TERM 1pm

Forest School 2025-26

Autumn 1	Year 1
Autumn 2	Year 5
Spring 1	Year 4
Spring 2	Year 3
Summer 1	Year 2
Summer 2	Invited groups

Children will need a change of clothes and wellington boots.