



Newsletter



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Recently at Greenfields...

I write as we wake to a new government on a rainy summer's morning. A little bit of history in the making, and one which we, as a school, look forward to seeing the difference this change in government makes to the world of education. I have vivid memories of being in school when Margaret Thatcher resigned, and the waves that made, of the day Tony Blair came to power, and the energy and feeling that something new was happening. We hope our children realise that today is history, and that they are a part of it.

We continue to be short staffed in the school office, so I really have appreciated parents not ringing for small matters which could be resolved simply by reading a newsletter. However, they have been frustrated by the number of calls they have needed to make with children forgetting what they need for the day. Please could you help by ensuring your child has all the equipment they need – be that sports kit, reading books, water bottles every morning. We do need to train our children, especially our older ones who simply won't be able to just ring home at secondary school, to make sure they have what they need. All the information you need for the last two weeks is in this newsletter.

This week in school, the focus has well and truly been in the Year 6 production; a historical rampage through periods of history. Although they have not performed yet, I know parents are in for a treat tonight, ably supported musically by Year 5. The performances are always a stressful time for the staff, and the children find it hard when off timetable, so I would like to extend my thanks to the whole Upper KS2 team for their efforts to get tonight ready. It has been very frustrating to have dates in the diary for plays only to find out

Secondary Schools have decided to have transition days (I really would advocate for a National Transition Day to avoid this) and then to have an Election called on our alternative night as well as already having the new parents meeting arranged. There are so many things going on at the end of term – the dates are arranged this time for next year already – it is that busy, so I appreciate parents being understanding. We are not being difficult – it is simply the way it is at this point in the term with other events and bookings already in the diary.

This week I have sent out information regarding the new rules around attendance which start on the 19th August. These come from the Department of Education, and school has no input into the decisions, nor receives any of the fines that will ensue should you take your child out of school for holidays. I cannot grant absence unless there are exceptional circumstances, (and I get guidance as to what exceptional is). Please do not ask me to grant holidays. Those who would have fallen foul of this rule will be getting the letter with reports when they come out in the final week. The fines are £80 per parent in the first instance, rising to £160 per parent in the second, and it is any 10 unauthorised absences over a 10 week rolling period. A third offence could result in prosecution. This also means if you do not phone in when your child is sick, or we cannot get in touch with you, the absence will go down as unauthorised, so please ensure you do this!

Kate Day



Attendance 17th-28th June

Nursery	91.57%
Reception	95.36%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	92.68%
Year 4	88.86%
Year 5	92.17%
Year 6	97.14%



8 – 12 th July	Sports Week
Monday	Skateboard and Scooters Workshop Hip Hop Dance workshops
Tuesday	Circus Skills Day KS2 Water Polo
Wednesday	Sports Day
Thursday	Inter Year Group Challenges Hertfordshire Transition Day – new classes at Greenfields pm
Friday	The School is Lava Summer Fair afternoon
15.7.24	KS2 classes to Rock Up Reports Out
16.7.24	Greenfields Music Medleys Concert – in school only Open Classes – all welcome 3.30-4.30pm
17.7.24	Awards Assembly
18.7.24	Nursery and Reception Graduations
19.7.24	Y6 Leavers Assembly END OF TERM 1pm

Sports Week information and

Sports Day – Wednesday 10th July

Next week is sports week – a long held tradition at Greenfields. The diary has all the events in, so please see what we are up to there, **but all children will need to wear their PE kit all week.**

Fingers crossed the weather remains good, and we will host Sports Day on Wednesday. As always, the morning will be a round robin of fun sporting activities which the classes will participate in. Please support your class and cheer your child on. We aim to start at 10am. Once these events are finished, we will have a whole school picnic lunch for about 45minutes which parents are welcomed to join, to then start our afternoon of traditional races before finally announcing the winners. Once we have done this, all classes will return to their class, but parents who are on site are welcome to collect their child and take them home at this point rather than wait until normal end of the day times.



Term dates 24/25

Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th September 24
October Half Term	28 th October – 1 st November
Term Ends	Wednesday 18 th December 24
Training Day	Thursday 19 th December 24
Occasional Day	Friday 20 th December 24
Christmas Holidays	23 rd December – 3 rd January
Term Starts	Monday 6 th January 25
February Half Term	17 th – 21 st February
End of Term	Friday 4 th April
Easter Holidays	7 th – 21 st April
Training Day	Tuesday 22 nd April
Term starts	Wednesday 23 rd April 25
Bank holiday	Monday 5 th May
May Half Term	26 th – 30 th May 25
Training Day	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Term Ends	Wednesday 23 rd July
Summer Holidays	Thursday 24 th July 25
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 rd September 25

Sporting Success

Amazing achievement by the Y6 football team on winning the first Superstar Sports Tournament with an incredible 26 points! Huge thanks for Lee Inch and Sam Perren for coaching the team and to Lee for giving his time. We thank you so much!



Year 5 are pleased to announce details of this year's summer fair. This exciting event will take place in school, during the afternoon of Friday 12th July. Children will visit the fair with their classes to enjoy the variety of stalls and have a go at the activities on offer, including hook a duck, treasure hunt, crab races and beat the goalie. There will also be refreshments available to buy with the tickets. These tickets can be bought using School Gateway (the pot closing on Thursday 11th July) and will be given to the children on the day, with each activity being 1 or 2 tickets a go. To give you an idea, it would cost about £10 for a child to have one go on all of the stalls. Please make your payment before the event so that we can allocate tickets ready for the fair.

This enterprise project is part of our finance education in school and we are all aiming to make a healthy profit from our stall ideas, having worked hard in class to plan many fun games for the children to enjoy. There will be lots and lots of prizes to be won, so we recommend bringing a bag to put them all in!

Thank you for your support with our spectacular summer fair.

Year 5

Fundraising 2024/25

Next year sees some exciting new ventures alongside some old favourites. We are raising money next year to replace the KS2 wooden trim trail which is well past its time and will cost about £20000 to replace, so it's a big job. We will be starting fundraising for the school with our Inflatables Family Fun Night on the 20th September, so please put this date in your diary now. Wristbands will be sold which will allow children unlimited goes on the games, and then we will have smaller attractions open to win prizes. On top of this a BBQ and Bar and the field open for games and fun as families.

However, I cannot do all this alone, and I would love to hear of ideas others have to help support the school. Please come to a fundraising meeting on Friday 6th September at gam to talk, plan and volunteer time to help support the school. If every family did a little bit, it would not be a big job for just a few.

This year will also see the circus coming to town in the summer, so we really want to raise as much as possible and spread the word around South Oxhey. Early tickets will be sold in the Autumn. So again, put the date in your diary and invite friends and family to come along to Happy's Circus on the 8th June 2025!



Reports

These will be emailed out to all families on the 15th July. We follow them up with Open Evening which takes place in every class between 3.30 and 4.30pm on Tuesday 16th July. Please come and see all the work your child has been doing so they can share with you their achievement. Please also bring a carrier bag to take home their books and tray contents. The children have all worked exceptionally hard this year, and you should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved! Great progress has been made by all!

Coming up this fortnight...

- PE kit all week next week
- Summer Fair Friday 12th – money in the pot by Thursday evening
- Transition Day – meet new teacher Thursday 11th
- Open evening 16th July 3.30-4.30pm