



GREYTHORN PRIMARY

"Engaging hearts, equipping minds, opening doors"

Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter

4th July 2025

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUESDAY 8th & THURSDAY 10th JULY

6.30pm – 7.45pm Year 5/6
Performance

FRIDAY 11th JULY

Summer Picnic (FOGSA)

TUESDAY 15th JULY

School Disco (FOGSA)
5 – 5.45pm FS & Year 1/2
6 – 7pm Year 3/4/5/6

WEDNESDAY 16th JULY

Peak Wildlife Park Year 1/2

MONDAY 21st – FRIDAY 25th JULY

York Residential Year 6

TUESDAY 29th JULY

Last Day of Term
6.45pm – 8.45pm Year 6 Party

2025/26 TERM DATES

Autumn Term

3 September – 17 October 2025
3 November – 19 December 2025

Spring Term

5 January – 13 February 2026
24 February – 27 March 2026

Summer Term

13 April – 21 May 2026
1 June – 24 July 2026

INSET: 1 Sept, 2 Sept, 23 Feb, 22 May, 27 July



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

GreythornFest 2025 was an absolute triumph this year. The weather was perfect, excitement levels were high, and the Year 3/4 children had lots of fun enjoying the events and activities. Although I'm not sure how much sleep was actually had! A big thank you to all the parents/carers that lent us a tent for the evening and thank you to our Greythorn team for hosting the evening.

It was great to see so many supporters at both of our School Sports Day events. We hope you enjoyed them as much as the children did.

We are very proud of our children's award presenters and winners at last night's Flying High Partnership Awards.

Mrs Carpenter

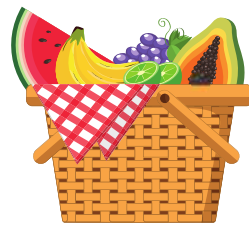


STAFF NEWS



Welcome!

I am excited to share some news about staffing updates for next September. Ms Wadsworth will be moving to the Year 1/2 Oak class as part of a job-share with Mrs Mounser. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Olivia Hardwick, who will be joining us as the new teacher for Beech Class (Year 3/4). Miss Hardwick will be visiting several times this term to get to know her new class and Greythorn.



Hi! I'm Miss Hardwick and I am so excited to be joining the Greythorn team as one of the Year 3/4 teachers starting in September! I completed my teacher training last year and have since been teaching abroad in Sri Lanka as well as supply teaching! I am so excited for September, and I can't wait to meet everybody. I hope to see you at the picnic on the 11th July.

Farewell to Mrs Fleming

It is with a fond farewell that I share the news that Mrs Fleming will be leaving us at the end of term. While we will sincerely miss her, we are also hopeful and excited for her as she embarks on a new chapter. We wish her all the very best for the future. She will be succeeded by Ms Wadsworth (currently in Beech class), who will be sharing Oak class with Mrs Mounser.



Staffing for September 2025

EYFS

Pine Class – Mrs Gell
Elm Class – Miss Johal

KS1

Willow Class – Miss O'Grady (3 days Mon – Wed)
Mrs Barnes (2 days Thurs and Fri)
Oak Class – Mrs Mounser (3 days Wed – Fri)
Ms Wadsworth (2 days Mon and Tues)
Maple Class – Miss Mason

KS2

Holly Class – Mrs Wagstaff
Rowan Class – Miss Myers
Beech Class – Miss Hardwick

Sycamore Class – Mrs Cox (2.5 days Wed, Thurs and Fri)
Mrs Rowe (2.5 days Wed, Thurs and Fri)
Silver Birch Class – Miss Hud
Yew Class – Mr Sidery

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Foundation

The children had an exciting day out at Manor Farm, filled with fun and adventure. They enjoyed hands-on experiences with a variety of friendly animals. They also got to see some fascinating birds of prey up close, sparking their curiosity and interest. Another highlight was exploring the dinosaur trail, where life-sized models brought prehistoric creatures to life and captured their imaginations. To finish off the day, the children had a fantastic time in the indoor soft play area, climbing, sliding, and laughing together, making it a day to remember.



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



Year 1/2
Year 1/2 had a great time at Sports Day on Wednesday! They had a great time having a go at the speed bounce, boccia, javelin, long jump, races and more! We were also impressed by the sportsmanship that they displayed supporting one another! It was wonderful to see so many people come out to support all of the children. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend!



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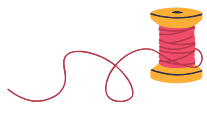


Year 3/4

Year 3/4 had an amazing time last Friday at GreythornFest 2025! It was jam packed with face painting, bouncy castle jumping and roasting marshmallows around the bonfire. There was lots of excitement in the tents, so we did have lots of sleepy children in the morning but also many did manage to get a lot of sleep too (can't say the same for the teachers). Thank you again to everyone who donated tents - we couldn't have done it without you.



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



Year 5/6

Silver Birch spent the afternoon turning old T-shirts into bags, for our DT project. Sewing skills were put to the test; children showed their perseverance and resilience values! We also saw lots of creativity in different designs and in our own class button and thread shop! A special thank you to Anya's grandma for helping too!



FOGSA



SCHOOL DISCO
Let's Party!
Tuesday 15th July
£3.50 ENTRY & SNACK
BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

EYFS/KS1	5-5.45PM
KS2	6-7PM

Tickets will be available on ParentPay from 1st July until 14th July

Additional information posted on Class Dojo.



GREYTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC
WE NEED YOU!
11th July
5 - 7pm

WE NEED DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE, CAKE STALL AND SECONDHAND UNIFORM STALL.
IF YOU CAN HELP EMAIL FOGSAEMAIL@GMAIL.COM.
UNIFORM DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED AT SCHOOL RECEPTION
CAN YOU SPARE 30 MINS TO COVER A STALL DURING THE PICNIC? IF SO SIGN UP HERE: VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/TDJWR



GREYTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC
FRIDAY
11th July
5 - 7pm
Bring a picnic and join the fun!

- RAFFLES • GAMES
- PIZZA VAN
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- ICE CREAM • LIVE MUSIC
- FACEPAINTING • DRINKS BAR AND SO MUCH MORE!



COMMUNITY

Nottinghamshire Family Hub Network



Rushcliffe Family Hub Network Timetable: Summer 28th Jul - 29th Aug

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Self-Weigh (MONTHLY). 11th August. Keyworth Health Centre. 1:30-2:30pm finish</p>	<p>Popup Stay & Play Event. FREE (ONE OFF). 12th August. Cotgrave Welfare Field. (entrance to the left of the welfare). 10-11:30am. See overleaf for more details</p> <p>Self-Weigh (MONTHLY). 19th August Cotgrave Health Centre. 2:30-3:30pm finish</p>	<p>Self-Weigh (WEEKLY). 30th Jul. 13th 20th & 27th Aug. West Bridgford Young Peoples Centre. 1-3pm finish. (no session 6th Aug)</p> <p>B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Group (WEEKLY). 30th Jul. 13th 20th & 27th Aug. West Bridgford Young Peoples Centre. 1:30-2:30pm. (6th Aug we will be running at Lark in the Park).</p> <p>Popup Stay & Play Event. FREE (ONE OFF). 27th August. Keyworth Recreation Ground. 10-11:30am. See overleaf for more details</p>	<p>B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Group (FORTNIGHTLY). 7th and 21st Aug. Bingham Family Hub. 10-11am.</p> <p>Popup Stay & Play Event. FREE (ONE OFF). 21st August. East Leake Park (opposite the Fire Station) 1:30-3pm. See overleaf for more details</p>
<p>Self-Weigh Drop In. Monday – Friday. Bingham Family Hub. 9:30am - 3:30pm. No session Monday 25th August, Centre Closed.</p>			

Please be aware that all groups are subject to cancellation at any time.
We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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x3 Popup Stay & Play Events.

Come and have fun learning through play at our 3 Outdoor Popup Stay & Play Events with a range of guests and providers. Please dress for the weather. For families living in Rushcliffe with under 5's (older siblings are welcome).

12th August. Cotgrave Welfare Field 10-11:30am.
21st August. East Leake Park 1:30-3pm.
27th August. Keyworth Recreation Ground 10-11:30am.

Free

Little Wickets

Cricket Fun For Kids & Toddlers

We will be joined by Little Wickets plus many more partners and providers.

Family Hubs also offer a range of additional services:

- Preparing for your baby
- Children's development, including listening and communication
- Playing with your child
- The emotional health of your child
- Children's behaviour

- Feeding your child (including weaning support and fussy eating)
- Increasing your confidence
- Domestic abuse (in partnership with Women's Aid services)
- Volunteering opportunities

If you would like to access any of these services, please contact your local Family Hub network team or complete a service request form, either by walking into any of our buildings, or by completing one on our website by scanning the following QR code:



Updated 9.4.25. All information is correct at the time of publication.
Details subject to change after this date.

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Bingham Family Hub – Eaton Place, Bingham, NG13 8BE

Abbey and Lady Bay Family Hub – Tewkesbury Close, West Bridgford, NG2 5ND

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Family Support Drop Ins Summer Holiday 2025

A drop-in session to support parents and carers of 0 up to 5 years in the Rushcliffe district. Topics include but are not limited to toilet training, emotional well-being, behaviour, speech and language and other general parenting concerns.



Bingham Family Hub
Eaton Place, NG13 8BE
Day: Friday
Date: 8th August
Time: 10-11am

West Bridgford Young Peoples centre.
Bridgford Rd, NG2 6AT
Day: Wednesday
Dates: 13th August
Time: 1-3pm

East Leake Park (at the summer event)
LE12 6JG (opposite the Fire Station)
Day: Thursday
Dates: 21st August
Time: 1:30-3pm

No booking required to any of the dates, just turn up.
Dates subject to change.

You can access the Family Hub Network by phone, email, complete a request for service form or just walk into one of our buildings:

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Helping families get the right support at the right time

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Facebook: scan to view or search 'Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe'



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Forest School (Summer Holidays)

Do your children want to learn in a fun way outdoors?

A targeted group running during the summer holiday for children from 2 to 8 year olds with their parent/carer.

Forest School offers children opportunities to:

- Take risks.
- Develop self-mastery skills.
- Develop confidence and self-esteem.
- Experience hands-on learning in a woodland or outdoor environment.



Contact your local Family Hub team to find out when the next course is running and to see if this is the right course for your family.

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Community Matters...we need you!

Tuesday 8th July • 10-11am

Free healthy breakfast for all participants

What would you like to explore in future Community Matters?

What topics should we cover? These could be to do with health and wellbeing, safety, security, community services... and more!

Which expert guests or organisations would you like to hear from and speak with?

What activities and groups would best help you and your community?

We'd love to hear what's important to you. Come and share your ideas!

Get in touch: st.paulschurchconnector@outlook.com

St Paul's Church, Boundary Road, NG2 7DB

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FAMILY ADVICE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

FREE online talk



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.
What are the potential harms and how can we reduce them?

To book your place go to the **PARENTS** page (facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

COMMUNITY

Community Kitchen

Tea & Tennis

Saturday 12th July
1.45-4pm

Garden Games
Table Tennis • Bowling • Quoits
Football • Basketball • Archery

Buffet food
Sandwiches • Scones • Cakes •
Strawberries • Nibbles

Live Tennis
Enjoy the Wimbledon Ladies' Singles Final on our big screens

This is a **FREE** event, including food. Please scan to let us know you're coming or visit stpaulsboundaryroad.churchsuite.com/events/hdkghxof or book in person in the café. Thank you!

St Paul's Church, Boundary Road, NG2 7DB

St Paul's Boundary Road

Messy Church

FREE!

Arts and crafts
Bible stories
Singing together
Meal included!

Lots of fun for children of all ages and their parents and carers. Come along and get creative!

Saturday 19th July
3:45pm - 5:30pm

Scan to book your FREE place >>>
or visit stpaulsboundaryroad.churchsuite.com/events/v5qdnerz

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MENU SUMMER TERM 2025

Menu

w/c
7 July 2025

Please find attached our current lunch time menu.

If your child would like a school lunch they will be able to order on the day, the cost is £3.16 and needs to be paid in advance.

My School Menu

Spring/Summer 2025

Week 3
Week commencing
5 May, 26 May,
16 June, 7 July,
28 July, 15 Sept,
6 October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Margherita pizza Soya Gluten Milk with potato balls, baked beans & sweetcorn	Vegetarian roll Soya Milk Gluten with French fries, seasonal vegetables & gravy	Beef Bolognese Mustard Soya Gluten OR Quorn Bolognese Mustard Soya Gluten Egg with garlic bread, Gluten Milk Soya pepper & cucumber sticks	Bangers & mash Gluten Sulphur Dioxide OR plant based sausage Soya Sulphur Dioxide with seasonal vegetables & gravy	MSC Fish fingers Fish with oven chips, baked beans & peas
Pudding Yoghurt pot Milk	Cheese & Crackers Gluten Milk	Donuts Soya Milk Gluten Egg Sesame	Raspberry Muffins Gluten Egg	Ice cream tub Milk

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FOOD HYGIENE RATING
0 1 2 3 4 **5**

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18 CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make in-app purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 3* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Peach, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage ratings requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



TODDLER STAY AND PLAY

A VERY WARM WELCOME

AWAITS YOU
AND YOUR CHILDREN

For Parents/Carers with Children (age 0 – 4 yrs) living in the
local community

Come and join us for playtime, chat and refreshments



Free of Charge

9.15AM – 10.15AM

Friday 11th July



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reserve your place

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