



GREYTHORN PRIMARY

"Engaging hearts, equipping minds, opening doors"

Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter

11th July 2025

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

INSET Day - School Closed

TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

INSET Day - School Closed

WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

First Day Back for Students

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,

Congratulations to all our talented children who have been working hard to represent Greythorn in various sporting events this week.

Our fabulous swimming team won the West Bridgford School swimming gala. Our amazing Year 4 girls' and mixed KS2 football teams also played matches against Lady Bay School. The Year 4 girls' team lost 2-1 but showed incredible determination, while the mixed KS2 team won 3-0 in a very exciting game.

We are all so proud of them for demonstrating the Greythorn values both in and out of school. Well done to everyone who took part and represented our school with pride!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the FOGSA Summer Picnic later today. It's going to be a hot one, so please be prepared and be sun safe ready, with sun hats, sunscreen and bring plenty to drink. We will have water stations available for refilling. Bring your ice boxes, gazebos, parasols, golf umbrellas and sun hats to help keep cool in the shade.

Mrs Carpenter

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We welcome uniform donations especially uniform with the Greythorn logo and school shoes/trainers.

This is a reminder that Greythorn school uniform is a red school sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan (no hoodies), a red polo shirt, dark grey trousers, dark grey skirt, dark grey shorts, plain black shoes (not trainers- no logos allowed), grey or white socks, grey or red tights.

Please note that white polo shirts are not part of Greythorn School uniform from September 2025.

Children should not be wearing nail varnish to school. Hair cuts should not be extreme- no shave lines, fades, dyed hair or decorative hair accessories. All hair accessories should be plain dark colours or school colours. Please name **ALL** items the children wear and bring to school.

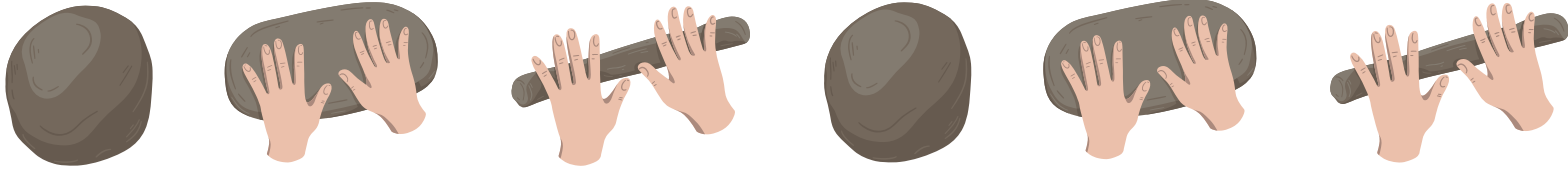
Looking Greythorn Smart



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Foundation

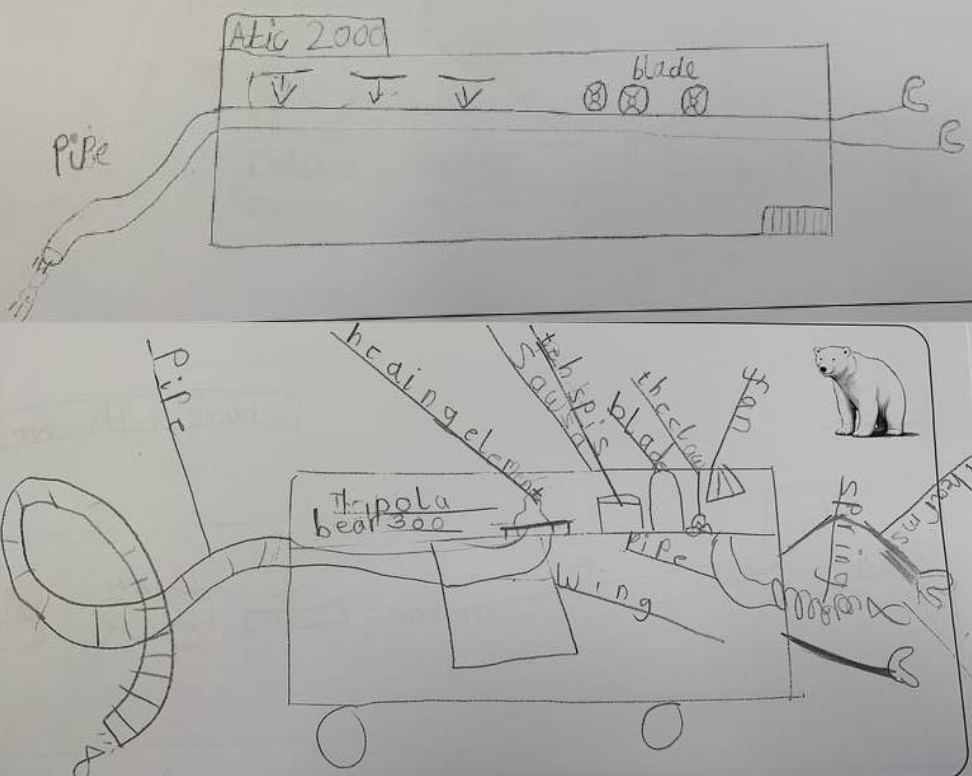
This week in Foundation, we have been sculptors. We have continued our learning about sculpting and this week we have been sculpting with clay. The children were able to apply their new skills and knowledge of how to work with clay, manipulating it to create their desired outcome. They have made some wonderful snails and decorated them beautifully.



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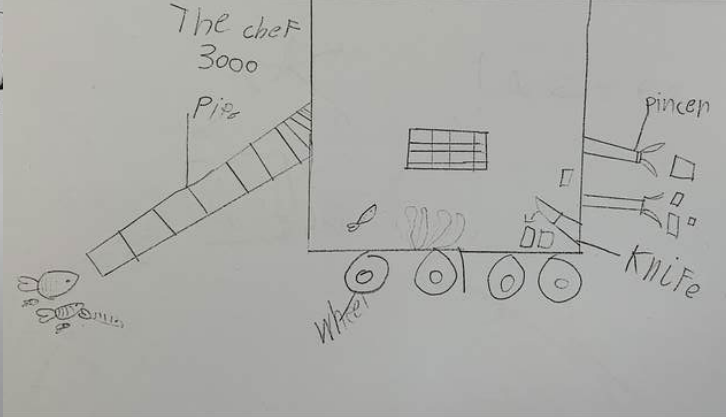
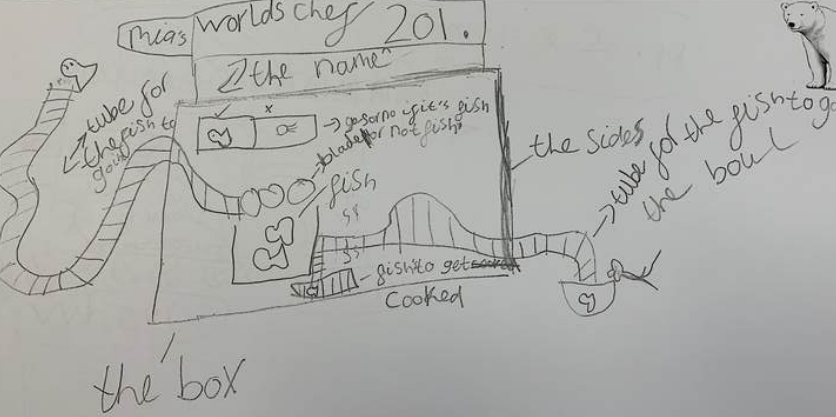
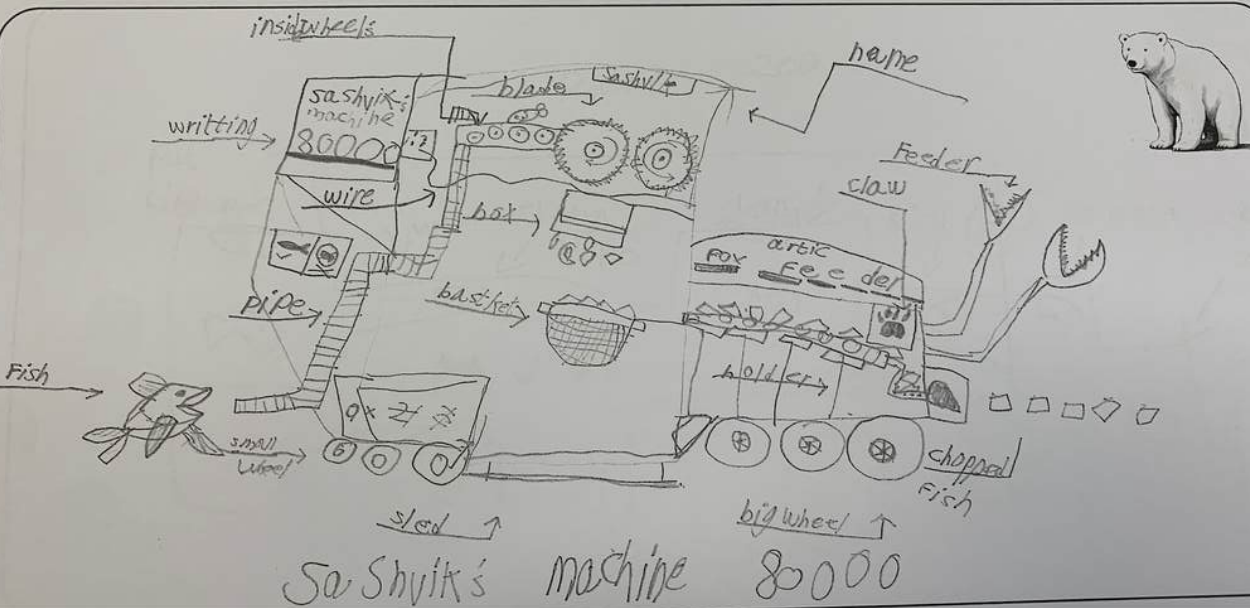
Year 1/2

We've had a fantastic start to our new English unit this week—Cracking Contraptions! The children have been bursting with creativity as they designed ingenious machines to feed an Arctic animal. They thought carefully about every step: how to find the food, how to cook it, and how to serve it up! We were so impressed by their inventive ideas and thoughtful planning. We can't wait to see what other cracking contraptions they come up with next!



Here is my design for a Cracking Contraption to help arctic animals find food.

The first part finds/catches the food... the second part prepares the food... the third part delivers the food to the animal.



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



Year 5/6

This week it has been our Year 5/6 production. We had two fantastic performances of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits': a tale full of camels, genies and royal rubies! The Year 6 children showed amazing acting, dancing and singing skills and the Year 5 children participated in a brilliant chorus. We hope that you all enjoyed watching it!



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



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

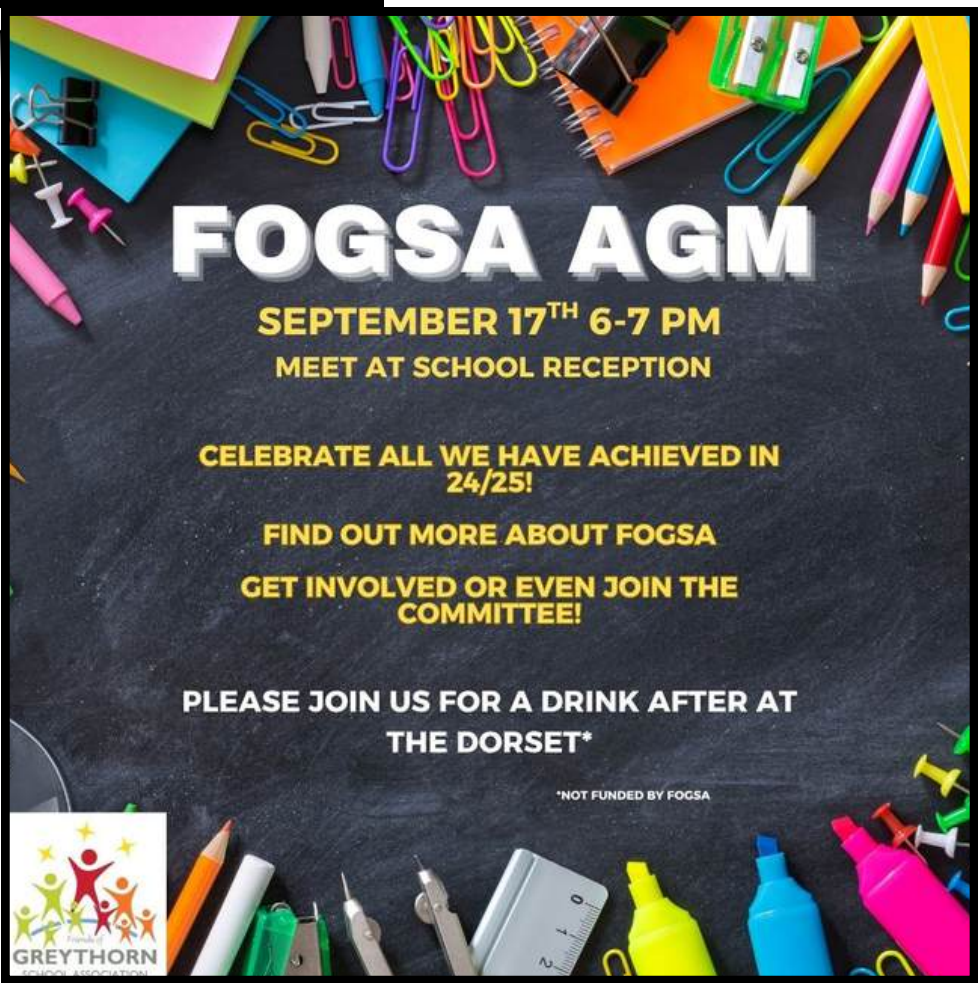
Additional information posted on Class Dojo.



WELCOME

ANNUAL MEETING

LET'S CELEBRATE




FOGSA AGM
SEPTEMBER 17TH 6-7 PM
MEET AT SCHOOL RECEPTION

CELEBRATE ALL WE HAVE ACHIEVED IN 24/25!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FOGSA
GET INVOLVED OR EVEN JOIN THE COMMITTEE!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DRINK AFTER AT THE DORSET*

*NOT FUNDED BY FOGSA



COMMUNITY



Adventures Await This Summer at Mill Waters!

School's out, and the real fun is just beginning! If you're looking for an unforgettable way to kick off the summer holidays, head to **Adventures at Mill Waters!**

Set by the tranquil King's Mill Reservoir, Adventures is packed with pulse-racing activities like our **100-metre zip line experience**, **High Trek ropes course** the ultimate adventure with swinging logs, tricky obstacles and zip wires, and **Net Park**.

Whether you're planning a family day out, or just looking to burn off some energy, this is the place to be. It's all about fresh air, confidence building, and making lifelong memories.

Get 15% off activities using the code '**SCHOOLSOUT15**'. *Standard booking terms and conditions apply.*

📍 Adventures, Kings Mill Reservoir, Sutton-in-Ashfield, NG17 4PA

🌐 <https://adventures.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>



MENU SUMMER TERM 2025

Menu

w/c
14 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 1
Week commencing
21 April, 12 May,
2 June, 23 June,
14 July,
1 Sept, 22 Sept,
13 October

Main

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita pizza <small>Soya Gluten Milk</small> with potato balls, baked beans & sweetcorn	Quorn <small>Milk Egg</small> with potato wedges & peas	Beef burger <small>Egg Sesame Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</small> OR Southern fried Quorn burger <small>Milk Egg Sesame Gluten</small> with French fries, pepper & cucumber sticks	Bangers & mash <small>Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</small> OR plant based sausage <small>Soya Sulphur Dioxide</small> with seasonal vegetables	MSC Fish portion <small>Fish</small> with oven chips, baked beans & peas
Pudding				
Chocolate Crispie <small>Gluten</small>	Yoghurt pot <small>Milk</small>	Fruit ice lolly	Vanilla sponge <small>Gluten Egg</small> with honey	Ice cream tub <small>Milk</small>

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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