



GREYTHORN PRIMARY

"Engaging hearts, equipping minds, opening doors"

Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter

29th July 2025

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUESDAY 29th JULY

Last Day of Term

6.45pm – 8.45pm Year 6 Party

**SUMMER
HOLIDAYS**

MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER & TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

INSET Day – School Closed

WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

First Day Back for Students

THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

Individual School Photos

WEDNESDAY 8th – MONDAY 13th OCTOBER

School Bookfair

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,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year!

A special goodbye goes to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. It has been a joy to watch you grow into confident, kind, and capable young people, ready for the exciting journey ahead.

You've truly lived our Greythorn values—showing resilience, responsibility, kindness, and respect—while creating lasting memories through your learning, friendships, and fun.

We are so proud of everything you have achieved. Keep believing in yourselves and remember: you'll always be part of our Greythorn family. Good luck, Year 6—go and shine!

To all our Greythorn children, we hope you can look back with pride at your amazing achievements and the fantastic progress you've made this year. Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back – reenergised and Greythorn ready to learn on Wednesday 3 September.

Mrs Carpenter

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



Foundation

To finish our amazing year in Foundation, we celebrated with lots of dancing and an ice cream party.



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



Year 1/2

On Monday afternoon, Year 1/2 were excited to share their 'Showcase of Learning'. We had a great turnout and the children were very proud to show their families some of the fantastic things they have been working on this term. The habitat boxes and clay Arctic animals made a wonderful display, and many children enjoyed sitting and reading with their grown-ups, as well as talking about the interesting things they have learned. We are so proud of all the children in Year 1 and Year 2 for their hard work this term and throughout the year!



Gardening Club

Gardening Club Success!

Well done to all the children in our Gardening Club for successfully growing our very own bananas! We're incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. Keep an eye on this space for an update on their progress in September.

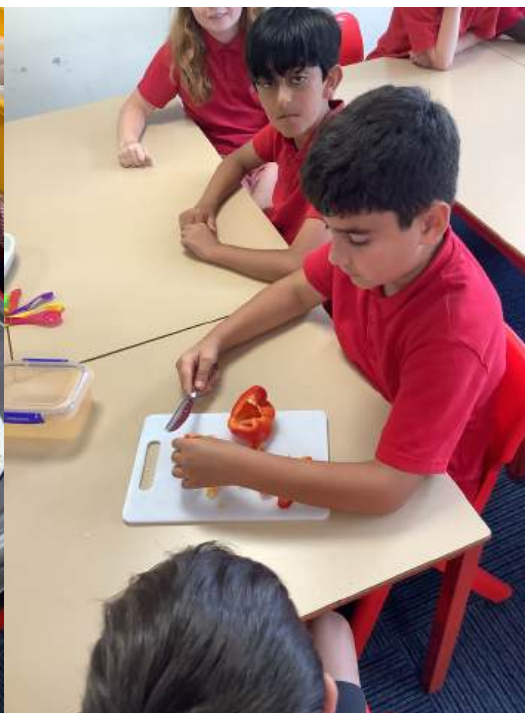


THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



Year 3/4

In Year 3/4, we were busy making our pasta bakes as our final DT project of the year. The children worked together to prepare their ingredients, follow their recipes and create a delicious dish. The results were fantastic and smelled amazing!



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Year 5/6

Year 5/6 had a great time building a 'trash mountain' on the field using old recycling from nearly a hundred households. Armed with litter pickers, and working in teams of four, we completed activities to sort the rubbish by colour, material, size and more. It was great fun and really interesting to learn exactly what gets recycled!



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Year 6 - York Residential

We had a fantastic week at the York residential. The children enjoyed a huge variety of visits from Eden Camp and York Minster to the Jorvik Viking Centre and The Chocolate Story. They enjoyed delicious food at the Youth Hostel and even had a day trip to Scarborough by train, where they built sand sculptures and visited the Sea Life Centre. We all had a great time, made even better by how well behaved, polite and respectful the children were and by the many compliments we received from members of the public, the Youth Hostel staff and museum staff. We are so proud of you, Year 6, and we hope you enjoyed making memories as much as we did!



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



YORK



RESIDENTIAL



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations!



Girl Football Team league winners

Year 6 were excited to hear that, not only did the girls win the Rushcliffe tournament, but they also won the League! Well done to all the girls who have represented Greythorn this year.



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations!

We are so proud of all our Summer Term Golden Greats winners.



HAPPY RETIREMENT

— HAPPY — Retirement



After 23 wonderful years at Greythorn, our much-loved and incredibly talented cook, Wendy, is retiring. Over the years, Wendy has lovingly prepared and served nearly 750,000 school lunches — an extraordinary achievement that reflects her dedication and care. Wendy's warm smile and kind heart have touched the lives of so many in our school community. She has greatly enjoyed her time at Greythorn, the length of her service says it all and we will miss her dearly. She has four beautiful grandchildren, who we are sure, will be keeping her very busy in the future. Wendy also enjoys pottering in the garden and watching all the Soaps on TV. More than just our cook, Wendy has been a cherished member of the Greythorn family. We wish her all the very best in her well-earned retirement, and hope it brings her as much joy as she has given to all of us.



thank
you



STAFF NEWS



GOOD LUCK!

Fond Farewell!

It is with a fond farewell that I share the news that Mrs Aslanford and Ms Chan will be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Aslanford is an incredible teaching assistant and we will miss her warm smile, caring nature and dedication. Ms Chan has been a fabulous midday assistant helping to care for the children at lunchtimes whilst having lots of fun. We will miss them both but wish them well as they embark on their next chapter.

FOGSA



FOGSA 2024/2025
We raised **3417.80!**

Thank you so much for all your support, volunteering, donating, baking cakes and attending our events!

Our Fundraisers

- Autumn, Spring and Summer Discos
- Autumn, Winter and Spring Trails
- Christmas cards
- Winter Fair
- Easter Chocolate Tombola
- Mothers' and Fathers' Day Gifts
- New Starters Coffee Morning
- Summer Family Picnic

What We Funded

- New Audiovisual system for the school hall
- Team Hoodies
- Greythorn Banner for competitions
- Year 6 Hoodies contribution
- Foundation book bags and bottle holders
- School club donations



FOGSA Initiatives

- Easyfundraising**
Shop with over 7,500 brands through the easyfundraising website, browser extension, or app, and a percentage of your spend will be donated to FOGSA – at no extra cost to you!
- Stikins**
Help support FOGSA whilst making sure any lost uniform gets back to you! When you order Stikins just quote our fundraising number **8595** and we receive commission at no extra charge to you!
- FOGSA Swap Shop**
This Facebook group is for Greythorn parents to post clothing or other items for donation or swap. If you receive an item, we kindly ask that you consider making a donation via ParentPay.
- Your School Lottery**
Lottery Tickets Just £1! There's a guaranteed cash winner at Greythorn Primary School every week, plus a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!
- Preloved Uniform Sale**
Bring any clean, outgrown uniforms in good condition to School Reception. They will be added to our preloved uniform rail, where items can be purchased for £1 each.
- ParentPay Donation**
You can make a donation any time through ParentPay by selecting the 'FOGSA Donation' item and adding how much you would like to donate.

To keep up to date with all our initiatives and see how your donations benefit our students visit our website:



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COMMUNITY




Relax Refresh Restore



Drop-in club for children in reception to year 2 and their parents/guardians

Making space in our busy lives to pause, regulate and be refreshed

Breathing exercises
Free drink and snack
Sensory toys
Time to unwind
Space to talk

2nd & 4th Mondays
3:45pm - 4.30pm

Sept 8th / 22nd • Oct 13th • Nov 10th / 24th • Dec 8th
(There is no charge for these sessions and no booking is required. No session in half term)

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SUMMER WORKSHOP

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4 - 8 AUGUST

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ENROL NOW



Join us for an exciting performance workshop where children will have fun, make new friends and enjoy an unforgettable 5 days of creativity and learning! For aged 6 - 18 years.

Age: 6 - 18 years
Time: Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 16.00
Performance: Fri, 15.30
Cost: £175 (£150 Sibling)

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Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS SUMMER SESSIONS

Supporting Children and their Families

Local families are invited to exciting story and art sessions, running in libraries across Nottinghamshire over the summer.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

The sessions, run by Nottinghamshire Healthcare's Mental Health Support Teams are aimed at children aged 5-9 and plan to support mental health in a fun and engaging way.

The team will be reading some favourite stories about growing in confidence, celebrating strengths and highlighting how to keep going when facing challenges. They'll be sharing tips on how to manage feelings and making art to support wellbeing.

WHAT DO THE TEAMS DO?

Our CAMHS Mental Health Support Team, during term time, work in schools across Nottinghamshire, providing support for children, young people and families around emotional wellbeing needs, such as anxiety, low mood, managing emotions, and sleep.

You can find out the details about the library summer sessions on our website:
<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/camhs-mental-health-support-teams-summer-sessions>

COTGRAVE LIBRARY	Wednesday 30 July 10am-12:00
KIRBY IN ASHFIELD LIBRARY	Thursday 7 August 9am-3pm
MANSFIELD LIBRARY	Thurs 7 and Thurs 21 August 11am -2pm
BEESTON LIBRARY	Wednesday 13 August 10:30am -12:00
BINGHAM LIBRARY	Tuesday 19 August 10:30am -12:30pm
WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY	Wednesday 20 August 10:00am-2:00pm

We'd encourage all local families to come along to the sessions to meet our friendly team. We're really looking forward to meeting and supporting lots of children and their families in a fun way.





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

Friday

9.15AM - 10.15AM

19th September

3rd October

17th October

HALF TERM

14th November

28th November

12th December



Please email/telephone to reserve your place

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.



7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.



8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.



9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.



10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.



Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College