



GREYTHORN PRIMARY

"Engaging hearts, equipping minds, opening doors"

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

10th October 2025

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER

Open morning for Sept 26 parents

MONDAY 13th OCTOBER

3.30pm School Book Fair

WEDNESDAY 15th OCTOBER

Year 1/2 Partake History- The Great Fire of London

FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER

Toddler Stay & Play

WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER

School Disco

5pm - 5.45pm FS & Year 1/2

6pm - 7pm Year 3/4/5/6

MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Year 5/6 The National Holocaust Museum



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As autumn settles in and the leaves begin to turn, we are nearing the end of the first half-term which continues to be filled with fresh opportunities for learning and growth. The crisp air and golden colours remind us of the beauty of change and here at Greythorn, we're continuing to embrace the season with enthusiasm, curiosity and purpose.

Enjoy reading this week's newsletter and all the highlights it brings!

Mrs Carpenter

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



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

CHOOSE kindness



I am kind



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Foundation

This week in Foundation, we have been learning about the importance of kindness and how the little things we say and do can make a big difference. We've discovered that when we show care, appreciation, and respect for others, we help to "fill their bucket" and make them feel valued and happy—and at the same time, we fill our own bucket too! On the other hand, unkind actions or words can "dip" into buckets and take away joy. The children have been practising ways they can be bucket fillers each day, building a classroom community that is caring, positive, and supportive for everyone.



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Year 1/2

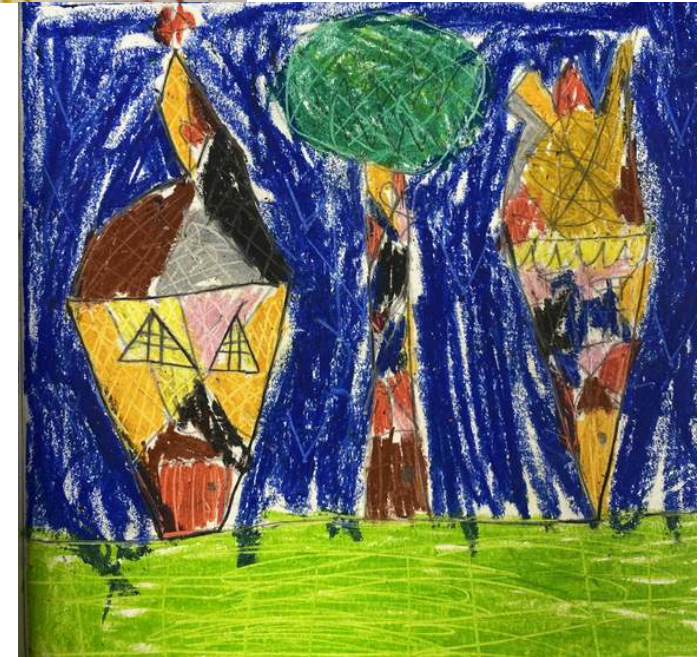
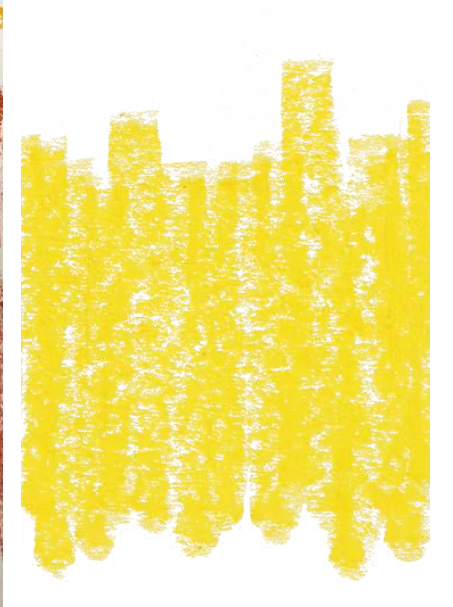
Our work this half term was based around using a range of materials and drawing techniques in the style of different artists. Our final piece was in the style of Tom Fedro. We used oil pastels, pencil, pen and scraping techniques to produce the final drawing.



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ART

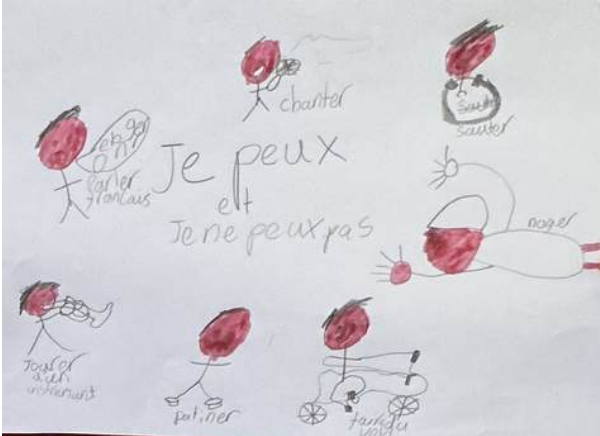


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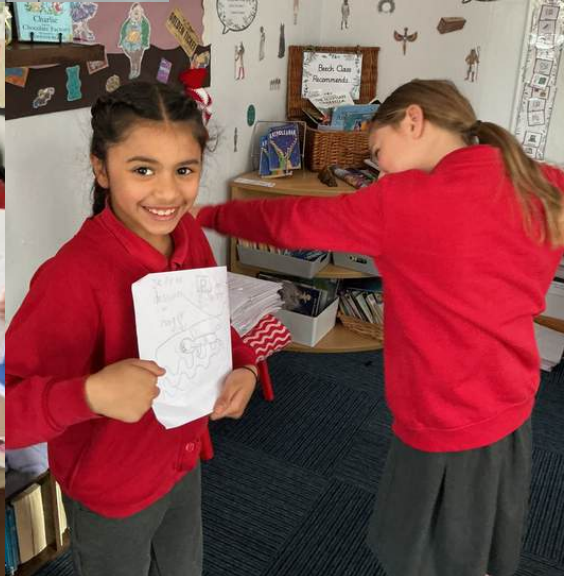
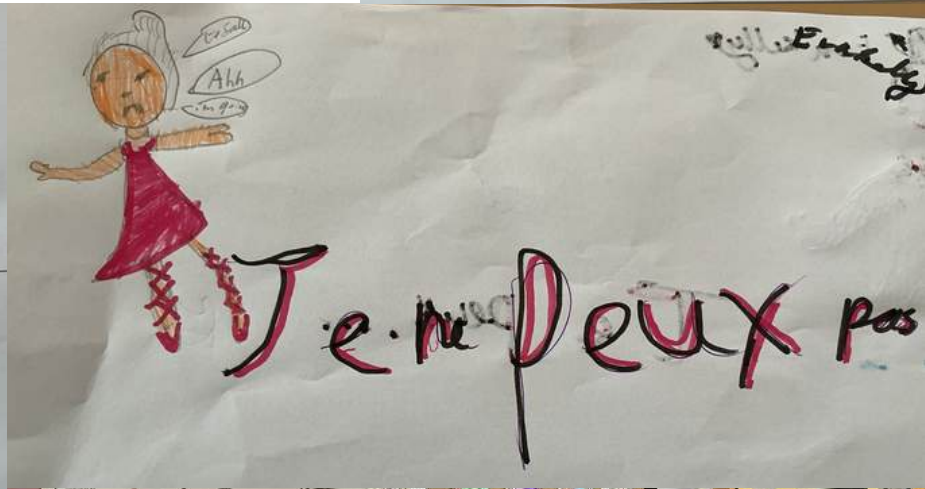
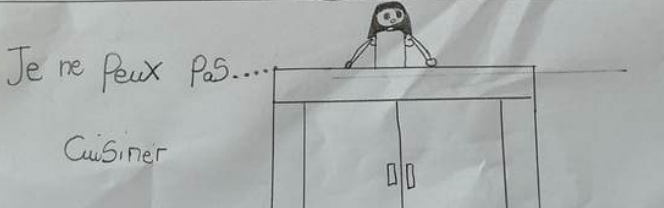
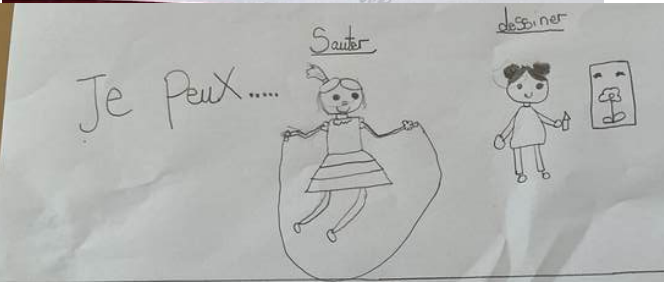
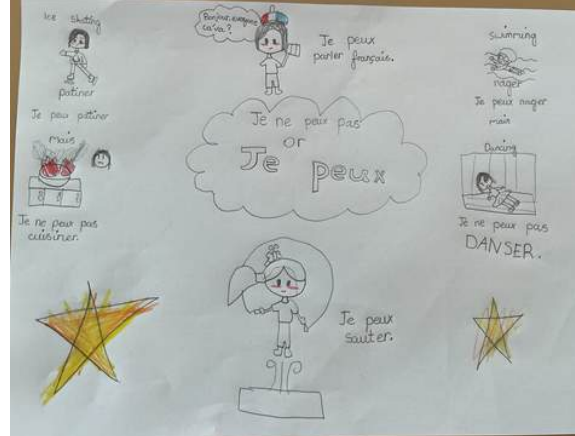
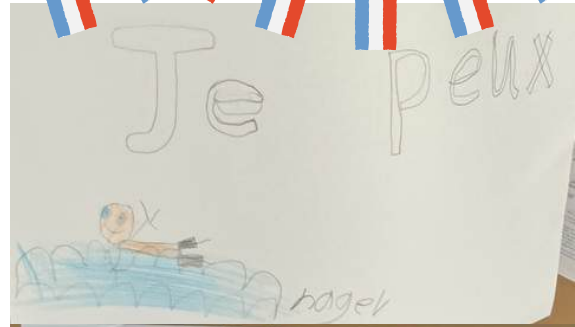
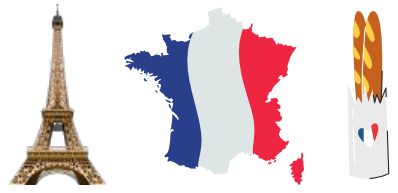


Year 3/4

This week in Year 3/4, pupils have been bringing together everything they've learned so far in our French unit. Using the phrases 'Je peux' (I can) and 'Je ne peux pas' (I cannot), they confidently formed sentences to describe activities they are able or unable to do. They created vibrant posters and some added actions to bring their sentences to life!



FRENCH



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

VOTE!

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SCHOOL COUNCIL VOTES

This week, we had our school council nominations. Lots of children applied and gave some fantastic speeches. Each class had the chance to vote democratically on their chosen winners.



Congratulations

MENU AUTUMN TERM 2025

Menu

w/c
13 October 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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Margherita pizza Soya Gluten Milk with potato balls, baked beans & sweetcorn	BBQ cheesy chicken Milk OR Quorn Milk Egg with potato wedges & peas	Beef burger Egg Sesame Gluten Sulphur Dioxide OR Southern fried Quorn burger Milk Egg Sesame Gluten with French fries, pepper & cucumber sticks	Bangers & mash Gluten Sulphur Dioxide OR plant based sausage Soya Sulphur Dioxide with seasonal vegetables	MSC Fish portion Fish with oven chips, baked beans & peas OR Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg
 pudding Chocolate Crispie Gluten	Yoghurt pot Milk	Gingerbread cookie Gluten	Vanilla sponge Gluten Egg with honey	Ice cream tub Milk

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FOOD HYGIENE RATING
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SCHOOL NOTICES

ATTENTION

IMPORTANT

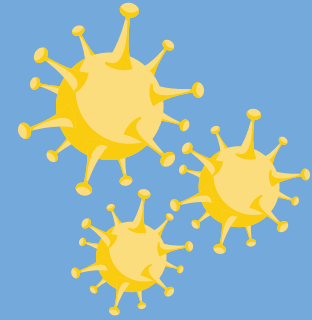
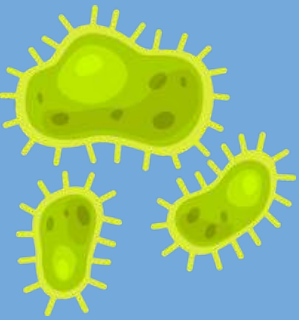
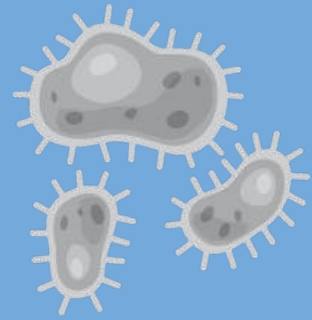
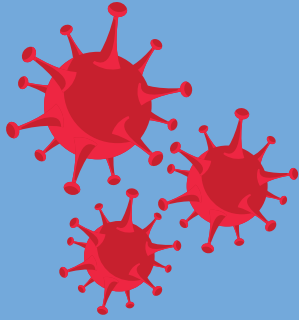


Year 6 parents Secondary School applications

Please be aware that the secondary transfer form needs completing online by 31st October. It is really important that you complete all 4 school choices on your application form. In the past we have had children placed at Hall Park in Eastwood and Chilwell School because their parents didn't put 4 local choices. If you need any help or advice, please contact Mrs Parkin or Mrs Cox.



SCHOOL NOTICES



DON'T FORGET

In line with our school's sickness policy, children must remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. If the 48-hour period ends during the school day – for example, at 10am – your child is welcome to return for the afternoon session, provided they are feeling well enough. Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St Paul's Church News

Messy Church is on Saturday 18th and is an afternoon of free arts, crafts, Bible story, songs and a meal for younger children. (We can cater for most special dietary requirements)

<https://stpaulsboundaryroad.churchsuite.com/events/svcwm17q>

Over half term we have Craft Club and Youth Space on Mondays and Tuesdays (20th/21st and 27th/28th).

Craft Club is a drop in play and art/craft session for younger ones and Youth Space is a place for older children (year 6 - 13) to hang out, socialise and relax with a free drink and games.

We also have a Movie Night on 25th October when we're screening the original Ghostbusters film on our big projector screens. All are welcome as long as children are accompanied by an adult. (The film is a 12A rating with some scary scenes).

St Paul's is an Inclusive Church and we welcome all children to our events, including those with additional needs and differing requirements. We're happy to hear from families about how we can best make space for them.



Café on the Corner

School Holidays

Mondays & Tuesdays:

2025: Oct 20th/21st/27th/28th • Dec 22nd
2026: Feb 16th/17th • Mar 30th/31st • Apr 7th • May 26th
Aug 3rd/4th/10th/11th/17th/18th/24th/25th

9.30-11am
Craft Club
Free art, craft and play sessions for younger children to enjoy with their parents and carers

11.30am-12.30pm
YOUTH SPACE
Drop-in sessions for those in y6 - y13 with free hot chocolate or cold drink, space to chill with friends and play table tennis or board games

Get in touch: stpaulschurchconnector@outlook.com

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Café on the Corner

Free

Craft Club

Art, craft and play sessions in the school holidays for children to enjoy with their parents and carers

9.30 - 11am
on these Mondays and Tuesdays:

2025
October 20th/21st: Harvest & Autumn
October 27th/28th: Fireworks
December 22nd: Christmas Crafts

2026
February 16th/17th: Winter Snow
March 30th/31st: Growing seeds, Plants & Painting
April 7th: Growing seeds, Plants & Painting
May 26th: Animals
August 3rd/4th/10th/11th/17th/18th/24th/25th:
The Beach, Vehicles, Space and Sensory Toys

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We're busy planning the Winter Fair. This year, based on your feedback, we will aim to extend it into the key stage 2 playground to reduce crowding. We are currently on the lookout for some fabulous raffle prizes! If you have anything you could donate, or work for a company that could either donate or sponsor a raffle prize please get in touch with us at fogsaemail@gmail.com. If you have any ideas or suggestions for stalls, or would generously like to donate your time to make this a fabulous event, please also drop us an e-mail.





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AWAITS YOU
AND YOUR CHILDREN**



*WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE
IN DEVELOPING HAPPY
CHILDREN WHO
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**COME AND SEE
OUR
WONDERFUL
SCHOOL**

OPEN DAYS

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 10AM - 12 NOON

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 9.30AM - 11.30AM

SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY 10AM - 12 NOON

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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

17th October

HALF TERM

14th November

28th November

12th December



Please email/telephone to reserve your place

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26



Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

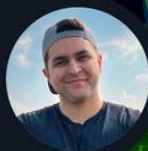
As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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