



GREYTHORN PRIMARY

"Engaging hearts, equipping minds, opening doors"

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

21st November 2025

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Year 5/6 Holocaust Museum

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day

TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER

Foundation Singalong

WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER

PM - Year 1/2 Christmas Nativity

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

AM - Year 1/2 Christmas Nativity

Foundation Singalong

FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER

4pm - 6pm School Winter Fair

TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER

Carol Concert

THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER

Y3/4/5/6 Savoy Cinema

2025/26 TERM DATES

Autumn Term

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: 23 Feb, 22 May, 27 July



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another exciting week filled with learning and activities!

This week marked the beginning of rehearsals for the Foundation classes' Christmas singalong and the Year 1/2 Christmas performance. The hall and classrooms have come alive with the sound of festive singing as enthusiastic classes practice their songs and start learning their lines!

On Monday, Year 3/4 made a grand entrance through the school gates in their stunning Ancient Greek costumes—what a sight to see! Keep reading to discover all the amazing things they got up to throughout the day.

Mrs Carpenter



CHILDREN IN NEED



THANK YOU



Children in Need Fundraising

Thank you very much for all your support with our fundraising for Children in Need. We are delighted to share that the school raised an amazing **£1,520.92!** A huge thank you to Miss Hud for her hard work in organising all the fantastic activities each year, and to Mrs Parkin for organising the cake sale and inviting Pudsey to visit the school.

Colouring Competition Winners



Sycamore - Evie L - **OVERALL**

Yew - Yutika

Silver Birch - Imaan

Beech - Olivia T

Rowan - Noor

Holly - Kaka

Willow - Sienna

Oak - Akein

Maple - Mira - **OVERALL**

Elm - Robyn

Pine - Chimamanda

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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

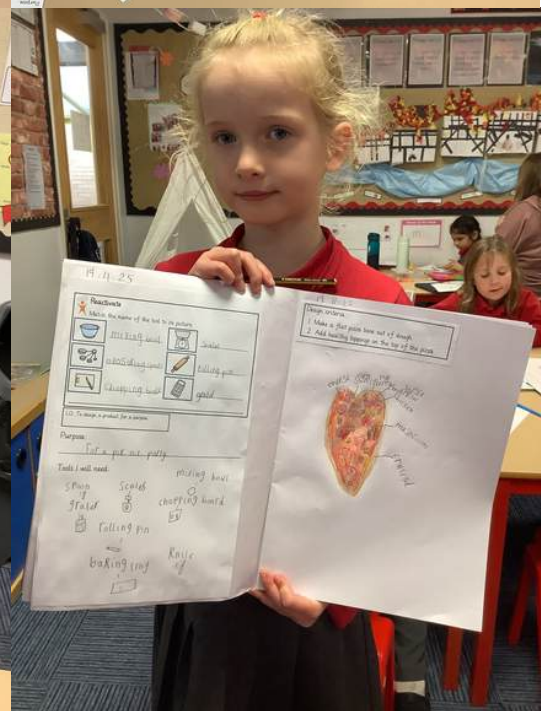
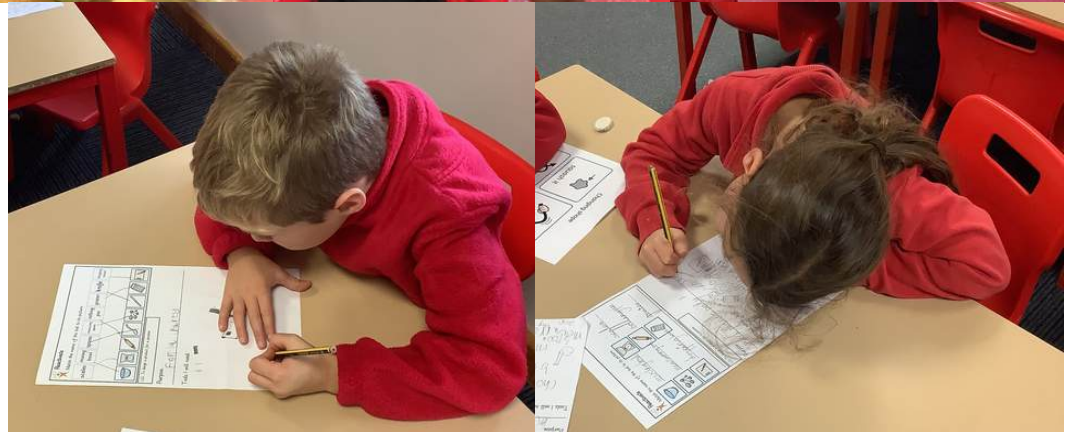
Foundation

This week in Foundation, we've been exploring capacity through lots of hands-on activities. The children have been learning how to describe containers as *full*, *half full*, *nearly full*, *nearly empty*, and *empty*, and have been experimenting with different ways to measure and compare how much objects can hold. Using water, sand, and a variety of containers, they've been investigating which items have the greatest capacity and testing their predictions.



Year 1/2

This week in DT, Year 1/2 had a great time designing their very own healthy pizza! The children thought carefully about how they could make their pizza healthy. Some chose vegetables and some chose pineapple! Look out in a few weeks time to see our delicious pizza products!



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Year 3/4

What a fantastic Ancient Greek day!

This week, the children delved into the fascinating world of Greek culture. They explored the art of Greek pottery, tried their hands at designing their own Greek vases, and even created beautiful laurel wreath headdresses.

We wrapped up the day by watching the opening scenes of Hercules, which we'll pick up again later in the term. The children made great connections to the Greek gods and mythical creatures, bringing the ancient myths to life.

We're so excited to continue this journey of learning throughout the half term!



HERCULES



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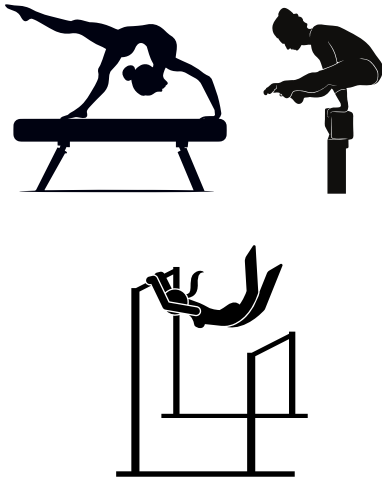
Year 5/6

A group of Year 6s completed their BikeAbility course this week. They learnt all about road safety, gears and the correct riding techniques for both roads and cycle lanes.



MEET OUR TEAM

MR PRICE



I am the Site Manager for Greythorn. I originally trained as an electronics and telecommunications engineer but later retrained as a software engineer.

I have also worked as a workforce coordinator for British Gymnastics, where I was fortunate to work at some major Gymnastics sporting events, including a European Championships and Two World Championships, meeting many famous Gymnasts. Prior to working at Greythorn I was at Notts Gymnastics Academy, where I also coached for 25 years.

I am interested in most sports, mainly watching these days,. I particularly like football, cricket, and F1. I'm a Forest fan but I no longer hold a season ticket. Other interests I have are reading and listening to music.

Both my daughters were pupils at Greythorn in the 1990's, and I also have a new grandson.



FOGSA

Congratulations to Finlay Denning for the expert sleuthing in uncovering Jack Frost as the thief of the Harvest Scarecrow in our Autumn Trail! We hope you enjoy your prize.





WINTER FAIR

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025
4-6 PM

SEARCH THROUGH THE SNOW FOR A CHANCE TO HAVE
HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD!
INDULGE IN MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES
FESTIVE TRANSFER TATTOOS
RAFFLE
CHOCOLATE & TOY TOMBOLA
SURPRISE BAGS
GAMES
WHEELBARROW OF WINE

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Week

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My School Menu

Winter 2025 - 2026

Week commencing

3rd November, 24th November,

15th December, 5th January,

26th January, 9th March

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	<p>Margherita pizza <i>Soya Gluten Milk</i> with potato balls, baked beans & sweetcorn</p>	<p>All day brunch Nottinghamshire sausage <i>Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</i> & bacon OR Plant based sausage <i>Soya Sulphur Dioxide</i> with hash browns, baked beans & scrambled eggs <i>Egg Milk</i></p>	<p>Beef burger <i>Egg Sesame Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</i> OR Southern fried Quorn burger <i>Milk Egg Sesame Gluten</i> with French fries, pepper & cucumber sticks</p>	<p>Bangers & mash <i>Gluten Sulphur Dioxide</i> OR plant based sausage <i>Soya Sulphur Dioxide</i> with seasonal vegetables</p>	<p>MSC Fish portion <i>Fish Gluten</i> OR Fishless fingers <i>Gluten</i> with oven chips, baked beans & peas</p>
Pudding	<p>Chocolate Crispie <i>Gluten</i></p>	<p>Yoghurt pot <i>Milk</i></p>	<p>Gingerbread cookie <i>Gluten</i></p>	<p>Iced sprinkle muffin <i>Gluten</i></p>	<p>Ice cream tub <i>Milk</i></p>

Menu

w/c

24 November 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.

FOOD HYGIENE RATING

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VERY GOOD



**A VERY WARM WELCOME
AWAITS YOU
AND YOUR CHILDREN**



*WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE
IN DEVELOPING HAPPY
CHILDREN WHO
BELIEVE IN
THEMSELVES.*

**COME AND SEE
OUR
WONDERFUL
SCHOOL**

OPEN DAYS

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

28th November

12th December



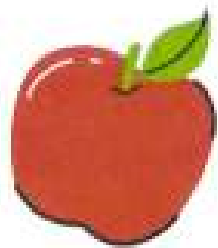
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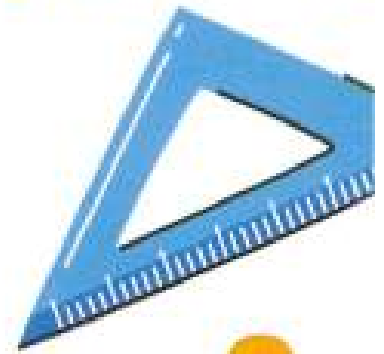
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Miss school... **MISS OUT**



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Term-time holidays can be a downer

The School Blues: Why Term-Time Holidays Can Be a Downer

It might seem like a great idea to take your kids on a family holiday during the school term, but the reality can be quite different. For many children, returning to school after a term-time holiday can be a worrying experience. Here's why...

Disruption to Learning: Missing school days can disrupt their learning pattern and make it harder to keep up with their friends.

Social Isolation: Being away from school can lead to feelings of loneliness and can disrupt friendships.

Anxiety and Stress: The fear of falling behind, the pressure to catch up and the loss of friendships can cause anxiety and stress.

Prioritise your child's education and well-being to help their long-term success. By avoiding term-time holidays, you are helping your child to maintain a positive and stress-free learning experience.

#SchoolHolidaysNotTermTimeHolidays
#InvestInYourChildsFuture

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.

