



GREYTHORN PRIMARY

"Engaging hearts, equipping minds, opening doors"

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

5th December 2025

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

 Winter jumper with uniform
4pm - 6pm School Winter Fair

TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER

Carol Concert

THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER

Y3/4/5/6 Savoy Cinema

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

Last day of Autumn Term

MONDAY 11th - THURSDAY 14 MAY

KS2 SATS 2026

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 was wonderful to see so many festive jumpers and outfits coming through the gate today! A big thank you to all parents and carers for your generous donations of chocolates, games, and toys. The Winter Fair is shaping up to be another fantastic FOGSA event and we hope you'll join us next Friday at 4 pm.

Reminder

For the remaining Fridays leading up to the holidays, children can wear their festive winter jumpers with their school uniform!

Mrs Carpenter



SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you, Greythorn, for your generosity towards the Shoebox appeal. We collected over 25 full shoe boxes that will be much appreciated by those that receive them. Thank you also to the group of helpers who wrapped boxes at lunchtime.



THANK YOU



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



Foundation
This week in Foundation, we have been continuing our learning about festivals and celebrations. We looked at the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi and how it is celebrated. The children enjoyed making their own flags and playing the drums in the style of a tabla.



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Year 3/4

This week in Year 3/4, we have been making our Greek salads! We washed and prepared the vegetables and other ingredients that we chose to put in them to take home.



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Year 5/6

This week, in Learning for Life, the children discussed what makes a successful balanced and diverse society and what some of the barriers to success might be. We discussed things from a financial and skills-based perspective and then linked it with identity and uniqueness. The children made individual jigsaw pieces that represent themselves as part of a whole class (society) listing their strengths and their uniqueness.



Parking

Recently, it has been reported that cars have been parking irresponsibly on Hyde Park Close and Regent Park Close. Please do not park in these areas. Our goal is to foster a friendly and supportive community, so we kindly ask that you park safely and considerately when dropping off or picking up your children.

Avoid blocking drives, entrances, yellow lines, or dropped kerbs, as parking in these spots is illegal and could result in a fine from local enforcement. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safety of our pupils and community by parking responsibly.

Also, please do not park on the drive or come down into the car park for Wrap Around or clubs because the driveway is shared with pedestrians.

Please



FOGSA



YOUR CHILD BROUGHT HOME A SURPRISE BAG (PAPER BAG) THIS WEEK!

THIS BAG IS TO BE DECORATED BY YOUR CHILD AND FILLED WITH SURPRISES. THE BAG WILL THEN BE SOLD AT THE WINTER FAIR ON FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER.

ALL BAGS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BETWEEN WEDNESDAY 10TH AND THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER.

CONTENTS OF THE BAG SHOULD BE NUT FREE. SECOND-HAND TOYS ARE ACCEPTABLE AS LONG AS THEY'RE IN GOOD CONDITION.

BAGS WILL BE RESOLD FOR £2.50 AND IF YOUR BAG IS GENDER SPECIFIC PLEASE LABEL IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
FOGSA.



We can't wait to see you all at our Winter Fair next Friday! We are still short on volunteers and may not be able to run all the stalls without your generous help and support. If you can spare just 30 mins to cover a stall, please sign up at:

<https://volunteersignup.org/47X4H>



GREYTHORN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

WINTER FAIR DONATIONS

SURPRISE BAGS
Fill a surprise bag at home with small goodies (treats, toys, books etc).

CAKE STALL
Love to bake cakes?
All nut-free homemade donations are welcome.

WHEELBARROW OF WINE
Parents, please bring wine donations to the school office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Can you spare 30 mins to manage a stall?
Sign up using the link below.
<https://volunteersignup.org/47X4H>

PLEASE BRING IN DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FROM 9-11TH DECEMBER.
CAKE DONATIONS TO BE BROUGHT IN ON THE MORNING OF THE FAIR (12TH)

GREYTHORN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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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Christmas

WEEK 2025!

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<p>Festive pizza Gluten Soya Milk with potato balls & crunchy vegetable sticks</p>	<p>Hot dog Gluten Sesame Sulphur Dioxide OR Plant based sausage Soya Sulphur Dioxide Gluten Sesame with tomato ketchup, jacket wedges, BBQ baked beans & sweetcorn</p>	<p>Turkey, chipolata sausage Gluten Sulphur Dioxide, OR Quorn Milk Egg stuffing Gluten with roast or mashed potatoes, carrots, brussels sprouts, roast parsnips & gravy</p>	<p>Cheesy tomato pasta Gluten Milk Mustard Soya with garlic bread Gluten Milk Soya, carrot & cucumber sticks</p>	<p>Fish finger wrap Gluten Fish OR Fishless finger wrap Gluten with French fries, sweetcorn & peas</p>
<p>Iced sprinkle cookie Gluten</p>	<p>Honey cake & custard Gluten Egg Milk Milk</p>	<p>Festive ice cream tub Milk</p>	<p>Classic 'school' cake Gluten Egg</p>	<p>Chocolate flapjack Gluten</p>

FOOD HYGIENE RATING

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VERY GOOD



COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Craft Club

9.30-11am

Free art, craft and play sessions for younger children to enjoy with their parents and carers



Holiday Hangouts!
Monday 22nd December

Free drink
GAMES
space to chill

**YOUTH
SPACE**

11.30am-12.30pm
Drop-in sessions for those in y6 - y13

Get in touch: st.paulschurchconnector@outlook.com

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**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

12th December



Please email/telephone to reserve your place

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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