



GREYTHORN PRIMARY

"Engaging hearts, equipping minds, opening doors"

Spring Term

Weekly Newsletter

6th March 2026

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 9th MARCH

British Science Week

TUESDAY 10th MARCH

The Book Bus is visiting Greythorn
Parents Evening

THURSDAY 12th MARCH

Parents Evening

FRIDAY 13th MARCH

8.15am - 8.45am Mothers Day
Reading Cafe

MONDAY 16th MARCH

Year 5/6 National Space Centre

FRIDAY 20th MARCH

Red Nose Day
(*'Wear Something Funny for
Money'* online donation)

FRIDAY 27th MARCH

2.50pm Easter Parade

TUESDAY 28th - 30th APRIL

Year 3/4 Ilam Hall

MONDAY 11th - 14th MAY

KS2 SATS 2026

2025/26 TERM DATES

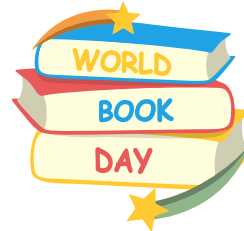
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24 February - 27 March 2026

Summer Term

13 April - 21 May 2026

1 June - 24 July 2026



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day!

The children looked fantastic in their World Book Day outfits and spent the day fully immersed in the joy of reading. They explored the work of different authors, shared stories through paired-class reading and enjoyed a range of fun, book-themed activities. It was wonderful to see their excitement and enthusiasm as they celebrated the magic of books and the love of reading together.

We look forward to seeing you all at next week's parents' meetings!

Mrs Carpenter



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



SCIENCE



On the week commencing **9th March**, we will be celebrating British Science Week.

The theme of the week is, 'Curiosity: what's your question?'

This theme is all about getting us thinking about what we most want to know about the world, and how we could find out. Curiosity is at the heart of science! All scientific discoveries and advancements have come from a spark of curiosity.

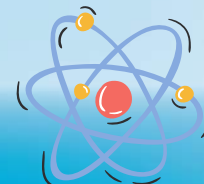
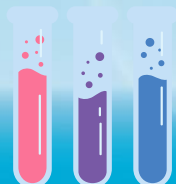
Over the course of the week, we will be coming up with questions as well as doing lots of exciting science activities and hands on investigations.

We would love for you to get involved at home as well. Please see the post on Class Dojo for a variety of experiment ideas. It would be fantastic if you could have a go at some of these experiments (or your own!) between now and the end of British Science Week. We would love to see how everyone has been demonstrating curiosity! Please share your questions and explorations on ClassDojo by sending them to me (Miss Mason). All the children who share their explorations on ClassDojo will receive a prize and some of the children will have the opportunity to share their investigations and observations in our assembly on **Monday 9th March**.

If you are a scientist or work in the science field and would like to talk to your child's class about your work, please also get in touch! We would love to hear from you!

The Nottinghamshire Festival of Science and Curiosity is also currently underway this week and next week (half term). Please see the website if you would like further information or to get involved: <https://nottsfosac.co.uk/>

Happy investigating!



THE BOOK BUS



Visit from The Book Bus!

Next Tuesday (**10th March**) The Book Bus will be visiting Greythorn! The children will get a chance to visit the bus with their classes throughout the day to listen to stories and have a look at the books.

If you would like to purchase a book(s) then we will be opening the gates from **8.30-9.15am** and then again at **3.30-4pm** for you to look at the books with your child. Your child will need to go into school as normal at 8.50am but you are then free to look at the books until 9.15am if you wish.

Children in KS2 (Y3-Y6) are also able to purchase books during the school day when their class visit the bus. They can bring a small amount of money in a named envelope or purchase one of the online vouchers here <https://thebookbus.co.uk/products/the-book-bus-gift-card-15> if you would prefer. If you are unable to print the voucher, then you can just note down the code for your child to use.

The school will receive 15% commission on any books sold which will go directly to boosting our school library and class reading corners.

MOTHER'S DAY READING CAFE

We warmly invite all Mums and Grandmas
(one adult per child)



Mother's Day Reading Cafe
in your child's classroom
Friday 13th March
8.15am - 8.45am
Come along and enjoy
reading with your child



RED NOSE DAY



COMIC RELIEF – RED NOSE DAY 2026

On **Friday 20th March**, we are holding a 'Wear Something Funny for Money' non-uniform day in support of Comic Relief. Children are invited to come to school wearing something funny in return for a donation. The minimum online donation is £2.

If you would like to donate less than £2, children are welcome to team up with friends or combine donations with siblings to reach the minimum amount.

We are **CASHLESS** for Comic Relief so please follow the link below to donate online for your child to take part.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-greythorn-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020

It could be a whole outfit or just an item. Here are some suggestions:

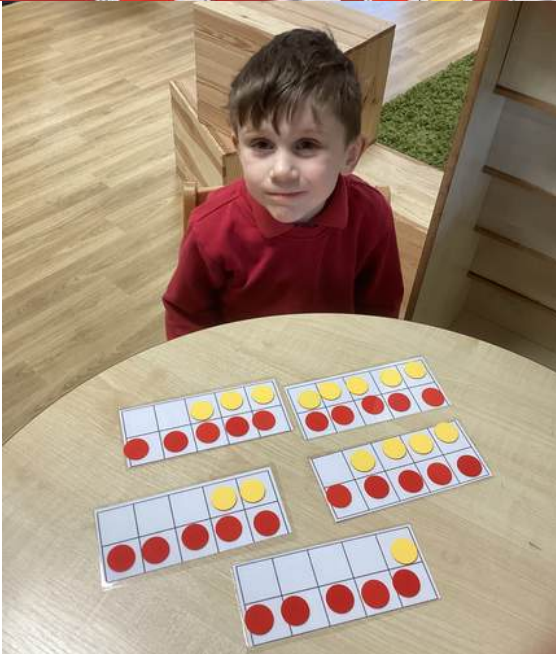
- pyjamas
- a onesie
- inside out clothes
- socks over trousers
- bright colours
- crazy hair style
- novelty wigs or glasses

Thank you for your continued support in helping us raise money for this fantastic cause!

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Foundation

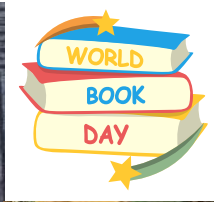
The children in Foundation have been busy applying their mathematical knowledge and becoming confident young mathematicians. They have been exploring the idea of composition and using a range of methods to represent numbers, including dice frames and ten frames.



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Year 1/2

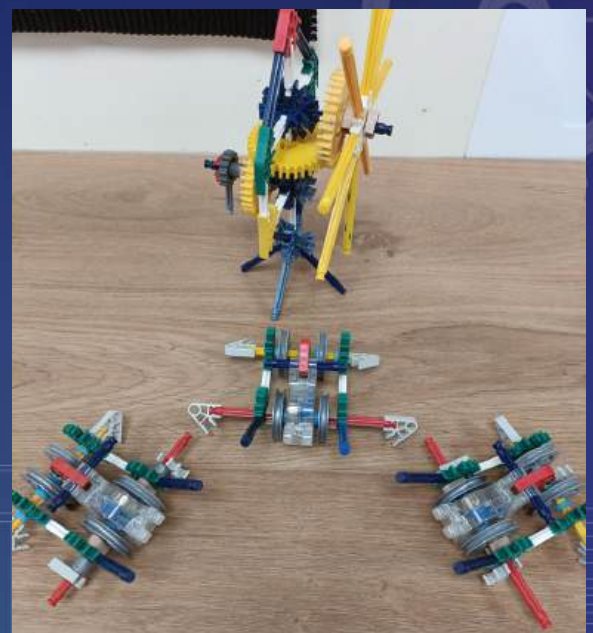
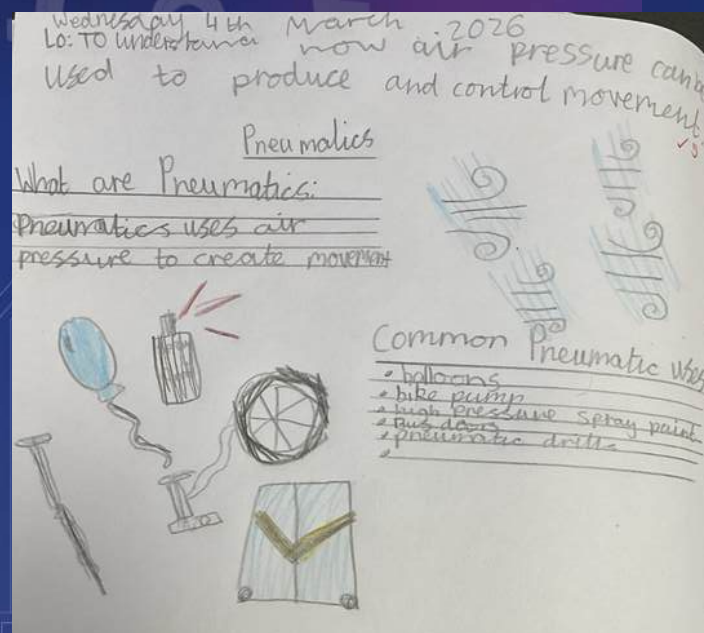
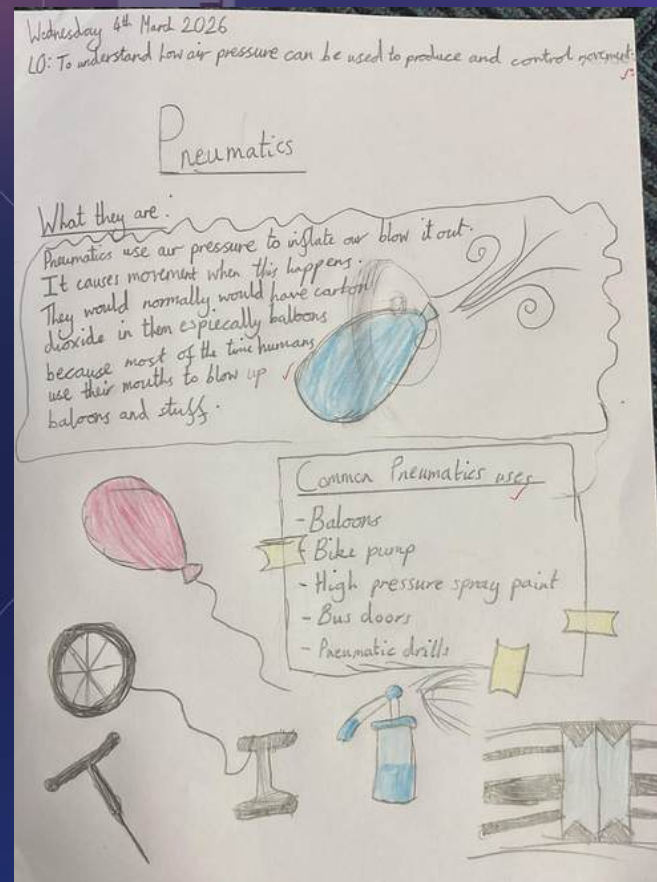
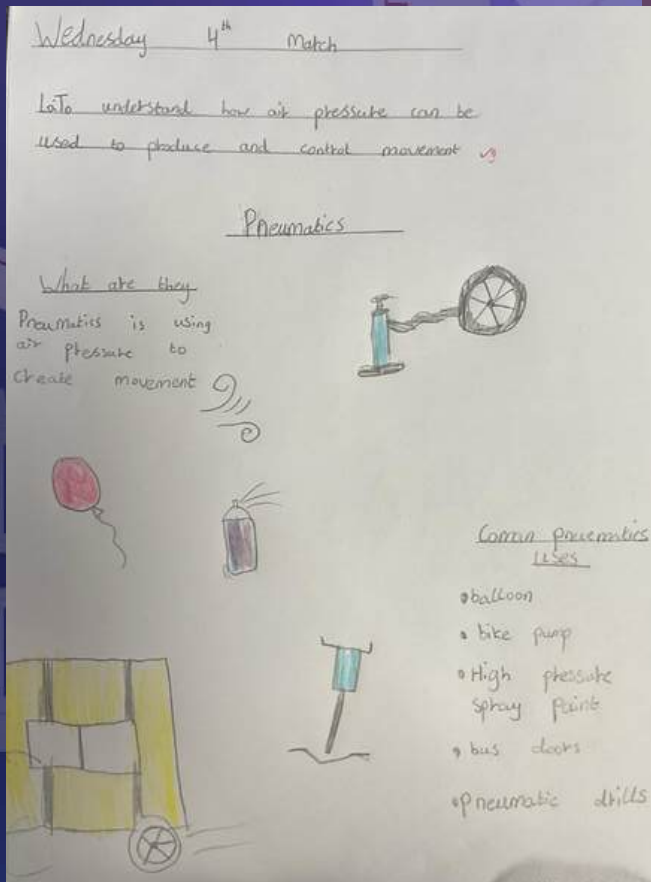
The children in Key Stage One had a fantastic time on World Book Day! They enjoyed a mix up morning with the children in Foundation Stage where they made bookmarks, designed book characters, made Mr Men and Little Miss paper plate characters, went on a book scavenger hunt and made their own Supertato pictures! In the afternoon, we enjoyed meeting up with some children in Year 5/6 to share books together.



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Year 3/4

In Year 3/4 this week, we started our DT unit on pneumatics. This week, we created posters all about what pneumatics are and their common uses. We look forward to seeing the moving models that the pupils make throughout the unit!



Year 5/6

Year 5/6 have been learning about gears and mechanisms in DT. We looked at how a spring motor could work on a toy car and then tested them out, discussing ways to improve them for next week's "Phase 2" designs.

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 & Yorkshire pudding <i>Gluten Egg Milk 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>

FOOD HYGIENE RATING

0 1 2 3 4 **5**

VERY GOOD



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

20th March



Please email/telephone to reserve your place



EASTER



HOLIDAY CLUB VENUES

OPERATING FROM MONDAY 30TH MARCH UNTIL FRIDAY 10TH APRIL
EXCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY AND BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

GREYTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL - NG2 7GH
8 DAYS AVAILABLE TO BOOK

MANOR PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL - NG14 6JZ
7 DAYS AVAILABLE TO BOOK

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT INFANTS - NG12 2GA
8 DAYS AVAILABLE TO BOOK

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST COLWICK - NG4 2ED
7 DAYS AVAILABLE TO BOOK

WEST BRIDGFORD JUNIORS - NG2 6DB
7 DAYS AVAILABLE TO BOOK

WILLOW FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL - NG4 4BN
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Parking

Please do not use **Hyde Park Close** to park on or for dropping off. The road does not have a pavement and it is not safe to be manoeuvring around pedestrians in such a small space. The same applies to **Uppingham Crescent**. Please do not park on this road or on the pavement. Pavement parking leaves very little space for school pedestrians, making it unsafe, and parked cars are also causing difficulties for vehicles trying to pass along the road.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorfy and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

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