



GREYTHORN PRIMARY

"Engaging hearts, equipping minds, opening doors"

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

25th September 2026

DATES FOR THE DIARY

WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

9.30am – 11.30am Open Morning
for Sept 27 parents

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER

Flu Vaccination

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

9.15am Toddler Stay & Play

TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER

FOGSA School Disco

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

INSET DAY

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Back to school

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER

FOGSA School Winter Fair

2026/27 TERM DATES

Autumn Term

1 September – 16 October 2026
2 November – 18 December 2026

Spring Term

4 January – 12 February 2027
22 February – 25 March 2027

Summer Term

12 April – 28 May 2027
7 June – 28 July 2027

INSET: 1 Sept, 2 Sept, 16 Oct, 22
Feb, 7 June



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we've had! It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the Fun Run in the sunshine and sharing such a positive sporty day together. School has been a hive of activity, with lots of great learning, enthusiasm and exciting things happening across the school. Enjoy reading below for the highlights!

Kind regards,

Mrs Carpenter



MEET YOUR GREYTHORN TEAM

FOUNDATION STAGE



About Us

Hi Everyone, we are Mrs Gell and Miss Johal the class teachers in Foundation. We both love teaching here at Greythorn and have great fun everyday. The best thing about teaching in Foundation is that every day is different and full of endless learning opportunities wherever you turn. From learning how to spell and write words one minute to bug hunting with magnifying glasses in the next one. What we love about Greythorn is the big family feel within our community and the kindness everyone shows each other, all whilst learning and achieving amazing things.



FUN RUN THANK YOU



A huge **thank you** for your fantastic support of our school Fun Run! 🏃 🏃

The children had a wonderful time taking part, and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm, energy and smiles throughout the event. We really appreciate your encouragement and support in helping to make the day such a success.

If you have pledged a donation, **please remember to send this through ParentPay**. Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated and will help support our school and the children.

Thank you once again for your continued support!

FUN RUN



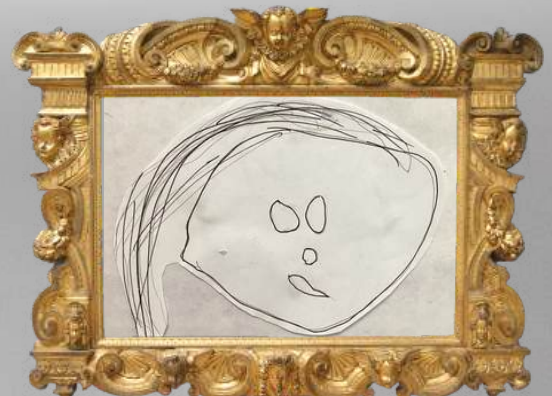
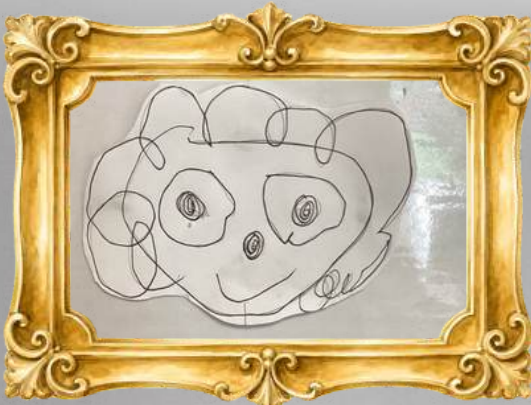
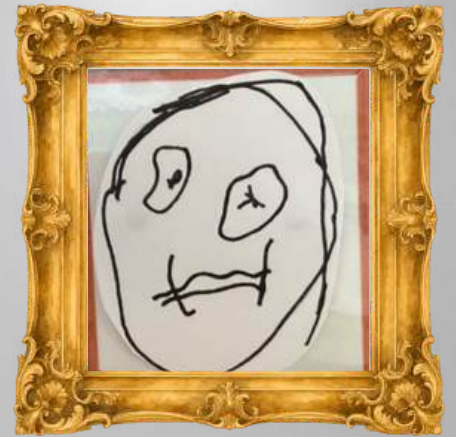
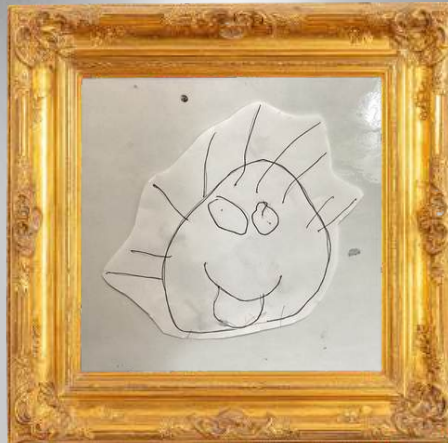
FUN RUN



THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Foundation

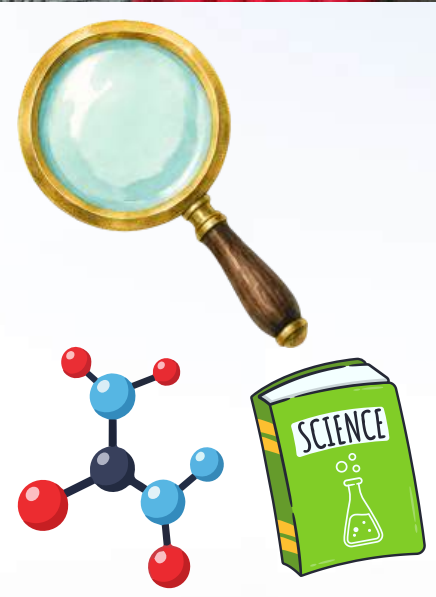
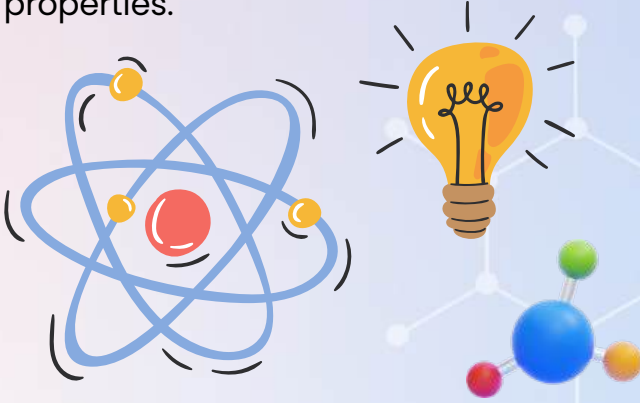
The children created their own self-portraits, carefully drawing their facial features and developing their pencil control by practising a range of line-drawing techniques. They were proud to see their finished artwork displayed in our gallery, where everyone could celebrate and admire each other's creations.



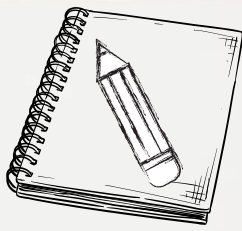
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Year 1/2

Year 1/2 have continued their learning about materials this week. They have explored the properties of different materials and then looked at the similarities and differences of those properties.



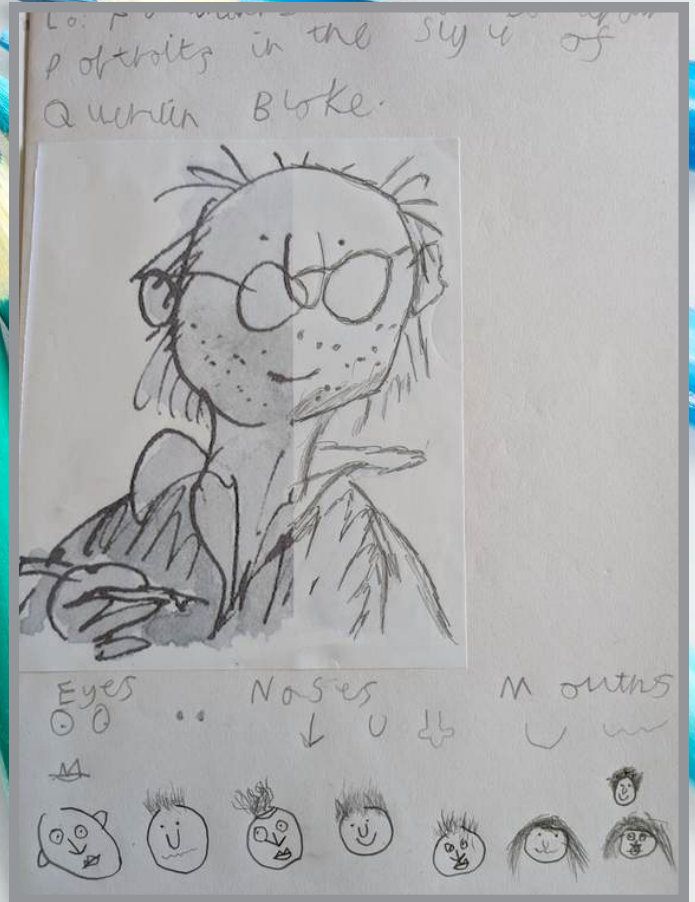
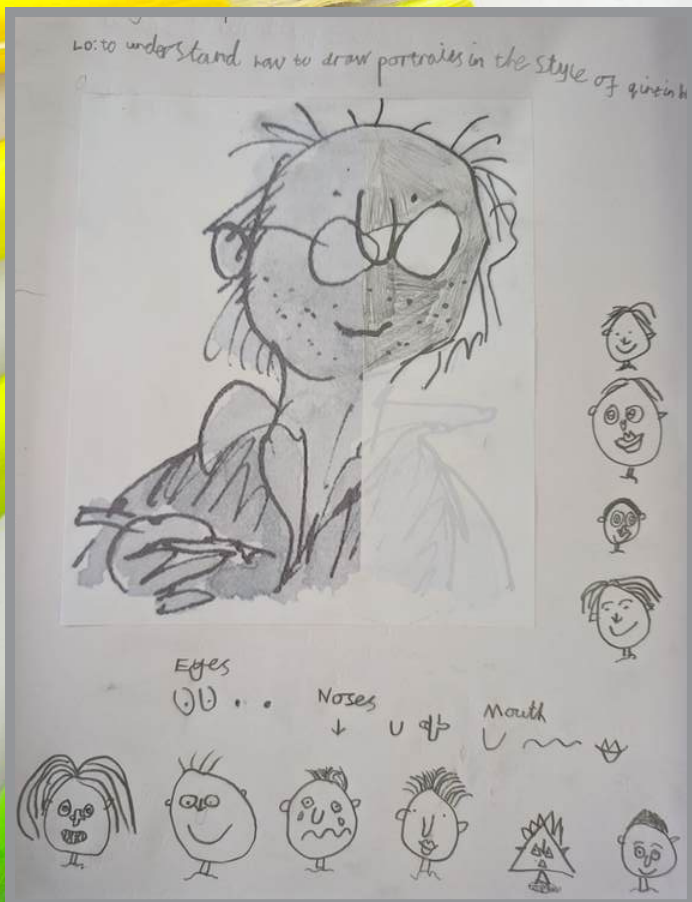
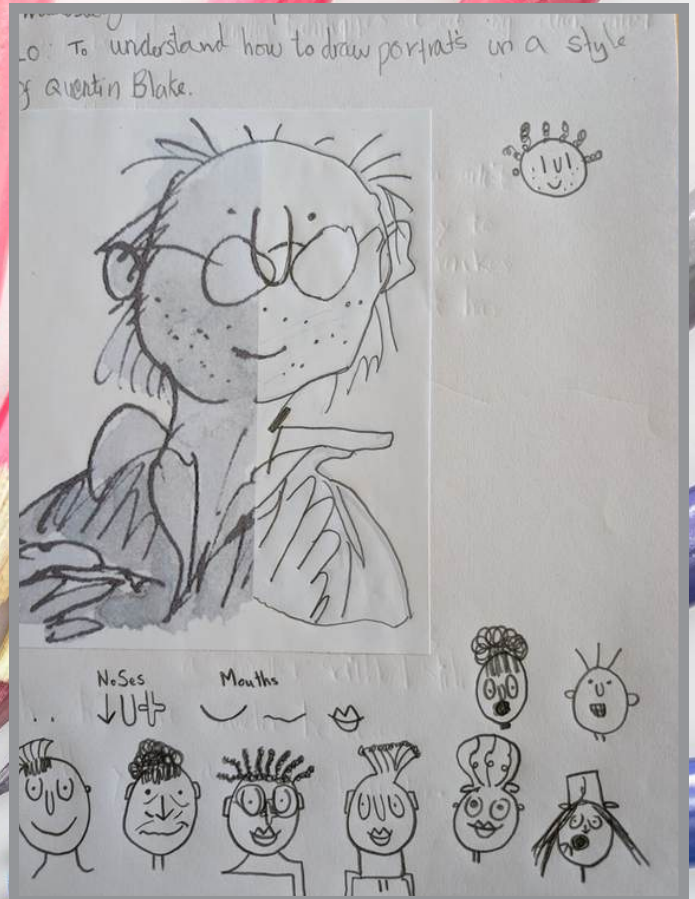
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ART

Year 3/4

This term in art Year 3/4 are studying the work of Quentin Blake and Maggi Hambling by looking at their sketching style. We had a go at replicating Quentin Blake's style by tracing over his self-portrait and then making our own sketches copying his style. It was lots of fun and we were able to create some brilliant sketches!





SCHOOL MENU



WEEK
COMMENCING

AUTUMN-WINTER

MENU 2026/27

WEEK 2

7th September
28th September
9th November
30th November
11th January
1st February

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red Option	Cheesypeaspasta (v) Gluten Milk Mustard Soya with garlic bread (ve) Gluten MilkSoya & peas	Cheese & tomato Pizza! Gluten Milk Soya (v) with oven chips (ve) & crunchy vegetable sticks	Notts-so-silly sausage Gluten Sulphur Dioxide OR Planet friendly Sausage (ve) Gluten Soya Sulphur Dioxide with Yorkshire pudding (v) Gluten Egg Milk , roast potatoes, (ve) cauliflower, green beans & gravy (ve)	Swedish style chicken meatballs OR Powerballs (ve) Soya in a rich creamy sauce (v) Milk Soya with mashed potatoes (ve) & peas	Fishfingers all wrapped up Gluten Fish OR Crunchy seaside fingers all wrapped up (ve) Gluten with potato wedges, (ve) sweetcorn & baked beans
Pudding	Golden cherry flapjack (ve) Gluten Sulphur Dioxide	Chocolate cake (v) Gluten Egg Milk & pink sauce (v) Milk	Soft scoop ice cream (v) Milk & a wafer (ve) Gluten Soya	Crunchy ginger biscuit (ve) Gluten	Fruity yoghurt Milk (v)

Bread & spread (ve) **Gluten Soya**, Fresh fruit

Contains Allergen
May Contain Allergen
(v) Vegetarian
(ve) Vegan

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Making the difference

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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.*

OPEN DAYS

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 9.30AM - 11.30AM

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 9.30AM - 11.30AM

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 10AM - 12 NOON

SATURDAY 9TH JANUARY 10AM - 12 NOON

**COME AND SEE
OUR
WONDERFUL
SCHOOL**

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

9th October
6th November
20th November
4th December



COMMUNITY NEWS

New Saturday Music School



Loughborough Music Makers

Loughborough Music Makers is designed to develop children's musical understanding beyond the school curriculum in a fun, supportive and ambitious environment. Suitable for children in Years 1-6 and led by experienced music educators, these sessions help children build strong musical foundations. Children of all abilities are welcome, whether they are new to music or already enjoy singing and playing.



lborofairfield.org/
music-makers

Use discount code
COMMUNITY10

- 🕒 09:00-12:00
- 📅 Saturdays during term time
- 📍 Loughborough Schools Foundation Music School

Book your place!
Places available for
2026/27

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone, wherever and whenever they are

Place: Walcote Drive Community Centre

Date: 29th September 2026

Time: 09:30am

Contact: Lucy Rasoul 07566792169



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (20007), Scotland (SC039007) and the Isle of Man (504). Also operating in Northern Ireland, MAC20183

Craft Club



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

9.30-11am
on these Mondays & Tuesdays:

- 19th October - **Autumn**
- 20th October - **Harvest**
- 26th October - **Crafts of Light**
- 27th October - **Bonfire night**
- 21st December - **Christmas**

Lego/train track, games and sensory box at all sessions

Get in touch: st.paulschurchconnector@outlook.com

Supported by:



St Paul's Church, Boundary Road, NG2 7DB

Join us for the
**Nottinghamshire
Hospice**

Santa Dash!

at **Wollaton Park**

**Sunday 6th December
from 9.30am**

Complete 2km or 5km dressed head to mistle-toe in festive gear and raise vital funds for local hospice care. Fun for the whole family - all ages and dogs welcome!

Sign up online:
[nottshospice.org/
santadash](http://nottshospice.org/santadash)



**Adults £15 - Under 16's £8
Under 3's Free**

Wollaton Park, Nottingham, NG8 2AE



Nottinghamshire Hospice is a registered charity 1067018



**FREE
Santa
T-shirt for all
dashers**



Aspiration. Confidence. Creativity. Kindness. Pride. Respect. Resilience. Responsibility

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord 'Nitro', a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'Shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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