



Greythorn Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we conclude a remarkably busy and eventful school year, we reflect upon the wonderful learning experiences, exciting trips and visits, super family and community events that we've had, as well as welcoming many new members to our Greythorn team and family. Together, we have created another year of cherished memories at Greythorn. I too have completed my first year as head and it has certainly been a whirlwind of experiences! Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and support during the year. They have been appreciated. I wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Farewell to our super Y6s

We say a fond farewell to our super Year 6s, as they prepare to embark on their next exciting new journey into secondary school, we want to take a moment to celebrate each of you. After seven wonderful years at Greythorn, you have grown, learned, and created countless cherished memories that will stay with you forever. Though you will be deeply missed, always carry with you the Greythorn Values that have shaped you into the remarkable individuals you are today. Remember your time here, the friendships you've made, and the lessons you've learned, as you step confidently into this next chapter. You are ready to shine! Good luck and farewell.

Farewell and Welcome!

It is with heartfelt appreciation that we bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Lorraine Wain, our dedicated midday supervisor, who has served our school for many years. We also extend our warmest regards to Mrs. Beverley Holton, who, after a long and fulfilling career as a wonderful teaching assistant, will be leaving us this week. Both ladies have made significant contributions to our school community, and they will be greatly missed by staff and students alike. We sincerely thank them for their unwavering commitment and service to Greythorn, and we wish them all the very best as they embark on this new chapter in their lives.

We say another fond farewell to Ms Wadsworth who will not be with us after the summer as she has secured a permanent post at another school. In September, Miss Devlin will be joining us as maternity cover in Willow class. She joined Ms Wadsworth and the new Willow class on Wednesday on our transition morning and really enjoyed her time with the new Willow class. We wish Ms Wadsworth, the very best for her new job and welcome Miss Devlin to our Greythorn Team.

School Attendance Update 24-25

The Department for Education (DfE) have introduced some new guidance for schools and Local Authorities (LAs) for managing school attendance. They have also introduced a new national framework for penalty notice and amended the law. These changes come into effect from the 19 August 2024 and all schools and LAs across the country will be expected to follow the new statutory guidance. Please see the attached poster, below, for details. Further details from the county council will follow in September.

Y6 York residential

What an incredible week the Year 6s had, last week, in York! From scenic river walks and a train trip to Scarborough, to visiting the Jorvik Viking Centre, Chocolate Story, and Sea Life, plus beach time and the railway museum, they all enjoyed a wealth of experiences. The good food and camaraderie made it even better. We hope the skills they've gained will benefit them in Year 7. A big thank you to all the staff for their dedication, patience, and good humour in making this trip a success!

School uniform 24-25

As you prepare to purchase new school uniforms for the upcoming term, we kindly ask that you adhere to the school uniform policy in your selections. [Greythorn School uniform policy](#)

A reminder of the following: -

- Grey trousers and dresses- NO jogging bottoms, leggings or sports shorts to be worn as school uniform
- Please do not buy black clothing school items except for shoes and PE shorts
- No trainers to be worn as uniform (only for PE)
- Must be black footwear
- Stud earrings only to be worn - NO drop or hoop earrings

The Greythorn uniform plays a vital role in uniting us as a team and fostering a strong sense of community. It establishes the standards and expectations for how our pupils present themselves to others, reinforcing the pride we share in being part of Greythorn. We appreciate your support in ensuring that our children always look and feel Greythorn smart. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our logoed uniform supplier is Just Schoolwear. They have a shop in Compton Acres shopping centre and it is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Due to popular demand the red Greythorn fleece will be available soon online.

School Dinners

At school, we provide nutritious, delicious meals cooked in the school kitchen every day by our friendly kitchen staff. We can cater for all dietary requirements. The menus are available on the school website and on the noticeboard and follow a three-week cycle. [School menu](#)

FOGSA

FOGSA AGM

The FOGSA Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th September at 6pm** at school. Any parent or carer is welcome to attend. FOGSA's accounts and spending will be reviewed for the past year, and the current committee will stand down. At this stage, FOGSA does not have enough willing volunteers to keep going. **Unless this changes, FOGSA will cease to operate from Thursday 19th September. This means there will be no school discos, Christmas Fayre, Summer Picnic, or other events and activities.** If this happens, the current Chair and Treasurer may be re-elected just to oversee the finances and continue to support the school until the money runs out. We sincerely hope it does not come to this, and that some parents will join FOGSA in order to organise fun events for our children and bring in additional funds.

Uniform labels can be ordered from www.stikins.co.uk and if you quote our fundraising number **8595**, a massive 30% of what you pay will go to the school. It is really important to label uniform and other possessions that go into school as there is always so much unnamed lost property.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday! We'll see you in September!



Upcoming events

School CLOSED for INSET: - Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September

School opens: - Wednesday 4th September (Gates open at 8.50am)

FOGSA AGM- Wednesday 18th September @ 6pm

Greythorn Open Morning for New starters (Reception) 25-26- Saturday 21st September 10am- 12noon

School photographer- Thursday 26th September

Best wishes

Mrs Tae Carpenter

Every school day matters!

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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.