

Greenvale Primary School

Summer (2nd Half) Newsletter



July

18th July 2pm finish for Summer Holidays (**NO AFTERS**)

Summer Holidays

September

3rd September - Children return to school

Year 1 Meet the teacher 4th September

Year 2 Meet the teacher 5th September

Year 3 Meet the teacher 8th September

Year 4 Meet the teacher 9th September

Year 5 Meet the teacher 10th September

Year 6 Meet the teacher 11th September

All 'Meet the Teachers' will be in person, in the school hall after morning drop off.

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of another busy year, I look back upon the many successes we have had, including the feedback from pupils and parents about their feelings on our school, our work with local schools, including leading visits to Sweden and Denmark, and finally our success in many areas of the curriculum.

I wanted to say a special thank you and goodbye to Mrs Harrison, Mrs Thibeault and Wiktor who will be leaving the Greenvale team and wish them the very best for the future.

Next year, this newsletter will be published on a half termly basis to avoid repetition between this and the weekly communication.

Have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Mr
Bowden



Staffing

We are now in a position to inform you of the class-based staffing arrangements for the 2025-2026 academic year. Following Mrs Harrison's departure, I am pleased to announce that Mr Crow will take on the role of Assistant Headteacher as of September 2025.

Year group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Teacher	Mrs Neri Mrs Ramohaan	Mrs Malik	Miss Watt	Mr Bibby	Mr White	Mrs Barnard	Mr Crow
Support Team	Mrs Amon	Mrs Vani Mrs Clinton Mrs Hayes Mrs Eyles Miss Miller	Mrs Grabban Mrs Eyles	Mrs Saloway Mrs West Mrs Thake Mrs Zahid	Mrs Catchpole Miss Miller Mrs Roberts Mrs Hayes Mrs Harwood	Mrs Catchpole Mrs Piper Mrs Zahid	Mrs Saloway Mrs Spence

Meet the teacher meetings

As always, at the beginning of the new academic year, we like to meet with parents to talk them through our plans and expectations for the year ahead. These will take place in person, in the school hall after the morning school drop off.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Thurs 4th Sept	Fri 5th Sept	Mon 8th Sept	Tues 9th Sept	Wed 10th Sept	Thurs 11th Sept

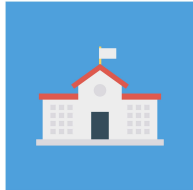
School Places

This year, we were amazed to discover that we had 170 families select Greenvale for a place in our Reception cohort for the 25/26 academic year.

Whilst we have large waiting lists for certain year groups, we currently have vacancies in our current Year 4 and Year 5 classes.

Should you know of any families interested in places at Greenvale, do signpost them to the [Croydon admissions website](#). A reminder that parents need to sign up each year to remain on the list.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the office.



STARS Travel Award - Gold for Greenvale

Over the past academic year, we have been working hard towards our STARS accreditation. This is an award given to schools who are doing their best to promote active and healthy lifestyles within their school community.

We have recently been awarded our Gold award having completed a number of different initiatives both within and alongside other local schools!

Look out for the banner on the school fence during the Autumn term!

**WE HAVE
ACHIEVED**



Sweden 2026

We are pleased to share that we have been successful once again in securing funding for next year's Turing Scheme.

For the 2026 academic year, we will be working alongside Quest Primary on a joint project focussed on writing. Children will then be visiting Gothenburg in Sweden in May 2026.

In September, we look forward to inviting applications from pupils in Year 5 and 6. There will be an information evening early on in the academic year should you wish to find out a little more about this.

We strongly urge you to consider applying on behalf of your child. Last year, parents of pupils who attended spoke incredibly positively about the experience and were very grateful that their children got to develop a sense of independence as part of the visit. Parents also shared that it was good for their own wellbeing, to realise and be reassured by, what their children were capable of.



2026

TURING

SCHEME

The UK's global programme
to study and work abroad




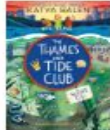
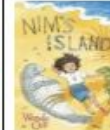

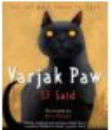





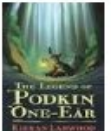
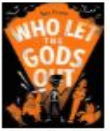







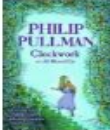

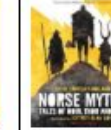
Class readers for the 2025-26 year

Reading at Greenvale

As you may be aware, every two years, we update our whole class reading lists and 10 before 10 lists.

Whole class reading lists (as shown on the right) are books that are shared as part of whole class reading. It would be very helpful if every child has their own copy of the book to read along with. Please note that these books are only for children in Years 3-6.

The updated 10 before 10 lists can be found on our school website by [clicking here](#). It would be great for children to get started on these so that they are starting the year off with one or two ticked off of their list.

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
3	 Pippi Longstocking	 The girl who became a fish	 Ink	 The Thames and Tide Club and the Secret City	 Nim's Island	 The Iron Man
4	 Varjak Paw	 The Boy at the back of the class	 Mysteries at sea: Peril on the Atlantic	 The Wild Robot	 Why the Whales Came	 The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
5	 The Legend of Podkin One-Ear	 Who let the Gods out?	 Room 13	 Oranges in No Man's Land	 The Demon Headmaster	 Floodland
6	 The Final Year	 The Last Bear	 Shackleton's Journey	 Clockwork	 Once	 Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki

Dates for the 25/26 academic year

Please see the proposed dates for the 2025-2026 academic year.

As always, we ask that families adhere to the allocated holiday periods when booking holidays.

Please be aware that given the building work, these dates may be subject to change. We will of course try to keep disruption to a minimum and ensure we provide parents with as much notice as possible.

Please note that we have also been asked to be a polling station on Thursday 7th May 2026.

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School is closed when the date is shaded red (bank holiday), orange (school holiday) and blue (in-service day). School term and holiday dates for 2025-26 include 190 pupil days and 5 in-service days (INSET days) as agreed by all Trade Unions.

Building works

As you will be aware, we are currently in discussions with the local authority regarding our new KS2 block. This was originally planned to begin at Easter of this year.

During the year, a number of changes to the design and location of the building were proposed which has meant that planning has had to be resubmitted which has unfortunately caused some delays.

The updated planning is due to be added to the Croydon planning register with works now predicted to begin in late autumn.

We would be grateful for your support in this by adding your support to the updated planning application. When it goes live we will send out the link.



Holidays

A very big thank you to families who have ensured that family holidays have been kept outside of term-time - this has helped ensure that your children do not miss out on important learning and events throughout the year.



A reminder that the school abide by the new guidance in relation to holidays. This is outlined in our school attendance policy which [can be found here](#).

There are minimal exceptions for authorising term-time absence as per the guidance and should holidays span a period of 5 days or more, the school has no alternative other than to complete an application for a penalty notice. Please note that the the school do not benefit financially from this and only gain more in the way of additional administration.

We really appreciate your support in helping us get the best for our children.

Uniform

Stationery Requirements

Stationery - KS2 Pupils (Years 3-6)

From September, each child will require their own stationery in a **small** pencil case.

Children will require the following basics::

Pen
Two sharpened pencils
A rubber
A sharpener
A 15cm ruler
A glue stick
A green biro and a purple biro

At Greenvale, we pride ourselves on having high expectations. This applies in all areas of school life.

To see what the children are expected to wear, please [click here](#).

On days that the children have PE, they are to come to school in their PE kit. In winter, they are welcome to wear their red Greenvale jumpers and black jogging bottoms.

Key points to note:

- **All** children are expected to wear smart school shoes and not black trainers (of any kind).
- All socks should be ankle or knee high socks (no trainer socks).
- Earrings should be **plain studs**. If you are thinking about getting your child's ears pierced, please do this at the beginning of the summer break to give them a chance to heal as these need to be removed for PE.
- Leggings are not part of our school uniform. If children choose to wear cycle type shorts for modesty, these must be black.
- Hair accessories must be subtle and red, black, grey or white in colour.

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Please **DO NOT** use the enquiries inbox as it is not monitored on a daily basis and your email may be missed.