

Greenvale Primary School

Autumn 2 Newsletter



Spring term Key Dates

January

Mon 5th	INSET Day - School Closed
Mon 19th	Yr 1 Phonics Meeting
Tue 20th	Rec phonics morning
Wed 21st	Yr 1 Phonics Meeting
Thu 22nd	Rec phonics morning
Mon 26th	Y6 Bikeability week

February

Fri 6th	Greenvale's Got Talent
Fri 13th	FOG Break the rules day
Mon 16th	Half term
Mon 23rd	Y5 Whitgift Week

March

Wed 4th	Greenvale's 50th Birthday Bedtime Stories 6pm - 7pm
Thu 5th	World Book Day
Mon 16th	Parent consultations
Wed 18th	Parent consultations

A note from Mr Bowden...

I hope my email finds you well. It has been a busy half term at Greenvale with lots of exciting Christmas-related events taking place. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas lunch event at the beginning of the month.

I hope that you are able to use the break to rest and enjoy some time together in your families.

I wanted to thank you for your continued support towards our school. We do not take this for granted and really appreciate your help, be it in supporting your child's learning outside of school, by attending school-related events or volunteering your time to the Friends of Greenvale team who continue to do a great job at raising vital funds for the school.

Wishing you and your family the very best over the festive period,

Mr Bowden



Greenvale turns 50!

As many of you will know, in March 2026, Greenvale turns 50! We have many ideas in the pipeline for how we can celebrate this important milestone.

We have just completed an order for some commemorative coins to be created to mark this important occasion. Every pupil, member of staff and governor will receive one of these as a keepsake, kindly funded by FOG.

In the meantime, we would really like to put together a montage video of alumni introducing themselves, the years that they attended Greenvale and sharing their favourite memories. If you also have a photo of yourself at Greenvale as a pupil, please send this along with the video to whiting@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to sharing this with you in due course.

Attendance and Punctuality

At Greenvale, we have always had a strong focus on ensuring good school attendance for our children. Simply put, if children are to meet their academic potential, it is essential that they are in school regularly.

The primary curriculum (the content of what is taught) is jam-packed and moves at quite a pace. Frequent lateness and/or absence can then provide significant barriers for children who then require 1:1 support to catch them up to where their peers are.

We also have a small number of families who are regularly coming into the playground some time after the bell. We then have around 5-10 minutes each morning of signing in latecomers and ensuring that they have made their way to their classrooms.

We look forward to seeing this improve in the new year as it will support not just for your own child, but staff and other pupils whose learning may be disrupted otherwise.



KS2 Building Update

As you will be aware, in the new year, work will begin on our new KS2 building. Over the last couple of weeks we have had a number of contractors on site to tender for the project.

We will of course keep you informed as to the plan and look forward to providing you with regular updates on the progress of the work.



Staff Shoutout...

I wanted to create a space on the newsletter to express my gratitude on behalf of the governors and staff team to Nicci and Andy Eyles who run our Greenvale bookshop.

Whether it's -2 and wet, or 30 degrees in the sun, they will be down at the bookshop, taking donations, selling books and gifts, all to raise money for our school.

We know many local schools are very envious of the bookshop and the money that this raises each year.

Thank you both for all you do for our school; it never goes unnoticed and is massively appreciated!



Reading

At Greenvale, we are continuously tracking children's reading progress and the books that they are reading to ensure that every child is being given the best opportunities to succeed. Something we make clear to every parent when their child starts at Greenvale is the absolute insistence of reading outside of the classroom, alongside an adult.

As you will be aware, we have the 10 before 10 book reading lists which are on the website. Each teacher will keep a log of which books children have read to ensure that they are on track by the end of the year. This week, I have asked teachers to send home an email to any children who are at risk of falling behind with their reading and to ask if there is anything else we can do to support you with this.

A reminder that many of the books are available at the bookshop which is open on a Saturday - please make use of this as books can be recycled and purchased at a significantly reduced price.

I hope the Christmas period can be a time whereby children are able to enjoy time enjoying a good book and look forward to myself reading over the break.

[Please click here to view the 10 before 10 lists](#)



Stationery

A very big thank you and well done to the FOG team for their efforts in putting on the many events that they have run this term.

Both the disco and Christmas fair in particular, were very well attended and managed to raise a significant amount of money for the school with the latter raising over £2,500!

These funds will be essential over the coming years given the continued challenges that schools face in terms of funding.

To provide a little context, the school get around £6000 per year for capital expenditure which includes maintenance of the boilers, ground works and repairs. Earlier this month, we received a quote for just over £5000 for tree works that will be required over the coming months. Whilst we are very lucky with the site that we have, this comes at a considerable cost!

It would be great to have as many parents involved in FOG as possible so I strongly encourage you to come along to a meeting and consider supporting at the upcoming events for the rest of the year.

A reminder that each child needs to ensure that they are fully equipped and require their own stationery in a **small** pencil case.

Children will require the following:

Pen

Two sharpened pencils

A rubber

A sharpener

A 15cm ruler

A glue stick

A green biro and a purple biro

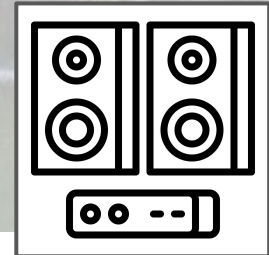
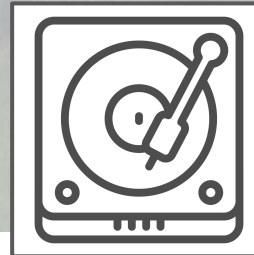
White Hut Studios comes to Greenvale

This half term, a number of children were selected to take part in the creation of our very own Greenvale song alongside musician Silvastone and his team at White Hut studios.

The children worked alongside mentors to create a chorus and then write and produce their own verses. We are really proud of them for what they have come up with and got to share this in assembly on the last day of term.

Please listen and enjoy their song by clicking on the link below.

[Please click here](#)



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