GREENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



NEWS

23RD OCTOBER 2026

Black History Month – An Inspiring Visit from Tanya Clarke
As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we were delighted to welcome Tanya Clarke, an inspirational member of the Croydon community, who shared her experiences and achievements with the children during a special interview-style assembly yesterday.

Parent Consultations
Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Parent Consultations this week. The school office will follow up with anyone who did not book an appointment, as it is important that everyone has the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and learning.

Robins Presentation
Thank you to everyone who came to watch the Robins performing their talk for writing story on Wednesday. They did so well-we hoped you enjoyed Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

📚 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

🏫 **Secondary School – September 2027**
For children currently in Year 6
📅 **Application deadline: 31 October 2026**

🐦 **Reception – September 2027**
For children due to start Reception in September 2027
📅 **Application deadline: 15 January 2027**

🍛 Olive Dining Food Tasting

Thank you to everyone who popped along to the Sunflower Garden on Wednesday to sample some delicious food from Olive Dining, including a tasty curry and some lovely desserts!

We hope you enjoyed trying the dishes and that it encourages more children to give school lunches a try! 😋

Concerned About a Child?

Please contact any of our school Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSLs) using the email addresses below:

Mr Bowden
dbowden@greenvale.croydom.sch.uk

Mrs Whiting
twhiting@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

Mr Crow
acrow@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

Woodland Walks Event

An email has gone out today introducing the Woodland Walks event happening in the evening of Wednesay 6th November. Full details are explained on that email. Tickets, priced £3 for children, are now available to purchase on Arbor under the School Shop.
Please note: This event will run instead of the Bedtime Stories event this year.

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ENRICHMENT CLUBS



Enrichment Clubs – Book Your Child's Place!

Bookings for our Autumn 2 enrichment clubs opened yesterday evening on Arbor!

There's still time to book a place for your child, so please take a look at the club list and book via Arbor.

Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and some clubs have limited availability, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment!

⏰ **BOOKING DEADLINE: Friday 30th October at midnight.**

HOLIDAY FOOD VOUCHERS

Croydon Council has ended the automatic distribution of holiday food vouchers for families eligible for Free School Meals.

The final vouchers were issued during the Summer 2026 holidays. No vouchers will be issued automatically for October half-term or future school holidays.

This follows changes to government funding, with the Household Support Fund replaced by the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF).

Families experiencing financial hardship or an emergency may be eligible for support with food and other essentials and can apply directly to Croydon Council.
Find out more and apply here: Crisis and Resilience Fund.

Please note that this change is not a school decision. Schools are no longer involved in issuing vouchers, and any enquiries should be directed to Croydon Council.

PACKED LUNCHES

A friendly reminder to provide children with a healthy, balanced packed lunch to keep them energised and ready to learn. Please see our poster for some healthy lunchbox ideas!

Friday treats: Children may bring either one chocolate biscuit OR one small packet of crisps on Fridays only.

We are a nut-free school, so please ensure packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Year	Event
Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct	Whole School	**HALF TERM**
Mon 2nd Nov	Whole School	Back to school
Thurs 5th Nov	Whole School	**Individual and Sibling Photographs (Reshoot)** Individual photographs and photographs of siblings who attend Greenvale will be taken throughout the school day. Please ensure all children come to school wearing their full school uniform. If your child has PE on this day, they should bring their PE kit in a bag, with all items clearly named, so they can change after their photograph has been taken. Younger Pre-School Siblings If you would like a photograph of your child with a younger sibling who does not yet attend school, please come to the school hall from 8:20am onwards.

Please click here to view the school calendar on our website and keep up to date with upcoming events.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Important Reminder

Please ensure you report your child's absence before 8:30am each morning, including every subsequent day of absence, unless otherwise agreed with the school office (e.g. the 48-hour sickness and diarrhoea rule).

Please email absence@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

Please include details of your child's symptoms when reporting an illness, rather than simply stating that they are 'unwell'.

Please do not report absences via ClassDojo or directly to your child's teacher, as the school office cannot access these messages. You are welcome to copy the class teacher into your email, but it must be sent to the absence inbox.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain accurate attendance records.

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Please make sure you choose the correct school!
Search for **Greenvale Primary School** and select the one with postcode **CR2 8PR.**

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Every little shop helps and it really adds up!

Thanks to **52 people** signing up, Greenvale has received an Argos credit of **£1,500** over the last year!

We've used this to purchase lots of valuable items for our school, including:



Fridges for school

School chairs

Office equipment

Storage containers

Anyone can sign up!

- Parents and carers
- Grandparents
- Family members
- Friends
- Neighbours
- Work colleagues

You can register more than one debit or credit card!



It's free and easy to sign up!



Sign up today!

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FRIENDS OF GREENVALE

Monster Mayhem Disco – Tonight!



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We hope everyone attending tonight's Disco has a fang-tastic time! 🦇🎶

A quick reminder of the timings:

- 🎃 KS1: 5:00pm – 6:30pm
- 👻 KS2: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

🍬 A tuck shop will be available for KS2!

- Spooky merchandise to purchase in the Robins classroom. 🕸️

⬅️ Please refer to the disco poster for full details, including collection arrangements for each year group.

Have a spook-tacular evening, everyone! 🎃👻💃🕺

FOG BOOK SHOP

📚 **2026 is the National Year of Reading!**

Greenvale Community Bookshop is joining the celebrations to encourage everyone to discover the joy of reading.

Please remember that book donations can only be dropped off at the Bookshop on Saturdays and must not be left in the school porch.

Thank you for your support!

📚 **FOG BOOKSHOP OPENING HOURS**

🟢 **WEDNESDAYS (TERM TIME): 3:15PM – 4:30PM**

🟢 **SATURDAYS: 10:00AM – 4:00PM**

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CELEBRATE



WINNER, WINNER, NAME ON THE SPINNER

The prize: a voucher for the FOG Bookshop which entitles you to a free book, free scented bookmark and a hot chocolate/squash. These can be redeemed by visiting the bookshop on a Wednesday after school or Saturdays between 10am-4pm.



This week's lucky winners are:

Emily *(Year 3)* **James *(Year 3)*** **Kayla *(Year 5)*** **Harry C *(Year 6)*** **Clay *(Year 6)***

Please make sure your child has read a minimum of 5 times and has 5 entries in their reading journals to be entered in the prize draw.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins:	
Swallows:	Edith & Anaya
Chaffinches:	Frankie & Arabella
Woodpeckers:	Romeah & Holly
Jays:	Ava & Ollie
Kestrels:	Rae & Jamie
Falcons:	Rose & Avleen

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

BEECH HOUSE

Makaton

SIGN OF THE WEEK

CHILDREN



Click on the image to watch a short youtube demonstration of the sign.

Have fun practising with your child!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Order DEADLINE

48 HOURS IN ADVANCE - ORDER MONDAY'S LUNCH BY SATURDAY AT 12PM!

AFTER HALF TERM

WEEK A

Olive dining

Please update Arbor, even if your child brings a packed lunch everyday!

Please send feedback to: marketing@olivedining.co.uk