GREENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEWS

2ND OCTOBER 2026

Black History Month
This October, we are celebrating Black History Month. This year's theme is 'Honouring Our Communities', which we will be looking at in assemblies and classes over the coming month.

Year 6 PGL Trip
Year 6 have had a fantastic week at PGL, enjoying lots of exciting activities and making wonderful memories together. We look forward to welcoming them back later!

Year 4 Salt Dough
Yesterday Year 4 made salt dough and created some imaginative designs. These will serve as a good practice for when they come to make their own bread! They all looked amazing once they had been cooked and are coming home today!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Safeguarding Reminder

Parents and carers must not enter classrooms or school buildings before, during or after the school day.

This is important for safeguarding and privacy, as children may be changing for activities.

Essential items only should be left with School Office staff ; forgotten homework, reading books or water bottles do not need to be dropped off. Please ensure children arrive each morning prepared with everything they need.

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

🌾 Harvest Donations – Thursday 8th October

We encourage all children to bring in one item of food to donate for our Harvest collection. All donations will be shared with local community groups and food banks to support those in need.

Children should keep hold of their item and take it into their classroom for registration as usual. Please DO NOT bring donations directly to the school hall.

Suitable donations include:

- 🥫 **Tinned items – e.g. baked beans, fruit and vegetables**
- 🥣 **Dried foods with a long shelf life – e.g. cereal, pasta and rice**
- ☕ **Long-life products – e.g. tea, coffee and biscuits**

Please NO fresh produce or perishable items.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Grounds Day – Volunteers Still Needed! 🌿

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 10AM–1PM

A huge thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help!

We still need lots more volunteers! It's a great chance to come together as a school community, and the improvements will benefit all of our children.

Please click here to volunteer.

📚 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**

ARBOR CHECKLIST

PRIORITY TASKS:

Please log in to Arbor and check that the following are up to date:

🍴 **Make lunch choices up until the end of term**
Please select a lunch option for every school day, even if your child brings a packed lunch from home. This helps our kitchen plan meals and reduce food waste.

🥗 **Check dietary, medical & allergy information**
Please make sure we have details of any allergies, dietary requirements or medical information that the school needs to be aware of.

📧 **Check who receives school emails**
Anyone who needs to receive school communications must be marked as both 'Primary Guardian' and 'Legal Guardian' on Arbor.

☎️ **Add parents/carers as emergency contacts**
Please check that all parents/carers who may need to be contacted in an emergency are listed, with up-to-date telephone numbers.

👥 **Add additional emergency contacts**
Please add at least one additional trusted person we can contact if we are unable to reach a parent/carer, such as a grandparent, other family member or friend.

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Go into school	Go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

SEND PROVISION IN CROYDON–HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Local Authority of Croydon will be having a SEND inspection between 12th–16th October 2026.

As part of the inspection, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) want to hear directly from parent/carers about their experiences of SEND services and support in Croydon.

The official Parent and Carer Survey is now open, but only for a short time. They want to make sure as many Croydon parent/carers as possible have the opportunity to share their experiences and have their voices heard. The survey is for parent/carers of children and young people with SEND aged 0–25.
You do not need to have an EHCP to take part. If you have more than one child with SEND, you can complete a separate survey for each child. Please tell inspectors about your experiences across SEND services and support, including both what is working well and what you feel could be better.

Click **here** to take part in the Croydon Area SEND Parent and Carer Survey.

The survey closes at 9am on Tuesday 6th October 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Year	Event
Tue 6th Oct	**Robins & 6**	**Robins & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks**
Thu 8th Oct	**3** **Whole School**	**Harvest Assembly 9am** Parents and carers of Year 3 chldren are invited to watch the assembly in the school hall. Harvest donations - **ALL** children to take items to their classrooms for registration as normal.
Sun 11th Oct	**ALL PARENTS & CARERS**	**Greenvale Grounds Day 10am - 1pm** Parents and carers are invited to school to help tidy and garden the school grounds. ALL welcome!
Mon 12th Oct	**ALL**	**Individual School Photos** Individual School Photos & sibling photos will be taken for all school siblings throughout the school day If you would like your school child and a pre school younger sibling to have their photo taken please go to the school hall from 8:20am onwards.
Wed 14th Oct	**3**	**Natural History Museum Trip** More information to follow shortly by email
Mon 19th Oct	**1 - 6** **Whole School**	**NO ENRICHMENT CLUBS RUNNING THIS WEEK** **Parent Consultations 4pm - 7pm**
Wed 21st Oct	**Whole School**	**Parent Consultations 4pm - 7pm**

All known dates have now been added to the school diary.

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

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FRIENDS OF GREENVALE

The first FOG event of the year is:

Monster Mayhem Disco!

Tickets are available now to purchase on Arbor.

To buy tickets, go to the Arbor app or website and click on 'school shop' and click the Monster Mayhem Disco for either KS1 (Years R, 1 &2) or KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6).

FOG BOOK SHOP

2026 is the National Year of Reading – and Greenvale Community Bookshop is going ALL IN! 📚

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a nationwide campaign encouraging people of all ages to discover – or rediscover – the joy of reading.

This year's theme is Go All In, with a simple message: whatever you're into, read into it!

Whether that's a gripping thriller, children's story, fascinating non-fiction, comic or something completely different, it's about finding the kind of reading that's right for you.

That feels right at home at Greenvale Community Bookshop, where we love helping pre-loved books find their next readers. ❤️📖

Throughout 2026, we'll be joining in with the celebrations and finding different ways to encourage more people in our community to get reading.

📚 Let's get our community reading!

Please note that book donations can now only be dropped off at the Bookshop on Saturdays. We kindly ask that donations are not 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

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:

Mehmet (Year 2) ***Lexi (Year 3)*** ***Yash (Year 3)*** ***Harry (Year 5)*** ***Freddie (Year 5)***

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:	Frankie & Adriana
Chaffinches:	Parker & Riley
Woodpeckers:	Mila & Rosie M
Jays:	Louie & Quinn
Kestrels:	James & Ella
Falcons:	

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

TO BE ROLLED OVER TO NEXT WEEK!!

Makaton SIGN OF THE WEEK

GRANDMOTHER

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!

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Olive dining

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

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