GREENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



NEWS

13TH NOVEMBER 2026

Remembrance Day
On Wednesday, the whole school observed a two-minute silence to remember the brave people who have helped keep us safe. The children showed great respect as they observed the silence.

Happy Diwali!
We hope all of our families who celebrated Diwali on Sunday had a wonderful time filled with light, happiness and togetherness. Happy Diwali to everyone who celebrated!

Robins Gingerbread Baking
Robins have been busy baking gingerbread this week! The children had great fun mixing ingredients, following instructions and developing their baking skills.

Netball Match
The netball team played a home league match against Margaret Roper School yesterday. This was a great match played with good spirit by all players with a win for Greenvale of 7-2. Scarlett received player of the match and Maisie was captain. Support by parents was really appreciated. Here's to the next match on Tuesday 17th November.

YR5 Whitgift Primary Concert at Fairfield Halls
Yesterday, Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Fairfield Halls for the Whitgift Autumn Primary School Concert. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience live music in a fantastic venue!

Councillor Visit
Yesterday, we welcomed Councillor Jack Barwell, who helped Year 5 develop their debating skills with the question: **"Are fidget toys a necessary piece of school equipment or just a distraction?"** KS2 then took part in a Question Time assembly, asking questions and learning more about local democracy.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

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

📚 Reading

Regular reading at home makes a huge difference to children's confidence, fluency and progress.

Our expectation is that all children read at least five times a week with an adult, and we have noticed that not everyone is meeting this.

Please help us encourage a love of reading by making it part of your child's daily routine.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Afters – Please Book Early! ⏰

On two occasions this week, Afters has reached full capacity.

We are pleased that so many families are making use of the provision, but we do have a maximum number of children we can safely accommodate.

Please book your child's place as early as possible to avoid disappointment, as we cannot guarantee last-minute bookings and may have to turn children away if we are full.

School Lunch Orders

✅ **Select a lunch option on Arbor EVERY DAY, even for packed lunches**

⏰ **Order at least 48 hours in advance (Monday's lunch by 12pm Saturday)**

📅 **Order for the rest of the term now – no need to order weekly!**

✏️ **Choices can be amended before the 48-hour deadline**

📚 **Missing orders cause interruptions to lessons and delay kitchen preparations**

📚 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

IMPORTANT DEADLINE

🐦 **Reception – September 2027**
For children due to start Reception in September 2027

📅 **Application deadline: 15 January 2027**

SIBLINGS - Please click here to complete the form below to notify us of any children due to start at Greenvale in September 2027.

Reporting Absences

⏰ **Report absences before 8:30am**

📧 **Email: absence@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk**

🤒 **Give specific symptoms when reporting illness, rather than simply stating 'unwell'**

❌ **Do NOT report absences via ClassDojo or directly to teachers, as the school office cannot access these messages**

Positive Masculinity Project

As part of our Positive Masculinity Project, Mr Bowden met with a group of volunteers who kindly agreed to take part. Over the next 11 weeks, we will share a different question each week in our newsletter, along with a short video clip of their responses. Simply click on the video each week to watch and hear what they have to say!

Can you tell us about a time when you felt really scared or nervous but carried on anyway?



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Year	Event
Mon 16th Nov	**1**	**Phonics Drop In Session (20 mins)**
Tue 17th Nov	**1**	**Phonics Drop In Session (20 mins)**
Wed 18th Nov	**1 & Robins**	**Phonics Drop In Session (20 mins)**
Thu 19th Nov	**Robins**	**Phonics Drop In Session (20 mins)**
Fri 20th Nov	**Robins**	**Phonics Drop In Session (20 mins)**
Fri 20th Nov	**Whole School**	**FOG Funky Socks in exchange for lucky dip prizes** (Children to wear full school uniform/PE kit)
Sat 21st Nov	**Whole School**	**FOG Christmas Craft Fair 2pm - 4pm** This will take place in the school hall. Year 6 children will also be running a stall selling exciting items to raise money for their end of year celebration!
Fri 27th Nov	**Whole School**	**FOG Christmas Headwear in exchange for unopened bottles of alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks** (Children to wear full school uniform/PE kit)
Sat 28th Nov	**Whole School**	**FOG Book Shop Books & Giftware Fair 10am - 4pm**
Tue 1st Dec	**2**	**Christingle Event**
Wed 2nd Dec	**3** **5**	**Egyptian Day - In school event** **BRIT School Trip**
Fri 4th Dec	**Whole School**	**FOG Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for chocolate (sealed packets, in date)** (Children to wear school uniform/PE kit) **CHRISTMAS FAIR STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL** Everyone is welcome, please speak to your class rep if you are able to help
Mon 7th Dec	**4**	**Stone Age Day - In school event**

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Christmas Dates

at Greenvale Primary School

Christmas Lunches & Parties

Parents and carers arei invited to enjoy a Christmas lunch with their child.

ONLY ONE PARENT PER CHILD FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

Tue 8th December	**Robins** 12pm – 12:45pm **YR1 & YR2** 12:45pm – 1:30pm	**Classroom Party (Children ONLY)** Cold school lunches ONLY or packed lunches from home this day. **YR3, Y4, YR5 & Y6**
Wed 9th December	**YR3 & Y4** 12pm – 12:45pm **YR5 & Yl6** 12:45pm – 1:30pm	**Classroom Party (Children ONLY)** Cold school lunches ONLY or packed lunches from home this day. **Robins, YR1 & Y2**

Adult Lunch
£6
Book via Arbor School Shop

Child Lunch
£0
Book on Arbor in the usual way

What to wear:
Christmas jumpers with school uniform or PE kit on BOTH days for ALL children.

Christmas Performances

Tue 15th December	9:15am	YR1 & YR2	School hall (2 adults per child)
Wed 16th December	9:15am	Robins	School hall (2 adults per child)
Thu 17th December	2pm	YR3, Y4, YR5 & Y6	St John's Church (No limit on adults – NO KS1/preschool children. Babes in arms welcome but should be taken out if making noise.)

Festive Lunch Menu

Traditional Festive Roast

Roast Turkey with Gravy (G/W) and Honey Sausages (MK, SU, G/W)
or
Roasted Squash Wellington (CE, E, MK, SO, SU, G/B*, O*, R*, W)

Trimmings

Crispy Roast Potatoes, Stuffing (G/W), Mixed Greens and Roasted Root Vegetables

Desserts

Chocolate Fudge Yule Cake with Frosting (E, MK, SO*, G/B*, O*, W)

ORDER ADULT & CHILD LUNCHES DEADLINE: 12pm TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER!

FOG Christmas Events

Sat 21st November	**Christmas Craft Fair** 2pm – 4pm
Fri 4th December	**Christmas Fair** 3:15pm onwards

FOG Christmas Fair Mufti Days

Fri 20th November	**Funky socks** (with uniform/PE)	**Lucky dip prize**
Fri 27th November	**Christmas headwear/ accessories** (with uniform/PE)	**Bottles of drinks**
Fri 4th December	**Christmas jumpers** (with uniform/PE)	**Chocolates**



Christmas Lunch Frequently Asked Questions

Can I attend my child's Christmas lunch?

Yes, one adult may attend per child.
Unfortunately, two adults cannot attend, even if only one is eating.

Can I bring younger siblings or babies?

No, babies and younger siblings cannot attend.

What are the lunch options for children on Christmas Lunch Day?

- ✅ A hot lunch – either Turkey or a Vegetarian option.
- ✅ A cold deli option – a sandwich with a choice of Ham, Cheese or Tuna.
- ✅ A packed lunch from home.
- ❌ No jacket potato on this day.

How do I book a child's lunch?

Book on Arbor in the usual way, selecting your child's lunch choice before the deadline:
Tuesday 24th November at 12pm.

How do I book an adult lunch?

Adult lunches are booked via Arbor under the School Shop item. Choose the correct key stage for each child (if you have more than one) and select either Turkey or Vegetarian.

What if I do not wish to eat a lunch myself?

No need to book an adult lunch, just come to spend the time with your child.

Where do I go?

Please wait outside the double doors to the hall.
Apologies if you are waiting a little longer for the second sitting as turnaround time is tight – please bear with us.

What is the deadline for all lunches?

The deadline for both children's and adult lunches is
Tuesday 24th November at 12pm
as Olive Dining need final numbers.

What should my child wear?

Children should wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform or PE kit on Christmas Lunch Day.


Classroom
Christmas Party Lunch
Frequently Asked Questions
Are parents invited to the classroom parties?
No, parents are not invited. The classroom parties are for children only.
Can my child have a hot school lunch on party day?
No, hot school lunches are not available on party day. Children may have a cold school lunch or bring a packed lunch from home.
How do I book the party lunch?
Please select the cold lunch choice for your child on Arbor 48 hours or more before the party.
What should my child wear?
Children should wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform or PE kit on BOTH days (Christmas Lunch Day and Classroom Party Day).

FRIENDS OF GREENVALE



Children in Need

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated this morning for our Children in Need Pyjama Day!

If you forgot to bring a donation, you can still contribute by scanning the QR code.

Every donation is greatly appreciated!



BBC Children in Need



We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the Craft Fair on Saturday 21st November!



FOG BOOK SHOP

🎄📚 **Christmas is coming to Greenvale Community Bookshop!**

Join us on Saturday 28 November, 10am–4pm, for our special Christmas Books & Gift Fair!

🎁**Alongside our wonderful selection of pre-loved books and bookish gifts, we'll have Christmas cards, festive treats, gifts, keepsakes and a gift-wrapping service.**

👧**Plus special activities for the kids!**

We're also delighted to welcome some fantastic local groups and small businesses:

🎾 **Selsdon Tennis & Pickleball Club,** 🧁 **Rosie's Home Bakes,** 🎭 **Drama Kids Academy,** 🎁 **Laura D Designs,** 🎀 **She's Got Gifts**

Over the coming weeks, we'll be introducing our special guests and sharing more about what they'll be bringing along.

❤️ **Come and support your local community, discover some lovely Christmas gifts and enjoy a festive day at Greenvale!**





📚 **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:

Jaxon (Year 2) ***Sophia (Year 3)*** ***Violet (Year 3)*** ***Bryson (Year 5)*** ***Manami (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:	Arthur & Albie
Chaffinches:	Nicole & Ellis
Woodpeckers:	Max & Sophia
Jays:	Brodie & Grace
Kestrels:	Callie & Charlotte L
Falcons:	Leo & Theia

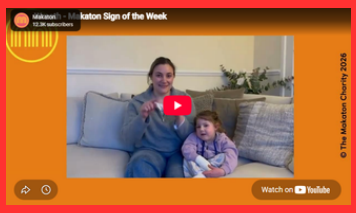
HOUSE POINT WINNERS

BEECH HOUSE

Makaton

SIGN OF THE WEEK

WREATH



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