GREENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



NEWS

6TH NOVEMBER 2026

Football Match
On Tuesday, the football team played a home match against Gresham Primary. The end result was 3-1 to Gresham but the Greenvale team put up a good fight. Well done to those that played!

Photographer re takes
Everyone should now have received their new photograph proofs following yesterday's reshoot. You can place your order using the unique code provided, along with the discount code included.Thank you for your patience and understanding, and we hope you are pleased with the new photographs!

Year 2 Great Fire of London
On Monday, Year 2 started their new topic, the Great Fire of London. The class watched an exciting spectacle, seeing the fire spread between houses, using a paper model of Pudding Lane!



IMPORTANT NOTICES

📚 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.

❄️ Cold Weather – Warm Coats ❄️

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school every day. Now that we are in November, all children are expected to wear a coat during break and lunchtimes.

Children without a coat will be asked to borrow one from Lost Property to ensure they stay warm.

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

📚 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.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

School Lunch Orders
Please Help Us by Ordering in Advance!

We are still finding that children arrive at school without a lunch choice selected on Arbor, particularly on Mondays. This means the school office has to interrupt lessons to ask children individually what they would like for lunch, wasting valuable classroom and office time. It also delays lunch numbers being sent to Olive Dining, making it harder for the kitchen to prepare.

💡 **Why not order lunches for the rest of the term TODAY? You can order right up until Christmas in one go, rather than weekly, and choices can still be amended up to 48 hours in advance.**

⏰ Important reminders:

- **A lunch choice MUST be selected EVERY DAY, even if your child brings a packed lunch.**
- **48-hour ordering deadline – Monday's lunch must be ordered by 12pm on Saturday.**
- **Children without a packed lunch will always be fed, but their preferred meal may not be available if no choice has been made.**

Important Reminder – Reporting Absences

⏰ **Report absences before 8:30am EVERY morning, including each additional day, unless otherwise agreed with the school office (e.g. the 48-hour sickness and diarrhoea rule).**

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

🤒 **Give specific symptoms when reporting illness, rather than simply stating your child is 'unwell'.**

❌ **Do NOT report absences via ClassDojo or directly to teachers. The school office cannot access these messages. You may copy in the class teacher, but the email MUST be sent to the absence inbox.**

Thank you for helping us maintain accurate attendance records.

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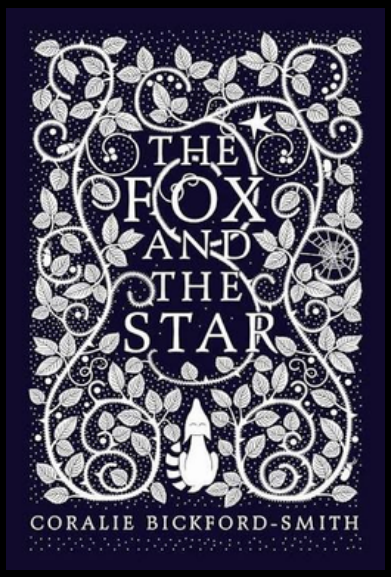
St Bernadette's Primary School

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WOODLAND WALKS

Our very first Woodland Walks event was a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many families joining us for an evening of storytelling and adventure in the Bird Sanctuary.







The children had great fun exploring the woodland in the dark with just their torches to light the way, stopping along the trail to listen to the story and collect their stars. The excitement of walking through the woods at night made it all the more magical! We hope you all agree that it was a really fun evening and that you enjoyed it as much as we did!



A huge thank you to all the children and parents who came along and helped make the evening such a success.







We would also like to say a special thank you to our wonderful school staff, Nicci, Andy & Laura in the bookshop, Mr Fisher, former pupils who came back to help and of course the Friends of Greenvale (FOG) for their fantastic support, refreshments and all their hard work behind the scenes.

Just a little reminder: Our new Woodland Walks event has replaced our usual Bedtime Stories evening, so Bedtime Stories will not be taking place in March next year.

FRIENDS OF SELSDON WOOD

Friends of Selsdon Wood
Working to conserve our wood

A huge thank you to the Friends of Selsdon Wood for kindly allowing us to use the Bird Sanctuary for our Woodland Walks event on Wednesday evening. We are so grateful for their support!

A particularly big thank you to Ellie and her husband, David, who kindly opened and cleaned the toilets for us. We really appreciate them giving up their time to help make the evening a success!

Volunteers Needed – Could You Help?

The Friends of Selsdon Wood are looking for volunteers to help care for our beautiful local woodland.
All you need is enthusiasm and a good pair of shoes! 🥾
Volunteers help maintain paths and seating, manage fallen trees, support nature walks and identify areas needing attention.
It's a lovely opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, learn new skills and meet new people. You can do as much or as little as you like!

Contact them for more information:
🌐 www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk
📧 selsdonwood@gmail.com
📱 07979 002547 (texts only)

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Year	Event
Mon 9th Nov	**Whole School**	**Enrichment Clubs Begin** **(No Forest School club on Wed 11th Nov due to staff meetng)**
Thu 12th Nov	**5**	**Whitgift Primary Concert at Fairfield Halls**
Fri 13th Nov	**Whole School**	**Children in Need PJ Day** Children can come into school wearing their pyjamas. Please dress appropriately for the weather! No slippers - sensible shoes only. Please make a cash donation at the gate.
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)
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**

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

FRIENDS OF GREENVALE



£833.92

The Monster Mayhem discos raised an incredible profit! We hope everyone enjoyed them!!







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:

Lilly *(Year 5)* **Bryson *(Year 5)*** **Jacob *(Year 5)*** **Scarlett *(Year 6)*** **Rocco *(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:	Lily & Gene
Chaffinches:	Freddie M & George
Woodpeckers:	Emily & Violet
Jays:	Harriet & Bobby
Kestrels:	Athia & Kaleb
Falcons:	Harry C & Dulcie

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

ASH HOUSE

Makaton

SIGN OF THE WEEK

FIREWORKS



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!

NEXT WEEK
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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