



Grassmoor Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! However you spent the time, I hope the holidays were a chance for you to all have some fun, relax and reset ready for a successful 2026.

Thank you to you all for your continued support over the Autumn term. It was a joy to see so many parents and carers supporting our many Christmas events. We do hope you enjoyed them.

January can be a strange time in school without something 'big' to be working towards, or an event coming up. However, the children have already got their teeth into some exciting topics such as Urban Pioneers and Express Yourself! I've seen ice blocks, cling film, hot chocolate and bulb planting as I have been walking around this week. Sports clubs will be starting up again in a couple of weeks and some classes will be working towards some performance events later in the term. We've certainly hit the ground running!

During 2026, myself and the staff team will be looking at ways we can continue to improve Grassmoor, taking our school from strength to strength. We have been making some adaptations to our behaviour policy and there will be chance to share this with parents/carers later in the term. I do hope you'll get behind us and support with this.

The weather forecast is all over the place at the moment and we never know quite what we are waking up to. We always try to get the children outside so please ensure they always bring a warm coat and this has their name clearly labeled inside. If your child is wearing hats/scarves/gloves etc, these will need names in too.

Again, I wish you all the best for 2026 and am excited to see what it will bring for our school.

Mrs Wileman

A warm welcome to Mrs Slack who joins us in the school office. Mrs Slack takes on the role of School Business Officer here at Grassmoor and will be working every day. She joins us from another Derbyshire school and is very excited to join the team here at Grassmoor.

Thank you for all of your patience whilst we have been running with reduced office staff over the last couple of months. Also, this is chance to say a big thank you to Mrs Browne and Mrs Broadhurst who have stepped in to do lots of extras during this time too.

We look forward to being back to full strength in the office.

Mrs Slack



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 20 January

Fire Service working with Y4 and Y5

Thursday 12 February

Y3 Sing2gether concert

9:30 @ Tupton Village Hall

Friday 13 February

Last day of term

Monday 23 February

First day back – children return to school

Wednesday 25 February

Activity Day

More info to follow later

Good news!

Mrs Crossland entered some of our wonderful Y1 children into a writing competition.

The company running this have requested that every entry is published in the book they are producing (pending permission from parents). This is a real achievement so the children should be extra proud!

We are crossing our fingers that we may have some overall winners in our school too.

Uniform

We have had a new delivery of uniform. This is available to purchase on Parent Pay. Please see the office should you need any more information.

Website

Please do keep checking the school website as we make continued updates and make it more user friendly.

www.grassmoor.derbyshire.sch.uk



We are hoping to introduce bird feeding stations to promote the wildlife in our school. If you have any spare resources for this at home, or know any local companies who could donate anything, we would be very grateful.

Arbor

Over the coming weeks we will be moving the school's computer management system to a new provider called Arbor. Arbor is a much more up-to-date system that allows schools to work more efficiently whilst giving parents clearer information and data about their child in real time. Once fully rolled out it should make receiving information, reminders and booking appointments more convenient for families.

As we move through this transition period we will keep you updated about anything you may need to do. We hope the move will be as seamless as possible with very few technical gremlins!