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Care, Courtesy and Consideration

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Merit of the Week



Year 3: Daisy P & Bea O'D
Year 4: Jacob L & Bobby G
Year 5: Maisey D-J & Phoebe K
Year 6: Summer L & Alice M

Attendance

Year 3: 92.6%
Year 4: 95.9%
Year 5: 96.1%
Year 6: 95.4%
Whole School: 95%



Values Awards

Year 3: Bethan D
Year 4: Lucy C
Year 5: Matilda C
Year 6: Thea G



Golden Table Awards



Year 3: Isaac D
Year 4: Max B
Year 5: Niamh W
Year 6: Libby B

What's on at school next week?

(Week beginning 8th December)

Monday: Digital Wizards Club (8am)
Homework Club (12:00pm)
Middle Recorder Club (12:30pm)
Archery Club (12:30pm)
Rock Steady Concert (2:50pm)

Tuesday: Homework Club (12:00pm)
Craft Club (12:30pm)
Indoor Athletics Club (12:30pm)
Time Out Tuesday (12:30pm)

Wednesday: Golden Table (12:00pm)
Homework Club (12:00pm)
Choir (12:30pm)

Thursday: Homework Club (12:00pm)
Football (12:30pm)
Drawing & Colouring Club (12:30pm)
Chess Club (3:35pm)

Friday: School Council (12:30pm)
Year 6 Netball (12:30pm)
Film Friday (12:30pm)



Weekly Round-Up

It's been a wonderfully festive and community-focused week at GJS, filled with music, celebration and fantastic learning across the school.



On Tuesday, our Year 6 choir visited *Tea on Tuesday* at St Nick's Church to share some Christmas cheer with members of the elderly community. The children sang beautifully and truly lived out our values of expression and citizenship. We were also proud to gift the handmade Christmas cards created by Year 4 — each one was warmly received and brought plenty of smiles. The children enjoyed a well-earned drink and biscuit afterwards too. A huge well done to all involved for spreading such joy.

On Thursday, we welcomed *Tranmere Rovers* players into school for a brilliant question-and-answer session. The children asked thoughtful questions, collected autographs and learned what life is really like as a professional footballer — the highs, the challenges and the commitment required. A big thank you to our Girls' Team for earning this opportunity by winning their competition last week.

Friday brought our Christmas Fair, always a highlight! It was wonderfully well attended and full of festive fun. Thank you to everyone who donated items and to all who came along — your generosity and support are truly appreciated and it was lovely to see such strong community spirit.

In classrooms this week:

- Year 3 explored land use in our local area and practised their map-sketching skills. In science, they investigated everyday objects to discover which were magnetic, making predictions and identifying patterns. There was impressive scientific thinking as pupils realised that not all metals are magnetic.
- Year 4 have been developing their typing, editing and formatting skills in ICT, preparing their Christmas poems ready to be performed at our carol concert.
- Year 5 have been busy with their DT pop-up books, using lots of folding, cutting and careful construction.
- Year 6 have been experimenting with painting techniques, creating value scales and practising traditional brush strokes inspired by Chinese art.

Looking ahead to next week - A slightly quieter week as we head towards Christmas:

Monday: Rock Steady concert at 2:50pm

Wednesday: Golden Table

A lovely week all round — well done everyone!



Staffing Updates

We would like to share some staffing news for 5EF. Mrs Evans will be leaving Greasby Junior School at the end of this term after an incredible 19 years of dedicated service. We are extremely grateful for everything she has brought to our school and for the many children she has taught, nurtured and inspired during her time here. Mrs Fleming will also be taking a pause in her teaching career next year to focus on her young family; we will share more information once a date has been agreed.

We are also very pleased to share some positive news. From January, we will be warmly welcoming Miss Bennett as the new full-time class teacher for 5EF. Miss Bennett is a warm, friendly and enthusiastic teacher who is excited to be joining the GJS community. She will be visiting school over the coming days to begin getting to know the class, the routines and our staff team. We are confident she will be a wonderful addition to 5EF, and we look forward to supporting a smooth and happy transition for the children.

Christmas Fair

Friday's Christmas Fair was a truly joyful event, filled with festive cheer, family fun and a brilliant sense of community. The hall and corridors were buzzing with excited children and families enjoying a wide range of activities. From games, toys and gifts to our ever-popular tombolas, cookie decorating table and the *free* face painting station, there was something for everyone to enjoy.



A special mention goes to our fantastic Year 6 pupils, who led many of the games with confidence, enthusiasm and a real sense of responsibility. They were a credit to the school and helped make the afternoon even more special for our younger pupils.



We would also like to thank the Year 5 pupils who stayed behind to support the younger children with their cookie decorating. Their kindness and patience made a real difference and were lovely to see.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event—your presence, generosity and festive spirit helped make the Fair such a success.

And finally, a very big thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising the event, and to Hayley, Laura and Helen, who have done an incredible job leading the organisation of the festivities in their first year as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. What a brilliant start—well done!



Online Safety – YouTube & Online Videos

Many children enjoy using YouTube for entertainment, tutorials, and learning videos. However, even when children start with age-appropriate content, the platform's recommended videos can quickly lead them to material that is not suitable for their age.

To help keep your child's viewing safe and positive:

Use YouTube Kids for younger users

YouTube Kids is designed specifically for children, with stronger content filters and the option for parents to hand-pick channels or videos. You can also set screen-time limits, disable the search function, and review your child's watch history. This helps ensure that what they access is appropriate and tailored to their age and interests.

Turn on Restricted Mode

If your child uses the standard YouTube app or website, switching on Restricted Mode can help hide content that has been flagged as inappropriate. Although not perfect, it provides an added layer of protection.

Watch or subscribe together

Take time to watch videos with your child or explore their subscriptions together. This not only helps you understand what they enjoy but also opens conversations about what is suitable and what to avoid.

Talk about adverts and influencers

YouTube is full of adverts, sponsorships, and influencer content. Encourage your child to think critically about what they see — not everything online is true, and many influencers are paid to promote products or ideas. These conversations help build digital resilience and healthy scepticism.

For more guidance on keeping your child safe on video platforms, visit:

www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/video-sharing-apps/

Open conversations, small reminders, and regular check-ins help children develop safe and thoughtful online habits.

Menu – Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL OPTION 1	Cheese & Bean Lasagne	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Lentil & Stuffing Pastry Roll	Bolognaise with Penne Pasta	Vegetable Nuggets & Chips
OPTION 2	Ham & Cheese Pasta	Traditional Creamy Beef Lasagne	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice	MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips
VEGGIES	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Roasted Potatoes Carrots & Parsnips	Peas	Beans
FILLED ROLLS	Ham Cheese	Chicken Egg	Ham Cheese	Tuna Mayo Ham Cheese	Egg Cheese
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans					
SWEET TREATS	Blueberry Cookie Bar	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce	Apple & Cocoa Sponge	Raspberry Jelly
Desserts available every day – a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
KEY Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat					

Community

 Greasby Methodist Church together with 

warmly invites you to...

CAROLS IN THE COMMUNITY

Sunday 7th Dec 4.30pm

MEET OUTSIDE GREASBY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THE GREEN



Join us afterwards for mince pies and hot drinks in the Methodist Church at 5pm

www.greasbymethodistchurch.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Emma Ball,
Headteacher

INSET Days

Monday 1st September

Friday 24th October

Monday 5th January

Friday 13th February

Monday 20th July