



# Greasby Junior School

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## Care, Courtesy and Consideration

**Newsletter:** 23.1.26

### Merit of the Week



**Year 3:** Rowan & George W  
**Year 4:** Jack W & Arlo Mc  
**Year 5:** Tabitha P & Aniya J  
**Year 6:** Theo B & Elisabeth P

### Attendance



**Year 3:** 94%  
**Year 4:** 96.4%  
**Year 5:** 97.6%  
**Year 6:** 95%  
**Whole School:** 95.7%

### Values Awards



**Year 3:** Verity K & Marius C  
**Year 4:** Joseff R  
**Year 5:** Noah P  
**Year 6:** Evie H, Chloe B & Bobby W

### Golden Table Awards

**Year 3:** George W  
**Year 4:** Leela J  
**Year 5:** Joseph S  
**Year 6:** Gabriel A



### Handwriting Award

**Year 3:** Georgia L & Joshua D-Mc  
**Year 4:** Archie H & Freddie C  
**Year 5:** Carter W & Thomas S  
**Year 6:** Leighton C & Emilie Mc



### What's on at school next week?

(Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> January)

#### 4JR swimming every afternoon this week

<b>Monday:</b>	Homework Club (12:00pm) Middle Recorder Club (12:30pm) Spaghetti Maths Club (3:35pm)	<b>Thursday:</b>	Homework Club (12:00pm) Year 5&6 Judo Club (12:20pm) Football (12:30pm) Drawing & Colouring Club (12:30pm) Chess Club (3:35pm)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Group 1 – spaces already allocated) Homework Club (12:00pm) Craft Club (12:30pm) Indoor Athletics Club (12:30pm) Time Out Tuesday (12:30pm)	<b>Friday:</b>	School Council (12:30pm) Year 6 Netball (12:30pm) Film Friday (12:30pm)
<b>Wednesday:</b> Year 5 Bikeability (Group 2 – spaces already allocated) Homework Club (12:00pm) Golden Table (12:00pm) Choir (12:30pm)			



## In classrooms this week:

- Year 3 have had great fun using play-doh to mimic the process of sedimentary rock formation! They showed their knowledge of layers of rock building up over thousands of years. They also demonstrated super collaborations skills and scientific vocabulary use!
- Year 4 have been enjoying their 'Sound' unit in Science. They have taken part in several interesting investigations to explore how sound travels through solids, liquids and gases.
- Year 5 have been 'raising aspirations' this week! They are currently working through an ambitions and careers programme to open minds about future prospects, skills, interviews and career opportunities. This week, they have been focused on the skills needed to write a CV!
- Year 6 have been working really hard in gymnastics this week, including some impressive shoulder stands! Well done everyone!

## National Handwriting Day



Since our return in January, here at GJS we have placed an increased focus on correct letter formation and handwriting to help reduce the cognitive load pupils experience during spelling and writing tasks. By developing fluent and legible handwriting skills, pupils can concentrate more on the content of their writing rather than the mechanics, supporting improved overall writing outcomes. We are pleased to report that many pupils have made excellent progress in this area, demonstrating greater confidence and neatness in their work. To involve families

in celebrating this achievement, we encourage parents to ask their children to show their neatest handwriting at home. In recognition of National Handwriting Day today, we have celebrated one child from each class who has shown the most improved handwriting since Christmas. Well done everyone for all of your hard work in handwriting – keep it up!

## Attendance Update

At Greasby Junior School, we have noticed that attendance is currently a little lower than usual, and we are committed to maintaining attendance above 97% to give every pupil the best chance to thrive academically and socially. We understand that coughs and colds are common during this season, and we want to support families as much as possible. To help your child stay in school, we can administer medicines such as Calpol when needed, ensuring they feel comfortable and ready to learn.

Research shows that pupils with lower attendance at Key Stage 2 tend to have lower attainment outcomes, with those missing more than 4.7% of school time less likely to meet expected standards in reading, writing, and maths. Missing even a few days each term can make it harder for pupils to keep up with their learning, so regular attendance really does make a big difference. We are here to work with you to support your child's attendance and wellbeing, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any advice or support.



## Parking



We would like to remind parents and carers that the school car park is for Blue Badge holders and those who have a prior agreement in place with the school. Recently, we have seen an increase in unauthorised parking, which can cause congestion and impact access for those who genuinely need these spaces. We kindly ask all families to support us by using alternative parking arrangements unless you have permission to use the car park. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe and ensure fair access for those who need it most.



## Menu – Week 2

**MENU WEEK 2** SERVED W/C: **THE FOOD EXPLORERS** Hutchison

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Sausage & Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Tex-mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap
<b>OPTION 1</b>					
<b>OPTION 2</b>	MSC Approved Salmon Pasta Bake	Pork & Beef Sausage, Mash & Gravy	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken Curry with Carrot Rice	MSC Approved Fish & Chips
<b>VEGGIES</b>	Peas	Carrot & Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans
<b>FILLED ROLLS</b>	Tuna Mayo 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

<b>SWEET TREATS</b>	Strawberry Mousse	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Original Flapjack	Chocolate & Carrot Muffin	Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins
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Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt

**KEY** **Nutritionist's Choice**    
 Vegetarian  Vegan  Added Wholewheat 

## Community Events

**PAPAYA**

# Let's talk about our kids and their tech

PARENT TALK WITH VICTORIA

ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE & TIME

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2026 – 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM



**Dr Victoria Joesbury**

Victoria is a GP in Wirral, Merseyside and has been concerned about the detrimental effect that the increase in smartphone and screen use has been having on young people.

She is a parent to four children, two of whom already have smartphones and has seen first hand some of the problems this has caused. She became a regional leader for the grassroots movement Smartphone Free Childhood in 2024 to help raise awareness and support parents.

This PAPAYA talk is being held at St George's Primary School in Wallasey and focuses on supporting parents in navigating their children's use of smartphones and the online world. The session will include information about parenting in the digital age along with practical tips for achieving a healthy balance with screen time, followed by an opportunity for discussion and questions.

The talk will be delivered by Dr Victoria Joesbury, a local GP who works on the Wirral.

**Wirral  
Young Musician  
of the Year 2026**

**Sunday 22nd March  
Heswall Hall, Wirral**

**The competition is open to all pupils who attend schools within Wirral.**

**There are categories for both instrumental and vocal within each age group and cash bursaries are on offer for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed performers in each. Written feedback from judges will be given to all performers.**

**Entries cost £7 and deadline to apply is Friday 13th February**

**For more information visit:**  
[www.lovemusictrust.com/WYM26](http://www.lovemusictrust.com/WYM26)

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## Wired Carers Drop-In

**Are you an unpaid carer in Wirral?**

Why not come along to one of our free drop-in sessions for unpaid carers, where you can access valuable information, advice and support on a range of topics, such as:

- Carer's Allowance
- Eligibility for financial support
- Local services
- Benefits you may be entitled to

And much more!



### West Kirby Carers Drop-In

**AGE UK Cafe, Marine Place, Marine Lake Medical Centre, Ormsdale Rd, West Kirby, CH48 4HX.**

**3rd Thursday of the month, 10am-12pm**

**Free tea and coffee is provided**

[www.wired.me.uk](http://www.wired.me.uk)

If you would like more information, please contact:

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# GJS EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE – SPRING 1

<u>MONDAY</u>			
<u>Club</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>Who?</u>
Homework Club	Lower ICT	12pm	Mrs Walker
Middle Recorders	6P	12.30pm	Miss Price
Spaghetti Maths	Upper ICT	3.35pm	Kate Yates
<u>TUESDAY</u>			
<u>Club</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>Who?</u>
Coding Club	ICT	8am	Coding Warrington
Homework Club	Lower ICT	12pm	Mrs Walker
Craft Club	4JR	12.30pm	Mrs Wetherall
Indoor Athletics	Hall	12.30pm	Mr Owen
Time Out Tuesday	Miss Walker's Room	12.30pm	Mrs Mullineux-Clay
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>			
<u>Club</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>Who?</u>
Y5/6 Homework Club	Lower ICT	12pm	Mrs Walker
Choir	Hall	12.30pm	Miss Brown/Miss Price
<u>THURSDAY</u>			
<u>Club</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>Who?</u>
Y3/4 Homework Club	Lower ICT	12pm	Mrs Walker
Drawing and Colouring	3MC	12.30pm	Mrs McIlveen
Judo	Hall	12.20pm	Chris
Chess	Upper ICT	3.35pm	Mr Battersby
<u>FRIDAY</u>			
<u>Club</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>Who?</u>
Film Friday	Miss Walker's Room	12.30pm	Mrs Swift
School Council	4JR	12.30pm	Miss Roberts
Y6 Netball	Playground	12.30pm	Mrs Allport

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Lucy Swift, Deputy Headteacher

**INSET Days**

~~Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September~~

~~Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October~~

~~Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January~~

~~Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February~~

~~Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July~~

