



Greasyby Junior School

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Care, Courtesy and Consideration

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Merit of the Week



Year 3: Eleanor D & Emi H
Year 4: Lucy C & Arlo L
Year 5: Hughie O'D & Finn J
Year 6: Talisha D & Libby B

Attendance

Year 3: 96.2%
Year 4: 96.0%
Year 5: 90.3%
Year 6: 94.7%
Whole School: 94.3%



Values Awards

Year 3: George B
Year 4: Jacob L
Year 5: Matilda H
Year 6: Luke T



Golden Table Awards



Year 3: Daisy P
Year 4: Ewan M
Year 5: Phoebe K
Year 6: Isaac F

What's on at school next week?

(Week beginning 15th December)

Monday: Year 4 Church Practice
Homework Club (12:00pm)
Middle Recorder Club (12:30pm)
Christmas Service to School

Tuesday: Golden Table (12:00pm)
Homework Club (12:00pm)
Craft Club (12:30pm)
Indoor Athletics Club (12:30pm)
Time Out Tuesday (12:30pm)
DISCO 3:45 – 5:15pm

Wednesday: Children's Christmas Lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day
Choir (12:30pm)

Thursday: Homework Club (12:00pm)
Football (12:30pm)
Drawing & Colouring Club (12:30pm)
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Service at Church (2pm)
Chess Club (3:35pm)

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

Break up for Christmas Holidays



Weekly Round-Up

As we head into the penultimate week before Christmas, it has been another full and festive few days at GJS. Attendance has dipped a little this week, largely due to illness but also a number of holiday absences. While we fully appreciate that children get poorly — and that family time is important — we are still very much in learning mode. Whenever children are well enough, it is important they are in school so they don't miss valuable teaching time.



We began the week with a brilliant Rock Steady concert on Monday. It was wonderful to see so many families come along to support the children. The bands performed an amazing variety of music — from George Ezra and Kelly Clarkson to Linkin Park — and their confidence and enthusiasm were a joy to watch. Thank you to everyone who attended.

More musical magic followed on Thursday evening at our Oak Trees MAT Music Through the Decades event at Hulme Hall. Our GJS performers were fantastic, showcasing the value of Expression with confidence, joy and true musical spirit. From The Beatles to Wham! to a powerful rendition of *Eye of the Tiger*, it was an evening full of energy and community pride. We were incredibly proud of how supportive, kind and encouraging the children were towards each other. A huge thank you to Miss Price and Miss Brown for preparing and leading the choir, and to Ms Gordon for supporting on the night.

Earlier in the week, a group of Year 5 pupils also performed a drama piece they had created — full of creativity, collaboration and expression. A very inspiring piece of work!

In classrooms this week:

- Year 3 explored the question: *Is magnetism a force that can act at a distance?* They predicted, tested and measured how far away a magnet could attract a paper clip and compared the strength of different magnets. They showed excellent scientific thinking and careful measuring. In Literacy, they stepped into the role of Tom from *Winter's Child*, using "Tom pencils" to help them imagine his day and write with emotion and honesty.
- Year 4 have been learning about South American music. They performed *Vamos, Let's Go!* using both tuned and untuned percussion — a lively and joyful session.
- Year 5 have been working hard on dividing fractions in maths. Their books show excellent journalling, clear explanations and confident calculations using both improper and mixed number fractions.
- Year 6 have been studying Darwin's theory of evolution and natural selection. After learning about his observations of finches on the Galápagos Islands, they took part in an investigation using different "beak shapes" to gather food. All survived at first — until the drought arrived and food became scarce, making it truly a case of "survival of the fittest."

Looking ahead to next week

Monday: Year 6 will visit church for their Christmas Service practice and will perform it to the school in the afternoon.

Tuesday: School Disco — tickets available on Arbor.

Wednesday: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day.

Thursday: Year 3 and 4 Christmas Service in church.

Friday: Toy Day — please refer to the original letter for guidelines.

A lovely, lively week at GJS — thank you for your continued support as we head towards the final days of term.



Nut- and Sesame-Free Reminder & Healthy Snacks

As a reminder, Greasby Junior School is a nut- and sesame-free school. Please can we all take extra care when preparing snacks and packed lunches. Some everyday items contain hidden nuts or sesame — for example, certain sushi products may include sesame oil, and spreads such as Nutella or chocolate bars like Kinder Bueno contain hazelnuts.



We kindly ask that you check ingredient lists carefully, and if nuts or sesame are listed as *named ingredients*, please avoid sending these products into school to help us keep everyone safe.

We also take this opportunity to remind families about our healthy snack expectations at break time. We do encourage children to bring a morning snack to boost their energy levels, but in line with promoting a healthy lifestyle, crisps and chocolate are not permitted at this time of day.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

Online Safety – YouTube & Online Videos

Sadly, online unkindness can spread quickly through games, group chats, or social media-style platforms that many children use. Even seemingly small comments can feel much bigger when they appear on a screen, especially if others join in or 'like' unkind messages.

To support your child:

- **Talk about kindness online.** Remind them that the same expectations of respect and courtesy apply online as they do in school. A simple rule is: *If you wouldn't say it face-to-face, don't type it.*
- **Discuss what to do if something feels unkind.** Encourage your child to block and report users who are upsetting them, rather than replying or joining in. Most apps and games now have clear tools for reporting content.
- **Keep evidence if needed.** Screenshots of hurtful messages or usernames can help adults understand what has happened and take appropriate action.
- **Open the door for conversation.** Reassure your child that they can always speak to you or another trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried, embarrassed, or upset. Staying calm and listening helps them come forward sooner.
- **Promote positive digital habits.** Encourage children to take breaks from screens, avoid late-night messaging, and think carefully before posting or sharing.

For more guidance on supporting children with online bullying, visit:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers>

Menu – Week 2 (Please remember, it's Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday so there are not other food options that day. All children not participating in the Christmas Dinner options must bring a packed lunch.)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL					
OPTION 1	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Sausage & Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Tex-mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap
OPTION 2	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
VEGGIES	Peas	Carrot & Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans
FILLED ROLLS	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					
SWEET TREATS	Strawberry Mousse	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Original Flapjack	Chocolate & Carrot Muffin	Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins
Desserts available every day – a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
KEY Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat					

Community



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Ball,
Headteacher

INSET Days

~~Monday 1st September~~

~~Friday 24th October~~

Monday 5th January

Friday 13th February

Monday 20th July