



Greasyby Junior School

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Care, Courtesy and Consideration

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Merit of the Week



Year 3: Poppy F & Ellis W
Year 4: Oliver R & Amelia T
Year 5: Bonnie C & Abigail F
Year 6: Lucy W & Rory H

Attendance

Year 3: 97.4%
Year 4: 95.8%
Year 5: 93.4%
Year 6: 93.2%
Whole School: 94.9%



Values Awards

Year 3: Thea A
Year 4: Max C
Year 5: Charlotte K
Year 6: Eleanor F



Golden Table Awards



Year 3: Layla M
Year 4: Ellie R
Year 5: Cole S
Year 6: Will K

What's on at school next week?

(Week beginning 11th November)

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday: **Year 3 Barnstondale Visit**
Digital Wizards Club (7:55am)
Homework Club (12:00pm)
Archery Club (12:20pm)
Lego/K'nex Club (12:30pm)
Middle Recorder Club (12:30pm)

Thursday: **Last day for Christmas Card orders**
Homework Club (12:00pm)
School Council (12:30pm)
Chess Club (3:35pm)

Tuesday: **Odd Socks Day**
Homework Club (12:00pm)
Drama with Desna (12:30pm)
Time Out Tuesday (12:30pm)

Friday: **Children in Need – Optional non-uniform day - Wearing spots or Pudsey related clothes**
Golden Table (12:00pm)
Film Friday (12:30pm)

Wednesday: Homework Club (12:00pm)
Gardening Club (12:30pm)
Craft Club (12:30pm)



Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We hope all our families had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. As we begin this new term, we're looking forward to a productive and positive few weeks ahead. With a full calendar of activities, learning opportunities, and school events planned, we're excited to support each child's growth and achievements. Thank you for your continued partnership—here's to a fantastic term together!



An Exciting Addition to the GJS Family – A message from Mr Owen & Miss Brown

We are delighted to introduce you all to our beautiful baby girl. This is Ava Katherine Owen and she was born safe and well on Wednesday 30th October at 3.47am, weighing in at 5lb 15oz. Both Mum and Ava are doing incredibly well. A huge thank you from us both, to all the GJS staff, children and parents for your incredible support and kindness throughout this journey. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

I am sure you will join me in wishing the new family every luck for the future together as they begin this exciting new chapter together. Congratulations to the new mum & dad!

Congratulations!

At GJS, we are always so happy to share and celebrate in the success of our pupils – so much so, our celebrating success board is being added to every week with children who have achieved something they are proud of. Some for their sporting successes, other for their learning. No matter the achievement, we love the chance to give our children a shoutout!

During the half-term break, Sadie, one of our Year 5 pupils, achieved an incredible milestone by competing in her very first dance competition in Blackpool—and she absolutely shone! Against more than 30 competitors, Sadie's skill, dedication, and passion for dance led her to victory, earning her the prestigious title of Under 10 European Champion in not just one, but both categories she entered: Freestyle and Slowdance. Winning both sections is a remarkable accomplishment, especially for a first competition, and we couldn't be prouder of her talent and hard work. Congratulations, Sadie—what an amazing way to make your debut on the dance floor!



Children In Need

We're excited to invite all of our children (and staff!) to join in the fun and raise awareness for Children in Need! On Friday 15th November, pupils can leave their uniforms at home and come to school wearing something spotty or Pudsey-themed instead!

Whether it's a bright spotty shirt, a Pudsey accessory, or even something handmade, this is a fantastic way to show support for Children in Need. While there will be no donation collection at school this year, children are welcome to bring along any Pudsey-related items they may have purchased, with all proceeds going towards

supporting children's charities across the UK.

Let's make the day bright, colourful, and full of spirit—looking forward to seeing everyone's creative outfits!

Year 6 Hope Journey Trip: Remembering

On Thursday, our Year 6 pupils visited Greasby Methodist Church to take part in the *Hope Journey: Remembering* experience. The children enjoyed an insightful day, exploring the significance of Remembrance Sunday and reflecting on the importance of remembering both historical events, like those from World War II, and their own special memories from primary school.

Thank you to Greasby Methodist Church for hosting such a meaningful experience and to our families for ensuring the children were prepared for the day! It was a memorable event for all involved.



Mr. Duffy's Unique Fundraiser for Alder Hey Children's Charity!

We're excited to support Matt Duffy, a parent at our school and our talented drum teacher, in his fundraiser for the wonderful Alder Hey Children's Charity. This charity is incredibly close to his heart due to the life-saving treatment and care they have provided for his daughter. To raise £1,000 (or more!) by 1st December 2024, Matt has taken on a unique challenge: he will keep one side of his face shaved and let the other grow. If he reaches his goal, he will also

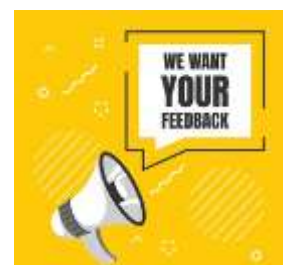
shave half of his head and keep this look until New Year's Day!

If you'd like to support Matt and Alder Hey, please visit his Just Giving page: [Matt Duffy's Just Giving Page](#).

Message from Oak Trees MAT

As you will know your child's school is part of the Oak Trees Multi-Academy Trust. As a Trust we value feedback from parents and carers to ensure that we work hard to make your child's school as good as it can possibly be. Please click on the link below to answer a small number of questions about your child's school. The survey is very simple to complete and should only take a couple of minutes. The survey is completely anonymous. We would welcome feedback from as many parents/carers as possible.

[Link to the Survey](#)





Cashpot for GJS

Thank you to all who have chosen us through the Asda Rewards App. We can't wait to see how much money we can raise by just buying our weekly shop! There are 22 days left so please keep supporting our school.

Safe Parking Reminder – Let's Keep Our Children Safe

I'm reaching out to remind everyone of the importance of parking safely around our school premises, especially given the close proximity of three schools that all finish around the same time each day. Unfortunately, earlier this week, one of our Year 6 pupils was nearly hit by a car due to unsafe parking on Thorn's Drive. The car was parked on the pavement, blocking the child's view and creating a dangerous situation.

Please avoid parking on pavements or in ways that restrict visibility for children crossing the road. Let's work together to ensure our children's safety and prevent any future accidents. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.



Anti-Bullying Week 2024

Anti-Bullying takes place from Monday 11th – Friday 15th November with the theme 'Choose Respect'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau.

Our school will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, urging adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what it means to disagree respectfully, how to avoid resorting to bullying, and how we can all choose to lead by example.

From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this year's Anti-Bullying Week message is 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives. This year, we must empower the children to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline. We'll be asking them to imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives and reminding them that this isn't just a dream, it's in the choices we make. We'll be encouraging the children to join us this Anti-Bullying Week and to 'Choose Respect'.

In addition, we will also be taking part in Odd Socks Day that forms part of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique. **Odd Socks Day** will take place on the second day of Anti Bullying Week, **Tuesday 12th November**, to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. On Odd Socks Day, we will be wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences and promote kindness and respect. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks!

Online Safety

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets you create, share and watch short clips. The app is popular for viral dances and celebrity cameos and is a creative and fun platform for **teens** to enjoy. Currently, the app is available in 75 languages with over 1 billion active users and is most popular with under-16s.

We know that many of our GJS pupils use TikTok regularly despite the age rating of 13+ so [this site](#) includes information about how to set parental controls as well as links to other information that can help keep your child safe.



Menu

Hutchison
CATERING

Date: Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Event	All Day Breakfast Pork Sausage, Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Bread	Chicken Korma with Rice & Peas or Broccoli	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Beef Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn or Green Beans	Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Peas
Vegetarian Selection	All Day Breakfast (V) Quorn Sausage, Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Bread	Vegetarian Korma with Rice and Peas or Broccoli	Quorn Fillet (Ve) with Roast Potatoes, Carrots or Cauliflower & Gravy	Quorn Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn or Green Beans	Quorn Nuggets (Ve) with Chips & Peas
Picnic	Freshly Prepared Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Ham Sandwich or Hot Cheese Panini, Cheese and Ham Panini or Tuna Mayo Panini Served with Mixed Salad, Healthy Snack, Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Jacket Potatoes	Crispy Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice Tuna Mayo, Cheese, Beans, Mixed Salad Dessert of the Day or Fresh Fruit				
Desserts	Chocolate Crunch Cookies (VE)	Jam Sponge & Custard (V)	Apple & Cinnamon Muffin (V)	Ice Cream	Shortbread (VE) & with Fresh Fruit

Key: V – Vegetarian, VE – Vegan
Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Water, Juice, Fresh Fruit, and Yoghurt

Community Events

Bethany's 21st Birthday


5K FUN run

Birkenhead Park
24/11/24
Enter now via
the QR code



Claire House
CHILDREN'S HOSTICE






Calling the whole family!!!

Come join us for some 'bricktastic' fun
with mountains of Lego and Duplo, Bible stories, singing,
prayers, a mega challenge and, of course, tea time snacks too.

Sunday 10th November 2024
2.30—4.00pm

 **Greasby Methodist Church**

192 Greasby Rd, Greasby, CH49 2PN.
See website for details
www.greasbymethodistchurch.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Emma Ball,
Headteacher

INSET Days

~~Monday 2nd September~~

Monday 6th January

Friday 23rd May

Monday 21st July

Tuesday 22nd July