



Greasyby Junior School

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Care, Courtesy and Consideration

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Merit of the Week



Year 3: Jacob G-W & Elena H
Year 4: Archie T & Ellis W
Year 5: Matilda C & Joseph C
Year 6: Finley D & Charlotte K

Attendance

Year 3: 96.5%
Year 4: 96.9%
Year 5: 94.8%
Year 6: 95.1%
Whole School: 95.8%



Values Awards

Year 3: Joshua B
Year 4: Max B & Jake L
Year 5: Joshua L
Year 6: Erin O



Golden Table Awards



Year 3: Toby H
Year 4: Alice D
Year 5: Sophia O
Year 6: Theo B

What's on at school next week?

(Week beginning 12th January)

Monday: Homework Club (12:00pm)
Middle Recorder Club (12:30pm)
Spaghetti Maths Club (3:35pm)

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

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

Thursday: Homework Club (12:00pm)
Year 5&6 Judo Club (12:20pm)
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)



Happy New Year!

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our pupils back to school this week and to see classrooms once again filled with energy, enthusiasm and smiling faces. The children have settled quickly into their routines and have returned with a fantastic attitude to learning. This has made for a very positive start to 2026, and we are incredibly proud of how focused and motivated everyone has been. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and to building on this excellent beginning together.



In the classrooms this week:

- Year 3 have had an exciting and imaginative start to their new learning this week as they stepped into the Stone Age! To launch their new class text, *Stone Age Boy*, the children took part in a range of drama activities that brought this prehistoric period vividly to life. Year 3 are already asking brilliant questions and are eager to learn more about life in the Stone Age. This exciting start has set the tone for some fantastic learning ahead!
- Year 4 have made an exciting start to their new History topic, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings! After their first lesson, they are already curious about how history shaped our local area. Over the coming weeks, why not keep an eye out for clues around Wirral? Signs around Greasby, Upton and Thurstaston have fascinating Anglo-Saxon and Viking connections — a fun way to spot history in our own neighbourhood!
- Year 5 have enjoyed an exciting start to their new Science topic, Earth and Space! They have loved reading their linked text, *Darkest Dark*, and today they worked really hard exploring the solar system, learning fascinating facts about planets, orbits, and the wonders of space. It's been a stellar start to the term!
- Year 6 have made a strong and thoughtful start to their new dance unit this week. Using the song 'Two Tribes' by Frankie Goes to Hollywood, the children have been exploring how movement can be used to express emotions and tell a story. They began by working together as a whole class before moving into smaller groups to develop their own choreography.



Staffing Update

We would like to share a staffing update with our school community. Mrs Walker will shortly be leaving Greasby Junior School for pastures new. Mrs Walker has worked incredibly hard to support our Year 3 pupils this academic year and has provided invaluable Literacy intervention support during the afternoons. Her dedication, care and commitment to helping children build confidence and make progress in their learning have been greatly appreciated by both pupils and staff.

Mrs Walker will be very much missed by the whole school community. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and wish her every success and happiness in the future.



Parking Around School

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park safely and considerately, keeping the safety of our children at the forefront at all times. Please show respect for our local residents and wider community by avoiding blocking driveways, pavements and dropped kerbs, and by not parking on yellow lines or in ways that cause obstruction or safety concerns. We also ask everyone to demonstrate care, courtesy and consideration towards one another during these busy times, helping to ensure a calm and safe environment for all.

To support this, we have reached out to our local Community Support Officers, to request some visits around school during drop-off and pick-up times over the coming weeks and months. We thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping to keep our children and community safe.



Online Safety

Over the Christmas period, some children may have received new devices such as tablets, phones or gaming consoles. While these offer exciting opportunities for learning and entertainment, it is important that pupils are supported to use them safely and responsibly. We want all children to be aware of potential online risks and to feel confident about how to stay safe when using apps, games and online tools at home. Below are some simple suggestions to help parents and carers support their children with online safety.



- **Talk regularly with your child**
Ask them what apps, games or online tools they are using and who (or what) they are interacting with. Keeping conversations open and positive helps children feel comfortable sharing any worries.
- **Explain that online and AI “friends” are not real people**
Help children understand that chatbots and virtual friends do not have feelings and should not replace real friendships or trusted adults.
- **Remind children never to share personal information**
Children should not share names, ages, school details, addresses, photos or passwords online.
- **Check age ratings and privacy settings**
Make sure apps and games are age-appropriate and use parental controls and privacy settings where possible.
- **Encourage children to question what they see online**
Explain that information online is not always accurate and they should check with a trusted adult if something feels confusing or worrying.
- **Set clear boundaries around screen time**
Agree limits on when and how long devices can be used, particularly before bedtime.
- **Know how to report concerns**
Reassure children that they should tell a trusted adult straight away if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, and show them how to block or report content if needed.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe online.

Menu – Week 3

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL 	OPTION 1 Mixed Vegetable & Bean Fajita with Oven Baked Wedges	Bolognaise Ragu Penne Pasta	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Baked Creamy Mac 'N' Cheese	Sausage Roll & Chips
	OPTION 2 Quorn Dippers with Oven Baked Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Beef Bolognaise Penne Pasta	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Chicken Curry with Carrot Rice	MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips
VEGGIES 	Peas & Carrots	Sweetcorn	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Peas	Carrot & Mixed Salad	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 Yogurt & Strawberry Sauce	Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Orange Jelly with Mandarins	Gingerbread Squares with Custard	Garden Brownie
Desserts available every day – a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
KEY Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat					

A quick reminder that there have been some small updates to the school lunch menu. Following feedback from pupils and families, paninis have now returned (a clear favourite with both children and staff), along with soft triangle sandwiches made with fresh sliced bread instead of rolls. Yorkshire puddings will also be back on all roast dinner days. Although the image currently shared does not show these additions, all changes are now in place. We are awaiting the updated menu from our catering company and will share it as soon as it is finalised.



GJS EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE – SPRING 1

MONDAY

<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

TUESDAY

<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

WEDNESDAY

<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

THURSDAY

<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

FRIDAY

<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 Emma Ball, Headteacher

INSET Days

Monday 1st September
Friday 24th October
Monday 5th January
Friday 13th February
Monday 20th July

