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Care, Courtesy and Consideration

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Merit of the Week



Year 3: Bethan D & Isaac D

Year 4: Jake L & Arlo L

Year 5: Harry H & Tasha M

Year 6: Brendan C & Ollie S

Attendance

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 99.8%

Year 5: 96.8%

Year 6: 98.2%

Whole School: 98.7%



Values Awards

Starts next week



Golden Table Awards



Year 3: Belle C

Year 4: Max M

Year 5: Grace B

Year 6: Abigail F

What's on at school next week?

(Week beginning 8th September)

Monday: Middle Recorder Club (12:30pm)
Year 3 Curriculum Meeting (3:45pm)
PTA - All welcome (4:30PM)

Tuesday: Craft Club (12:30pm)
Indoor Ball Games Club (12:30pm)
Time Out Tuesday (12:30pm)
Year 6 Curriculum Meeting (3:45pm)

Wednesday: Year 6 Netball Club (12:30pm)
Year 6 Football (12:30pm)
Drama (12:30pm)
Golden Table (12:00pm)

Thursday: Cross Country (12:30pm)
School Council (12:30pm)
Chess Club (3:35pm)
Year 3 Curriculum Meeting (3:45pm)
Year 4 Curriculum Meeting (3:45pm)

Friday: Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics (12:30pm)
Year 5/6 Foot Golf (12:30pm)
Film Friday (12:30pm)

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! It has been fantastic to see our children and families return with such positivity this September. We would also like to give a very warm welcome to the children and families who are new to our school community. It has been lovely meeting so many of you at the gate each morning, and we have already seen the children growing in confidence and settling in so well as the week has gone on.



It has been a busy but very successful first week, with the children showing a great attitude and positivity in all that they have done. They are already setting an excellent standard of behaviour and showing enthusiasm for their learning. Staff have carefully planned activities to help children build positive relationships and strong connections with their class teachers and the wider staff team, as we know that happy children who feel safe and supported will thrive in their learning.

We know that by working together – children, staff and families – we can achieve the very best for our children. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and all that we will accomplish together.



Welcome to Our New House Captains

Well done to all of our Year 6 children who put themselves forward for the role of House Captain. It is a coveted position, and everyone was so well prepared with thoughtful and considered speeches.

Huge congratulations to our new captains for this academic year!

Bennett: Archie G & Lucy R

Day: James L & Amelie B

Royden: Oscar B & Florrie D

Shaw: Isaac H & Pearl P

Welcome to Our New Values Ambassadors

This week, we are delighted to announce our newly appointed **Values Ambassadors**. Year 6 pupils who wished to be considered completed an application form, explaining why they wanted the role and what qualities they could bring. The applications were truly outstanding, making the decision incredibly difficult. After much consideration, we are proud to have selected four ambassadors who showed real leadership, compassion, and a commitment to upholding our school values. We are very much looking forward to seeing them take on their new responsibilities and inspire others across the school.



Huge congratulations to: Bobby W, Abigail F, Pippa S & Summer L.



Welcome to Our New Play Leaders

We are also pleased to introduce our new Play Leaders. Year 6 pupils applied for the role by explaining why they wanted to take part and what skills they could bring. After some excellent applications, a team has now been chosen to help make playtimes fun, fair, and friendly for everyone.

Huge congratulations to: Charlie, Amelie, Finley, Bonnie, Abigail, Leo, Charlotte, Archie, Daisy, Hannah, Saski, Anya, Evie, Oscar, Elisabeth, Pippa, Nancie, Florrie, Isabella B, Pearl, Isabella W & Chloe.

REMINDER: School Times of Opening

Playground open: 8:30am
Doors open: 8:50am
Morning Session: 9.00 am - 12.00 pm
Afternoon Session: 1.15 pm - 3.35 pm



Children should arrive before the opening of the school and make their way straight on to either the Lower or Upper School playgrounds, a member of staff is on each playground from 8:30am to supervise the children. At 8.50am, the school doors are opened and the children go to their classrooms, where a 'starter' activity will be prepared for them.

Registration takes place at 9.00am. So as to avoid any missed learning opportunity, all children should be in school for 8:50am.

It is important for parents to understand that, although staff are in school from 7.00am, **there is no direct supervision until 8.30am** and therefore, until this point, children are still the responsibility of their parents.



ClassDojo

Class Dojo – Thank You for Joining!

Thank you to so many of our families who have already joined Class Dojo – it's been wonderful to see how quickly everyone has connected.

As a reminder, Class Dojo is the platform we now use to:

- Share school updates and reminders
- Celebrate successes with photographs and stories from across the school
- Provide key information such as homework and notices

To make sure your child can be included in class photographs shared on Dojo, please check that you have given permission via the Arbor consents section. Without this permission, your child will not appear in photos on the class story – this remains entirely your choice.

A very important reminder: Class Dojo is **not** used as a messaging service for class teachers. Teachers will not respond to messages through the app. If you need to get in touch, please contact the school office by phone or email, as set out in our Communication Policy shared earlier this week. The office will make sure your message reaches the right person.

However, if you wish to contact me directly as Headteacher, you are welcome to send me a message through Class Dojo.

We are delighted to use Class Dojo as a secure, family-friendly way to keep you up to date and to celebrate all the wonderful things happening in school.

Safety at GJS

At GJS, the safety and security of our pupils and staff are our top priorities. We have a variety of measures in place to ensure a safe environment for everyone. During drop-off and pick-up times, a member of staff is stationed at each exterior gate—Mill Lane Lower Gate, Mill Lane Main Gate, and the Upper Playground. This means that once a child is on site, they are secure and cannot leave unnoticed.



Now that we have completed the first week, we encourage families to drop off their child or children at the appropriate playground, say their goodbyes, and then make their way home or to work. There is no need for parents to stay and supervise, as our staff are present on both playgrounds to take care of this. Remaining on-site causes congestion and can impact the smooth flow of drop-offs and pick-ups.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone at GJS.



Arbor

Are you Updated?

It is critical that we hold the accurate information for our children and their families. This includes addresses and contact numbers as well as any relevant permission and medical information. This can be easily done by logging into your Arbor account and updating. If you have any issues, especially any of our new

families, please contact the school office and Ms Fletcher will be able to give you a helping hand.



School Uniform Expectations

Just a reminder of our day-to-day school uniform expectations. I would also be grateful if you could ensure your child:

- Wears black school shoes, rather than trainers (unless otherwise agreed by me due to specific circumstances)
- Does not wear jewellery. Only simple stud earrings are accepted; however, these must be either removed or covered for PE lessons.
- Wears long hair tied back
- Wears no nail varnish.



Who Owns This?

This is a question many of our staff are asking at the moment when jumpers and other items of uniform are found around school. Teachers and teaching assistants will always take the time to return lost belongings, but this is impossible when items are not labelled. I encourage you to name all of your child's uniform so it can be safely returned to them. If your child has lost any items recently, as we already have many unnamed cardigans and jumpers in lost property, hopefully you will find them in our lost property cupboard. This is located in the main entrance. Please come along at your convenience during school hours to take a look through.

Healthy Snacks

We encourage our children to bring a snack to school each day for them to enjoy at playtime; this can also help concentration in the classroom during the long morning before lunch. At Greasby Junior School, we are committed to promoting a healthy lifestyle and, as such, ask that you ensure any snacks sent into school meet these criteria. Permitted healthy snacks include fruit or vegetables, plain bread sticks, plain crackers, plain unsalted rice cakes or cereal bars. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut free school, so please can this be taken into consideration when choosing items either for your child's snack or lunch box.



Is My Child Too Ill for School?

This is a question parents and carers ask themselves, even more so post-COVID. It is common for children to come to school with general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

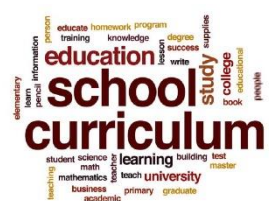
Any child coming to school should be well enough to learn, however, if that changes through the day, please be assured that we would contact you as parents and carers, especially if they are no longer well enough to be in school.

Please find attached the full-sized poster from the NHS for further information.

Curriculum Workshops

Our Curriculum Workshops help you to get fully involved in your child's education and are a chance for you to meet your child's new teachers. At the meetings, which last no more than an hour, teachers will explain what and how your child will be learning this year.

Teachers will also model examples of how to support your child at home and will be asking you how we can best help you to support your child at home.



Year3: Monday 8th @ 3:45pm (in 3M Classroom)
 Year 4: Thursday 11th @ 3:45pm (in 4SB Classroom)
 Year 5: Thursday 11th @ 3:45pm (in 5EF Classroom)
 Year 6: Tuesday 19th @ 3:45pm (in 6P Classroom)

Online Safety


As children settle back into school routines, this is a good time to check in on their online habits. Children aged 7–11 are increasingly independent online, but still need close guidance. Please take a few minutes this week to:

- **Check devices together** – look through the apps, games, and websites your child is using.
- **Review privacy settings** – make sure accounts are set to private and location sharing is turned off.
- **Talk about sharing safely** – remind your child never to share personal details (name, school, address, photos in uniform).
- **Encourage openness** – let them know they can talk to you or another trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried, upset, or uncomfortable.
- **Set boundaries** – agree on screen-time routines for after school and before bed.

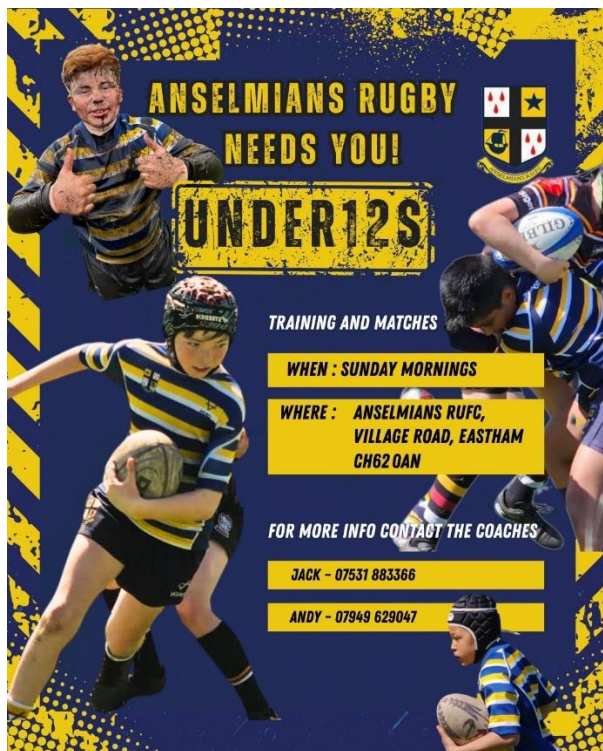
For further tips and practical step-by-step guides, visit the [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/online-safety-for-parents).

A quick conversation and a few checks at the start of term can make a big difference in helping children stay safe online.

Menu

					
Date: Spring and Summer 2025 Week 3					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option1	Margherita Pizza served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn or Cucumber Sticks (V)	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta & Broccoli or Green Beans	Roast Chicken in Gravy with Roast Potato, Yorkshire Pudding & Carrots or Broccoli	Homemade Chicken Tikka Curry with Rice & Peas or Sweetcorn	Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
Option 2	Quorn Burger served with Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn or Cucumber Sticks (V)	Tomato & Basil Pasta with Broccoli or Green Beans (VE)	Quorn Fillet in Gravy with Roast Potato, Yorkshire Pudding & Carrots or Broccoli (V)	Cheese & Tomato Tortilla Stack with Rice & Peas or Sweetcorn (V)	Cheese & Bean Pinwheel with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans (V)
Sandwich	Hot Panini Selection available daily with a choice of fillings Freshly Prepared Sandwich, Roll or Wrap served with Mixed Salad and the Dessert of the Day, Yoghurt (V) or Fresh Fruit (VE)				
Jacket Potatoes	Crispy Baked Jacket Potato with a Choice of Baked Beans (VE), Tuna Mayo or Cheese (V) with Mixed Salad Dessert of the Day, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit				
Desserts	Chocolate Crunch Cookies (VE)	Iced Bun with Fresh Fruit (V)	Oaty Biscuit (VE)	Iced Sponge School Cake (V)	Ice Cream (V)
Key: V – Vegetarian, VE – Vegan Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Salad, Water, Fresh Fruit, and Yoghurt					

Community Events



**ANSELMIANS RUGBY
NEEDS YOU!**

UNDER 12S

TRAINING AND MATCHES

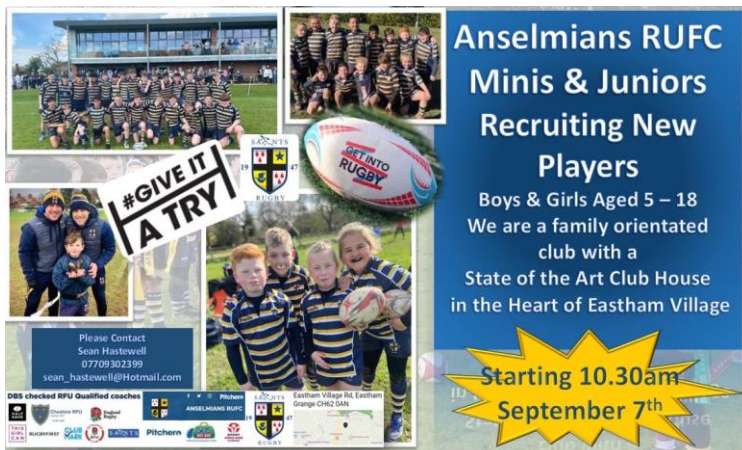
WHEN : SUNDAY MORNINGS

**WHERE : ANSELMIANS RUFC,
VILLAGE ROAD, EASTHAM
CH62 0AN**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE COACHES

JACK - 07531 883366

ANDY - 07949 629047



**Anselmians RUFC
Minis & Juniors
Recruiting New
Players**

Boys & Girls Aged 5 – 18
We are a family orientated
club with a
State of the Art Club House
in the Heart of Eastham Village

**Starting 10.30am
September 7th**

Please Contact
Sean Hastewell
07709 302399
sean_hastewell@hotmail.com

DBS checked RFU Qualified coaches



GIRLS ONLY RUGBY

Women/Girls Weekend 6th & 7th Sept
Girls Activity Day Sunday 7th September
9am-10:30am From Crafting to Kicking
Ages 6-12 All abilities welcome

A WEEKEND FULL OF ACTIVITY AND EXCITEMENT...

- Ladies Lunch (please see website for details)
- Live Women's RWC game
- Men's Rugby from 2pm
- Girls Rugby Training 9am-10.30am

The women's Rugby World Cup is upon us and Anselmians are running a Girls Activity Day to get behind the Red Roses during the tournament to introduce girls aged 6-12 years old to rugby by using fun and creative activities.

Contact Rhiannon for any information
On 0725347105

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