



Thoughts from the Head

We have had an extremely busy half term. All the children have worked incredibly hard, but in-particular a big well done to our Y6 pupils who have had their SAT tests. They demonstrated determination and resilience and we are so proud of them. The children have enjoyed a range of fun activities including Speed Stacks, Tri Golf, Disney football and a Scooter Festival. I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to many more fun activities planned next term. Mrs Dunn.

Greatham Feast Church Service

Our service will take place at St John the Baptist church on Friday 21st June 2024 at 9.30am.

Parents, carers and family members are welcome to join us.

Year 6 Leavers Church Service

Our service will take place at St John the Baptist Church on Monday 22nd July 2024 at 9.30am.

Parents, carers and family members are welcome to join us.

Multiplication Tables Check Reminder

All Year 4 children will complete their MTC in June across a 2-week window. The test will take no more than 10 minutes.

To avoid any worry or feelings of being unprepared, please support your child to feel as ready as possible by practicing.

This could include spending time on Times Table Rockstars where they can complete a practice check, times table games and using multiplication squares.

Children have said they feel least confident with their 7, 8 and 12 times tables so we are working hard to target these. Thank you for your continued support.

KS2 Performance – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Children in years 5 and 6 will be putting on an end of year performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 6pm.

Tickets will be available to buy on ParentPay at £2 per ticket, from week commencing 10th June 2024.

Year 6 Transition Dates

The secondary school transition dates for **Hartlepool** schools this year have been confirmed as:

Monday 15th July to Thursday 18th July 2024

Children will return to Greatham on Friday 19th July 2024.

Northfield School & Sports College in **Billingham** have two transition days, but children only attend one of these days – Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

Further information will be sent to you in due course regarding which day your child needs to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Monday 20th May 2024 | Leavers Photos 1:30pm |
| Tuesday 21st May 2024 | Year 5 and 6 Performance Club starts - every Tuesday |
| Tuesday 21st May 2024 | Last Phonics Booster session |
| Wednesday 22 nd May 2024 | Last day – school closes for Whitsun |
| Thursday 23rd May 2024 | PD Day - school is closed to children |
| Friday 24th May 2024 | PD Day - school is closed to children |
| Monday 3 rd June 2024 | School re-opens |
| Monday 3rd June 2024 | Multiplications Check Week |
| Monday 10th June 2024 | Phonics Screening Check Week |
| Wednesday 19th June 2024 | Sports Day Class 1: 12:45pm – 1:15pm |
| Wednesday 19th June 2024 | Sports Day Class 2, 3, 4: 1:15pm – 3:15pm |
| Friday 21 st June 2024 | Feast Church Service - 9.30am |
| Tuesday 25th June 2024 | No swimming for Year 3 & 4 due to Swim Safe |
| Thursday 27 th June 2024 | Swim Safe Year 3 & 4 - further information will be sent out |
| Thursday 27 th June 2024 | School Nurse drop in session |
| Monday 1st July 2024 | Northfield Transition day (you will be notified by Northfield which day your child will do transition) |
| Tuesday 2nd July 2024 | Northfield Transition day (you will be notified by Northfield which day your child will do transition) |
| Tuesday 2 nd July 2024 | Class 3 Class Led Worship 9.00am |
| Monday 8th July 2024 | KS2 Performance - 6pm – tickets available from 10 th June |
| Tuesday 9 th July 2024 | KS2 Performance - 6pm – tickets available from 10 th June |
| Tuesday 9 th July 2024 | Class 2 Class Led Worship 9.00am |
| Monday 15th July to Thursday 18th July 2024 | Year 6 Transition to Secondary - Manor Community College, English Martyrs and High Tunstall |
| Tuesday 16 th July 2024 | Class 1 Early Years Graduation Worship 9:00am |
| Thursday 18 th July 2024 | School Nurse drop-in session |
| Monday 22 nd July 2024 | Leavers service in Church - 9.30am |
| Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 | Class 4 Year 6 Leavers' Worship in school - 9:00am |
| Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 | Last day – school closes for summer holidays |
| Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 | School re-opens |

Safeguarding update

Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Greatham C of E Primary School. It is important that we work closely with parents to ensure that children know how to keep themselves safe and behave appropriately online.

Please visit our website for links to help support your child:

<https://greathamceprimary.org.uk/e-safety>

Please see the link below to step by step guides for setting up parental controls on all devices:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Breakfast & After School Clubs

We have had some queries about the procedures for dropping children off for breakfast club. For safeguarding reasons, children should be dropped off at the breakfast club doors and handed over to the staff who will sign them in. Parents WILL be responsible for the safety of their children before the handover to staff. Children should be accompanied by an adult over the age of 16.

Please ensure that all outstanding balances on ParentPay are cleared by Wednesday 22nd May 2024.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are really important. Research shows those children who attend school on time and every day are far more likely to achieve their maximum potential. Please remember the school gates open at 8.40am with lessons starting at 8.45am. Gates close at 8.50am. If your child arrives after this time, they will receive a late mark. **We monitor children who are regularly late to school because our children have told us that they do not like being late.** Statutory attendance is monitored and categorised as follows:

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| GREEN | Above 96% |
| AMBER | Between 95.9% and 94% |
| RED | Below 94% |

Attendance this academic year to date:

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| Class 1 - Reception | 93.38% |
| Class 2 - Year 1 and Year 2 | 95.65% |
| Class 3 - Year 3 and Year 4 | 95.62% |
| Class 4 - Year 5 and Year 6 | 93.67% |
| Whole School (incl Nursery) | 94.47% |

After School Clubs

Free Activity Clubs

Our free TA led clubs will continue to run after half term from 3rd June until Friday 12th July 2024.

A reminder of these clubs are below – you do not need to sign any new consents.

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| Healthy Movers | Monday | Early Years – Nursery and Reception |
| Arts & Crafts | Tuesday | Year 4 and Year 5 |
| Performance Club | Tuesday | Year 5 and Year 6 starting 21st May 2024 |
| (If your child has a part in the KS2 performance they will find it beneficial to attend this club) | | |
| Sports (Mr Stabler) | Wednesday | Year 1 and Year 2 |
| Sensory Club | Thursday | Early Years – Nursery and Reception |
| School Council | Thursday | School Council only (lunchtime) |
| Football (Mr Rodgers) | Friday | Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 |

Gardening, SATS booster and Phonics booster clubs are now finished.

Mrs Minton's After School Clubs

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| Monday | Arts & Crafts |
| Tuesday | Drama |
| Wednesday | Karaoke |
| Thursday | Disney |
| Friday | Games/outdoor play |

Please remember to book and pay for your sessions on ParentPay by midnight the night before.