



Greatham
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Primary School

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Thoughts from the Headteacher...

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very busy half term since November and the children have taken part in so many fun events. We had a fantastic time at the pantomime, enjoyed singing Carols around the Christmas Tree, our EY children loved meeting Santa at their Christmas party, children enjoyed watching the Grinch at our movie night, and Class 4 sang beautifully at Snappy Christmas. We all had a lovely time at the Christmas discos.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in school for the craft session and celebration worship last week. It was lovely to see so many of you in church for our Christingle service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a very happy and holy Christmas. I look forward to another successful term beginning on Monday 6th January 2025.

Mrs. Dunn

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a pupil, please speak immediately to a designated safeguarding lead.

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Dunn

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:
Miss Inman, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Minton

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs C Brown

Greatham CE Primary School vision:

Life and learning at Greatham School is firmly rooted in the message:
Love each other, just as I have loved you
(John 15:12)

Central to our school ethos is love and respect for God, each other and all of creation and we value the positive partnerships with the Church, families, governors and the wider community. We love each other because we believe that each person, from youngest to oldest, is unique and created in God's image and likeness (Genesis 1.26).

We aim to provide a loving and nurturing environment that enables pupils to fully develop their skills and talents. We encourage children to take risks, make mistakes and through perseverance, learn from these to achieve in a loving and supportive environment.

We support pupils to become independent, resilient and reflective learners through a creative, broad and balanced curriculum tailored to their needs. We are dedicated to making the school a loving and caring community where all children can interact, learn and pursue academic excellence together so that they may lead responsible and fulfilling lives.

We support all our school family to live out the message Love each other, just as I have loved you (John 15:12) through our core Christian values of love, hope, peace, forgiveness, and trust, which are deeply rooted in all aspects of school life.

Attendance

Being in school is the best way for children to learn and reach their potential. Time in school is important to your child's achievement, well-being, and wider development.

We have had some great feedback about attendance certificates. Children are keen to achieve these for their class or year group, which is having a positive impact on attendance. Please ask your child about these.

Class 1: 94.42%

Class 2: 95.18%

Class 3: 95.70%

Class 4: 95.17%

Reading

Thank you for all the reading you have been doing at home. Please ensure your child reads at least three times a week at home and record this in their reading record book. We would love to see more children reading on Bug Club. If you have problems accessing this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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School Code: LQT3

Seesaw

Please ensure your Seesaw account has been activated so you don't miss anything! Important messages, reminders, homework tasks and weekly spellings are uploaded to Seesaw, as well as examples of children's work.

Nativity

Well done to all our children who were involved in the Nativity performances of Hey Ewe - we are incredibly proud of them all. They acted, sang and danced brilliantly and it was a fantastic show! The choir were absolutely fantastic and we received many positive comments about how good the children were.

Thank you to Mrs McCoy, Mrs Morrison, Mrs Macaulay, Mrs Scorer and Mrs Minton.

Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. We raised a magnificent £1,337! The money raised at this event enables the school to fund the panto trip every year, which is an incredible experience for the children. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, cakes, clothes, toys and crafts. A massive well done to our amazing staff and volunteers in the lead up and during the event! Please check your emails to see the list of prize winners.

Snappy Christmas

Class 4 took part in Snappy Christmas on Thursday 12th December at Thornaby Pavillion.

They performed a concert for parents and carers which was wonderful. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children.

Welcome Miss Robinson

We would like to welcome our new teacher, Miss Robinson, who will be joining us on Monday 6th January 2025. She will be working in Class 5. We look forward to working with her.

Mrs Minton's After School Clubs from January 2025

Starting Monday 6th January 2025

Monday – Dodgeball
Tuesday – Games night
Wednesday – Harry Potter club
Thursday – Painting and crafts
Friday – Indoor/outdoor play

Free Activity Clubs from January 2025

Starting Monday 13th January 2025 until Friday 4th April 2025

Monday – Art and craft – Year 3 and 4
Monday – Phonics club – Year 1
Tuesday – SATS Booster – Year 6 – **all Year 6 to attend**
Tuesday – Sports club – external coach – Year 1 and 2
Tuesday – Good News Gang – Year 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday – School Council (lunchtime)
Thursday – Sports Club – Early Years (Nursery and Reception)
Friday – Football club – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Further information and consent letters will be sent out during the first week back in January 2025.

Important Dates

Monday 6th January 2025	Class 4 (Year 5 & 6) Smoking & Vaping Awareness (in school)
Monday 20th January 2025	Class 4 (Year 5 & 6) Drug & Alcohol Awareness (in school)
Friday 21st February 2025	Last day - school closes for half term
Monday 3rd March 2025	School re-opens
Monday 11 th March 2025	School Nurse drop in session - 8.45am to 9.45am
Friday 14th March 2025	Class 1 worship – 9am - parents and carers welcome
Friday 21st March 2025	Class 2 worship – 9am - parents and carers welcome
Friday 28th March 2025	Class 3 worship – 9am - parents and carers welcome
Monday 31st March 2025	Parent Consultations 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 1st April 2025	Parent Consultations 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Friday 4th April 2025	Class 4 worship – 9am - parents and carers welcome
Friday 4th April 2025	Celebration Worship - 2.45pm - parents and carers welcome
Thursday 10th April 2025	Last day in School
Friday 11th April 2025	PD Day - school is closed to children
Monday 28th April 2025	School re-opens
Wednesday 30th April 2025	Silent Disco - Smile Day
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 12th May 2025	KS2 SATS Week
Thursday 22nd May 2024	Year 6 Team Building at Summerhill
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day – school closes for Whitsun
Monday 2nd June 2025	Multiplications Check Week
Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	PD Days - school is closed to children
Wednesday 4th June 2025	School re-opens
Monday 9th June 2025	School Nurse drop in session - 8.45am to 9.45am
Monday 9th June 2025	Year 6 puberty refresher - School Nurse
Monday 9th June 2025	Phonics Screening Check Week
Thursday 19th June 2025	Sports Day Class 1 - 12:45pm – 1:15pm
Thursday 19th June 2025	Sports Day Class 2, 3, 4 - 1:15pm – 3:15pm
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Church Service – 9.30am
Friday 11th July 2025	Celebration Worship - 2.45pm - parents and carers welcome
Monday 14 th July to Thursday 17 th July 2025	Transition week for Hartlepool schools
Friday 18th July 2025	Last day – school closes for summer holidays