



April 2026

Thoughts from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, I want to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued hard work and support. The children have shown great effort and enthusiasm in their learning, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

A special thank you also to our parents and carers. Your strong engagement - whether through attending events, supporting learning at home, or working closely with us - makes a real difference and strengthens our whole school community.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting summer term.

Nursery and Reception Places

We are pleased to share that we currently have places available in both our Nursery and Reception classes. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a warm, welcoming, and nurturing start to school life, we would love to hear from you. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office. We look forward to welcoming new families into our school community!

KS2 SATS

We would like to remind families that our Year 6 pupils will be taking their statutory Key Stage 2 SATs during the week beginning Monday 11th May 2026. These assessments are set nationally and **must** be taken on the scheduled days. Please ensure your child is in school promptly each day during this important week.

We appreciate your support in helping children feel well-rested, prepared, and positive throughout the week.

School will be providing breakfast for the pupils from 8.15am.

After School Clubs

Mrs Minton's Clubs

MONDAY: Sports Club

TUESDAY: Animal Club

WEDNESDAY: Disney Club

THURSDAY: Painting Club

FRIDAY: Free Play

Activity Clubs

MONDAY: Mindfulness (pre-selected)

MONDAY: Cricket (until 27th April)

TUESDAY: Phonics (Y1)

TUESDAY: SATS Booster (Y6 until 5th May)

TUESDAY: Performance Club

(Y5&6 starting Tuesday 19th May)

WEDNESDAY: School Council (lunchtime)

THURSDAY: Sensory Club (Class 5)

THURSDAY: Sports Club (Y1,2,3)

FRIDAY: Football (Y4,5,6)

A club for Early Years will be confirmed after Easter. Clubs will go live on Compass during wc 20/4/2026 for you to sign up to.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning **Monday 8th June 2026**. All Year 1 children in England are required to take part in this statutory assessment, which helps us understand how well pupils are developing essential early reading skills. We will share results with parents once they are released nationally.

COMPASS dinners

Please be reminded that you must submit daily meal choices on Compass. If your child brings packed lunch you must still submit a packed lunch option. If no meal choice has been submitted by 8.30am, children will receive a default meal (red choice). Thank you for your co-operation.

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Important Dates

Monday 20th April 2026	School re-opens
Tuesday 21st April 2026	School nurse drop in 8.30 - 10am
Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 5th May 2026	School nurse drop in 8.30 - 10am
Monday 11th May to Thursday May 2026	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 22nd May 2026	Last day – school closes for Whitsun
Monday 1st June 2026 to Friday 12th June 2026	Multiplications Check Week
Monday 1st June 2026	PD Day - school is closed to children
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	PD Day - school is closed to children
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	PD Day - school is closed to children
Thursday 4th June 2026	School re-opens
Monday 8th June 2026	Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday 9th June 2026	School nurse drop in 8.30 - 10am
Thursday 18th June 2026	Sports Day Class 1 - 12:45pm – 1:15pm
Thursday 18th June 2026	Sports Day Class 2, 3, 4 - 1:15pm – 3:15pm
Friday 26th June 2026	Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 7th July 2026	School nurse drop in 8.30 - 10am
Tuesday 21st July 2026	Last day – school closes for summer holidays

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about the safety about a child, please call the CHUB on 01429 870254 or the out of hours team on 01642 524552. In an emergency, dial 999. Please visit our website for links to help support your child: <https://greathamceprimary.org.uk/e-safety>

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Dunn
Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Finnigan, Miss Inman, Mrs Richardson & Mrs Minton
Safeguarding Governors: Mr P Bentham & Mrs C Brown

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. Please remember 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. Statutory attendance is monitored and categorised as follows:

GREEN Above 96%, **AMBER** between 95.9% and 94%, **RED** below 94%

Class 1 – 95.43%
Class 2 – 96.72%
Class 3 – 96.69%
Class 4 – 95.62%

KEEPING US UP TO DATE

If you need to update any information regarding your child—such as a change of address, phone number, emergency contacts, or collection arrangements—please contact the main school office. Thank you.