



Greenford CE VC Primary School *Newsletter*



9.10.26

Welcome

Dear Parents and Friends,

It's been another busy and productive week in school!

I've been fortunate to spend some time in Magnolia Class this week, where the children have been learning all about autumn. I expect they all came home rather tired on Tuesday after a long welly walk up to Maiden Newton railway station, spotting signs of autumn along the way. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and curiosity as they explored the changing seasons.

I've also been impressed by the wonderful artwork taking shape in Elder Class. The children have been creating some fantastic large-scale models of dogs during their art lessons. I'm sure the artist Lubaina Himid would be proud to see their creations!

We've noticed a real difference across the school since introducing the language of **STAR sitting**. The children have been making such an effort to sit still, track the speaker, pay attention and be ready to learn. It's been lovely to see how enthusiastically they have embraced these expectations.

This week, we also introduced our new **STAR Lining Up Award**, recognising the class that demonstrates our expectations particularly well when lining up around school. I'm delighted to announce that our very first winners were **Elm Class**! Well done, Elm – a fantastic example to everyone!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Macmillan Bake Sale – Nearly Here!

Our Macmillan Bake Sale is now just days away, and our Year 6 children are getting very excited about organising and running the event!

This week, some of our Year 6 pupils took on the challenge of phoning local supermarkets to ask whether they might be able to donate anything towards the sale. Unfortunately, the supermarkets already had their own charity fundraising commitments, but the experience was far from wasted! Picking up the phone, speaking confidently to people they had never met and explaining what they were trying to achieve was a fantastic real-life learning opportunity. I was very proud of their confidence.

We would really appreciate donations of cakes to help make the event a success. Homemade or shop-bought cakes would be equally welcome. Perhaps this could even be an excuse for a little family baking over the weekend!

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting our Year 6 children as they raise money for such a worthwhile cause. - and we hope to see many members of the school and wider community there.

Harvest Service – Tuesday Morning

This afternoon, we visited the church to rehearse for our Harvest Service, and the children were absolutely brilliant! From their performances and readings to their thoughtful prayers, they took us on a wonderful autumnal journey, celebrating the season of harvest and all that we have to be thankful for.

I've always believed that school services are at their very best when the children take the lead, and Tuesday's Harvest Service promises to be no exception. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm, confidence and care that the children brought to today's rehearsal.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the church on **Tuesday morning at 9:00am** to share this special occasion with us.

Friends of Greenford School (FOGS) – We Need You!

The Friends of Greenford School (FOGS) will be holding their **Annual General Meeting next Thursday, 15th October 7.30pm in school**, and we would love to see more parents getting involved.

FOGS plays an important role in our school community, organising events, bringing families together and raising valuable funds to provide additional opportunities and resources for our children.

At present, there have been no expressions of interest in taking on committee roles for the coming year, so **we really do need your support to help keep FOGS going**.

Attending the AGM is a chance to find out more, share ideas and see how you might be able to help.

As a small school, we rely on the enthusiasm and generosity of our families, and even a little time can make a big difference.

Please do consider coming along next Thursday. We'd love to see some new faces and fresh ideas!

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Magnolia Class – Staffing Update

I would like to let our school community know that, sadly, Miss Ward has experienced a close family bereavement. Our thoughts and very best wishes are with her and her family at this difficult time.

Miss Ward has been absent for part of this week and we do not expect her to return to school until at least after the October half term break.

In her absence, Miss Attwell, Mrs Carver and I have been sharing responsibility for teaching Magnolia Class, and this arrangement will continue until half term. Although Miss Ward is greatly missed by us all, we are working hard to ensure that the children continue to enjoy a positive, settled and productive learning experience, with as little disruption as possible.

For the time being, if you have any questions or messages relating to children in Magnolia Class, please direct these to the school office rather than through ClassDojo, so that we can ensure they are passed on to the appropriate member of staff.

We are also organising a collection in school so that we can send Miss Ward and her family some flowers and gifts to let them know that we are thinking of them. If you would like to make a contribution, however small, please pop it into the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, understanding and support. I know that the whole Greenford community will join me in sending Miss Ward and her family our love and very best wishes.

Important Safety Message from Dorset Police

Dorset Police has asked schools to share an important message with families about the dangers of urban exploring, sometimes known as *urbexing*. This involves entering abandoned buildings, climbing onto rooftops or exploring other restricted areas, sometimes to create videos for social media.

Police have recently received reports of children as young as 11 accessing rooftops and derelict buildings in Dorset. These places can be extremely dangerous, with risks including unstable floors, collapsing roofs and significant drops.

We encourage parents and carers, particularly those with older children, to have a conversation about these dangers and to watch the short video shared by Dorset Police.

Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/1HfzL2DwFDs>

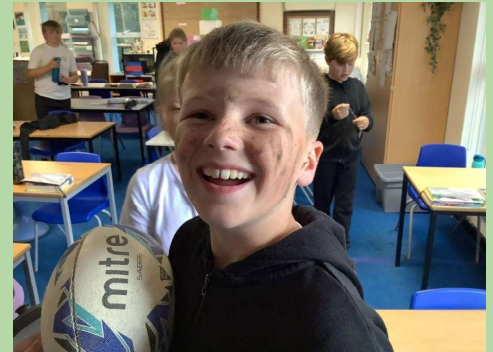
Tag Rugby Tournament

Our tag rugby team has been selected and the children are very excited to represent Greenford – as you can see from the muddy photographs!

The tournament will take place at Bridport Rugby Club on Saturday 17th October, from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Families and friends are very welcome to come along and cheer on the team. There will also be plenty of refreshments available, including burgers, bacon baps, teas, coffees and sweets.

Can you help? We are looking to borrow football boots in sizes 1, 2 and 5 for some of our players. We have already had some kind offers from children in school, but are still short of a few sizes. If you have a pair that you would be happy to lend us for the tournament, please let the school office know.

Good luck to all our players – we're looking forward to hearing how you get on!



Dates for your diary

13.10.26 - 9.00 Harvest service in church (all welcome) followed by MacMillan Coffee morning (in the school hall)

14.10.26 - Y3/4 Football tournament - selected children

17.10.26 - Y5/6 tag rugby tournament – Bridport - selected children – details to follow

17.10.26 - Bubbles and Squeaks parade - Powerstock

20.10.26 - Open morning for prospective parents

21.10.26 - 8.45 Golden Star morning assembly (parents invited)

4.11.26 and 11.11.26 – 3-5pm Parent consultations



Bouncing Beanz October Half Term Holiday Club

We have some exciting activities planned. If you are interested in booking your child/ren in on any of the following days, please let us know as soon as possible -

Wednesday 28th October, Thursday 29th October, Friday 30th October

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LOCAL FOOD LINKS

Celebrate Bonfire Night with Local Food Links...

Remember, remember to order your school meal for **Thursday 5th of November**, Gunpowder, treason and Local Butchers Sausage Hot Dog with Corn on the Cob & Banging Baked Beans. And for pud, our Yummy Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard.



Sausage Hot Dog with Corn on the Cob & Banging Baked Beans



Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard

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