



Greenbank Primary Newsletter



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Headteacher's Message

We have had a busy start to the new term. The children have settled well into their new year groups and Year 6 have also had a very successful residential at Towerwood in the Lake District. Year 4 are now looking forward to the Y4 Residential to Castleton, Derbyshire in November.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Meet the Teacher sessions over the last couple of weeks. We hope you found the sessions useful and informative as well as enjoying the opportunity to meet the teachers in your child's year group. It was also lovely last week to see so many parents coming along to Parents' Evening to look at your child's classroom, books and discuss how your child has settled in to their new class. We hope you have found these appointments useful.

Mrs L Walsh

DAIRY DATES

Thu 16th October 2025 2:30pm	Thinking Thursday Y1 Y2 and Y3
Tues 21st October 2025	Flu Immunisation Day
Thu 23rd October 2025 2:30pm	Thinking Thursday Y4, Y5 and Y6
Fri 24th October 2025	School closes today for Half Term at 3:15pm.
Mon 3rd November 2025	School opens today for Autumn 2 Term at 8:45am
Tues 4th November 2025	Greenbank Open Day
Mon 10th November – Wed 11th November 2025	Y4 Castleton Residential
Fri 14th November 2025	Children in Need Day
Mon 1st December 2025	Photograph Day

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to Parents' Evening.

We would also say thank you to some of our Y6 children who helped out on Parents' Evening to show parents to the different classrooms for their appointments. Well done and thank you to Mumtazza, Khadija, Ieman, Musa, Yasmin, Amelia, Temidayo and Salma! You all did a great job!

ATTENDANCE	
Year Group	September Attendance
Reception	92.6%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	97%
Overall	94.6%

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

At Greenbank we have lots of opportunities to celebrate fantastic behaviour and the achievement of children in school. Here are a couple of ways we celebrate your child's success.

Captain's Table

Each week we celebrate children who have followed our 4 Promises (Be ready, Be kind, Be respectful and Believe in yourself), shown fantastic behaviour and good manners by inviting them to have lunch with a member of the Leadership Team. Overall behaviour at Greenbank is excellent and the children all have an opportunity to attend Captain's Table over the year. Please look out for a message on Arbor on Fridays to inform you if your child has been invited to Captain's Table for the following week.

Child of the Week

In our weekly assemblies we share the successes of our children by choosing a child from each class who is awarded with the Child of the Week Award. Your child will receive a certificate explaining why your child has been chosen as Child of the Week. Children celebrate their achievement by wearing a Child of the Week badge over the week.

ATTENDANCE

Please can we remind parents of the school's policy with regard to pupil absences.

Parents should contact the **school office by 9.00am** on the first morning of absence, explaining why their child is not in school. **Failure to do this may result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised.**

Parents are asked to phone school each day so school can have an update on you child's absence.

We are finding we have a number of children arriving late. Please remember school opens at 8:45am. If your child arrives after 9:00am then a late mark will be awarded. If your child arrives at school after 9:15am this is an unauthorised late mark.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who bought cakes and made a donation for our MacMillan Coffee Morning.

We raised an amazing £412.55 for this important charity.



APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, then they are due to start in Reception at primary school in September 2026. Applications for primary school places opened 15th September 2025 and must be submitted through Rochdale school admissions at:

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissionsappeals/apply-primary-school-place>

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026. Please remember that if you attend the Nursery at Greenbank you will still need to apply for a Reception place if you wish to attend Greenbank.

We are having an Open Day at Greenbank on Tuesday 3rd November for parents to look around our school. The times will be;

9:15am - 10:30am

1:30pm - 2:30pm

PE

Mondays	Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesdays	Reception
Wednesdays	Year 2
Thursdays	Year 1
Fridays	Year 5 and Year 6

On PE days children come in to school in their PE kits; Y1 – Y6 black joggers, black leggings or black shorts, black hoodie White t-shirt, Black pumps (Year 1 and Year 2) and black Trainers where possible (KS2 – Year 3, 4 5 and 6). All clothing items should have no logos if possible.

No jewellery should be worn on PE days.



APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

The time has now come for Y6 parents and carers to begin the process of applying for your child's secondary school place for September 2026. If you need help with your application you can log onto the Rochdale Council Website - School Admissions and they have a series of steps to help you. Please note you will need a valid email address to complete the online process. Here is a reminder of the deadline dates

Monday 1 st September 2025	The online admissions system opens for secondary school places.
Friday 31 st October 2025	Closing Date for Applications. Ensure your secondary school application is submitted before this date.
Friday 12 th December 2025	Last date for any changes to the address in your application.
Monday 2 nd March 2026	National offer day.



Are you struggling with your child's school attendance?

Join our school attendance support for parents (SASP) group this autumn.

Our education welfare service offers a safe space for parents and carers (only) to access confidential peer support, advice, and guidance to overcome these challenges. Refreshments provided.

Upcoming sessions

- 8 October 2025, 1-3pm at Langley Family Hub
- 22 October 2025, 4-5.30pm at Sandbrook Family Hub
- 3 November 2025, 1.15-3pm at Belfield Family Hub
- 12 November 2025, 2.30-4pm at Norden Family Hub
- 18 November 2025, 9am-12pm at Derby Street Family Hub

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