

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the recent Ofsted inspection that took place at Greet Primary School the other week. As the Headteacher, I want to extend my gratitude for your support and patience during this process.

We understand the anticipation surrounding the inspection results, and I assure you that the report will be released soon. We are committed to keeping you informed and will share the details as soon as they become available.

Next Steps:

Awaiting Report: We expect the Ofsted report to be released shortly. Once available, we will provide access to the full report for your review.

Feedback Review: Our senior leadership team will carefully analyse the feedback from the inspection to identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

Accessing the Report: You will be able to access the Ofsted report in full on our school website or request a printed copy from the school office.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership.

Ms T. Yasmin
Headteacher

Wear GREEN for Mental Health Day

On **Thursday 10th October** it is World Mental Health Day. We are inviting children (and parents & staff!) to **wear a green accessory** to school in support of this campaign. Please do not buy anything especially, the children can wear a green hair band, green socks, a green ribbon or badge.

Our Phase assemblies in school will be focussed on World Mental Health day, helping the children to understand the importance of self-care and self-kindness.

NEU Free School Meals for All Campaign

We were delighted to be able to take part in the NEU National Tour for their Free School Meals Campaign! Thank you so much to every one of you for signing the petition: we've been told we were the school on their tour that had the most parental support and signatures! This is amazing!

Our elected School Council members from last year were called upon to meet the NEU team and share the ways they've supported the development of our school dinner menu. We were especially proud of Zara in 6FK as she was filmed giving an interview!

The children in 5RI wrote postcards to Kier Starmer and the Labour Government which they posted on Friday 20th September.

Tajir Ali, our local MP, also joined us for the event to lend his support to this important campaign.

Here are some pictures:



The NEU Tour finished at the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool last week. Greet's petitions and letters were passed on to Kier Starmer. Let's watch this space to see if our voices have been heard!

Kindness Matters - 30 Day Challenge

We are very excited to announce that Greet is going to be the first school in Birmingham to join the Kindness Matters movement! Kindness Matters is a school campaign run by John Magee, you can read more on his website here: [John Magee \(kindnessmatters.co.uk\)](http://John Magee (kindnessmatters.co.uk))

In support of World Mental Health day we are launching the Kindness Matters campaign in school next week. All members of the school community will take part in 30 days of spreading kindness. We will endeavour to be kind to ourselves, to our families and our community. The children will watch a short video every day in school to inspire them with ideas! Adults and children in Y3 to Y6 will have Kindness Challenge journals to keep a record of their kind acts.

We hope that the kindness spreads from school to you at home; please support your children in noticing and encouraging them with their challenge! We'd love to hear from you how your children have got on with spreading the kindness at home.

My Happy Mind

We have launched the My Happy Mind curriculum in school this academic year. My Happy Mind is a **science-backed programme for schools, grounded in the latest research about what it takes to create positive wellbeing**. It's taught to every single child and there's a curriculum for every year group from **Nursery to Year 6**. The children take part in five modules across the year: Meet Your Brain, Celebrate, Appreciate, Relate & Engage.

There is also a Parent App too to give you advice to support your children at home as well as find out more about what they are learning in their My Happy Minds sessions in school.

We would like to invite you into school for a **parent workshop** to share My Happy Mind with you and give you access to the parent app. The workshop will take place on **Wednesday 23rd October 2024**.

Parent Consultation Meetings

A letter will be sent out on Monday inviting you into school for our start of year parent consultation meetings. These meetings are an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and talk about how they have settled in to the new academic year.

The meetings will take place over two nights on **Wednesday 16th** and **Thursday 17th October**.

Please keep an eye out for the letter and book your slot on MCAS promptly.

SEND Coffee and Information Morning

We have arranged a coffee morning on **Thursday 21st November 2024**, focusing on SEND, to be held in the main school hall from 9am.

There will be chance to meet the school's SENDCO, Mrs O'Donnell; and professionals from outside agencies who work with us at Greet, such as Pupil and School Support Services (PSS) Team, Communication and Autism Team (CAT) and the Educational Psychology Team.

It will be lovely to see you there!

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School term dates

Autumn Term 2024

TRAINING (School closed for pupils): **Friday 25th October**

Half-term: **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**

Term ends: **Friday 20th December**

Spring Term 2025 (06/01/25-11/04/25)

Term Starts: **Monday 6th January**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Monday 6th January**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Friday 14th February**

Half-term: **Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Monday 31st March**

Term ends: **Friday 11th April**

Summer Term 2025 (28/04/25-21/07/25)

Term Starts: **Monday 28th April**

Half-term: **Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May**

BANK HOLIDAY (School closed for children): **Monday 5th May 2024**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Friday 6th June**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Friday 4th July**

TRAINING (School closed for children): **Monday 21st July**

Term ends: **Monday 21st July**

Applying for Reception September 2025

If you have a child or family member born between 01/09/2020 and 31/08/2021 you must apply now for a Reception place. Please go to our Admissions website page to on details and links of how to apply for primary school <https://www.greet.bham.sch.uk/key-information/admissions> The deadline for applications is **15th January 2025**.

Afterschool Clubs

Our afterschool club spaces went exceptionally fast this term. If you were lucky enough to get a space, but you no longer need the space or your child does not want to go, can you please call the school and let the office know so we can open the space up for another child on the waiting list.

Upcoming Trips

Y5 Trip - Compton Verney on Tuesday 22 October 2024 (5RM & 5RHM) & Thursday 24 October (5TH & 5HM). Total cost - £21.50

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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SEND SUPPORT SESSION**

10 - 11.30 am

Mon 21st Oct

A free Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) information and guidance session including: signposting, the start of the process to diagnosis, and a feel good chat with us in Early Help

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Selly Oak Families

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Selly Oak Families

Reception Open Days

Please tell your friends and family when they can visit the school.



Are you looking for a
Reception place for your
child in September 2025?

Choose Greet Primary!

We invite you to attend one of our
Reception Open Sessions on:

**Tuesday 8th October 2024 or
Thursday 10th October 2024**

**Times: 9.00 to 10am or 4.30 to
5.30pm**

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