

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

It was another busy week here at Greet! Our assembly focus last week was on the theme of 'being thankful' and class 3RB performed a wonderful assembly to all of the children, and their parents, to help us to reflect on what we are thankful for.

Last week was also the final week of our 30 Days of Kindness Challenge, we hope you have seen the positive benefits in your children at home. We have certainly noticed a difference in the children around school, often through the smallest actions: big smiles and greetings on the gate each morning; helping to pick up litter without being asked; asking adults and friends how they are; and showing manners by holding open doors around school.

We welcomed many of you all into school for reading workshops in Reception and Year 3 last week and we are thankful for your ongoing support of your children's learning. These workshops are a great way of keeping you informed about what your children are learning in school. Reading is vital for every child's success across all areas of the curriculum and we are determined that every child leaves Greet as a confident, fluent reader. Please keep an eye on the events calendar for dates of up and coming workshops in other year groups.

Enjoy the coming week and keep warm!



Ms T Yasmin  
Headteacher



Miss C Williams  
Deputy Headteacher

## Festive Fun Begins

On Friday this week we will be launching our annual period of Festive Fun in the countdown to the Christmas holiday. There will be activities taking place over the next three weeks with some exciting surprises to look forward to as well! See below for our full festive calendar of events.

The children can come into school on **Friday 29th in their own clothes ready for a festive afternoon decorating their classrooms. Christmas jumpers and sparkly tops are encouraged 😊**

### Christmas Dinner for the Children - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

We will be serving our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 4 December 2024; please see the delicious menu attached. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school but would like to join the festivities alongside their friends on this day, you can sign up to, and pay for, the hot meal as a one-off. To do so please go to the 'Products' section of the MCAS App where you will find the Grinch displaying the Christmas Lunch 2024 menu. You will be able to pay £2.50 for each of your children who wish to have the lunch. Please hurry though, to make sure that we have sufficient food **meals will need to be paid for by 11.00am on Friday 29th November at the latest.** Orders cannot be taken after this date. If your normally pay for your child's dinner or they are entitled to Free School Meals you do not need to do sign up for this.



### RunPudsey Medals

We are still awaiting the delivery of our RunPudsey medals for those children that took part. We will give them out in Celebration assembly once they have arrived.

### Daffodil Planting

The children are planting daffodils around the school field to celebrate a very special staff member: Mrs Suffield! Mrs Suffield has worked at Greet for an AMAZING 40 YEARS this year. She is our longest standing staff member, what an achievement! The children are planting daffodils around the school field as they are Mrs Suffield's favourite flowers.

### Sporting Success

Our **Y5 & Y6 cricketers** took part in the local schools cricket finals on Wednesday this week and came in first place! We are so proud of the boys: they were determined to win the competition after coming in second place in the competition last year. Miss Barton and Mr Ali said the boys were focussed and

showed real GRIT and determination during the competition. However more importantly they displayed great sportsmanship, cheering on other teams, shaking hands with players and coaches and celebrating the success of others. This makes us more proud than where they placed. Well done Team Greet, you have displayed our school values of Social Intelligence and Achieving Excellence.



We have also be awarded an **Equal Access trophy** for demonstrating equality and inclusion in our sports offer. We have been recognised for providing gender equal sporting opportunities as well as equal opportunities for our Free School Meal children and children with additional needs. This is something we are incredibly proud of and huge thanks to Miss Barton and Mr Ali for their work on providing equal opportunities in sport for the children of Greet.



### Anti-Social Behaviour Assembly for Y4, Y5 & Y6

The children in Y4, 5 and 6 had a visit from our local Police Community Liaison Officer this morning to provide a session on anti-social behaviour and knife crime. Thanks to West Midlands Police for their ongoing community support.

### WEEKLY SEND CLINIC Thursdays 9-11am

Mrs O'Donnell is happy to announce that she will be running a **SEND clinic every Thursday, starting from THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER 9-11am.**

If you have a SEND related query regarding your child, feel free to call the school office on 0121 464 3360 to book one of the clinic appointments.

**New Morning Gate Opening Time:** The gates will open at 8:30 AM.

**End of the Day Gate Opening Time:** The gates will open at 3:15 PM.

**Reception Children:** picked up from their classroom door.

**Nursery Arrangements:** no changes.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm. Please ensure your child is collected at this time. Children will be taken to the late train at 3.25pm – please collect your child from late train if you arrive after this time (second door on the left side of the main office entrance).

## Asda Cashpot for Schools

Please support Greet when you shop. For more info please go to <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

## School term dates

### Autumn Term 2024

Term ends: **Friday 20th December**

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

Term Starts: **Monday 6th January** (school opens Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Events

Year 4 reading workshop (4DH and 4TH) – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 2.30pm

Year 4 reading workshop (4SP+4NT) – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 2.30pm

Please also see our Festive Calendar below.

## Trips

Year 6 visit to Birmingham Council House and Cathedral - 26th and 28th November 2024

Year 2 visit to St Johns – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Reception and Year 1 trip to the MAC – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## Festive Calendar 2024

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas decorations go up!
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Festive Friday!</b> The children will finish off this week decorating their classrooms.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Lunch</b> Children will be served a festive meal in the dining hall complete with crackers & party hats!
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>12 Days of GREETmas begins!</b> Interactive advent calendar with gifts for children.
	<b>Christmas Panto!</b> The children will watch a screening of Panto Land By Panto Online.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Performances</b> EYFS, Christmas Choir & Y5/6 Music Electives to perform their festive production to children and parents.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> We will be raising money for Save the Children – all children to wear Christmas jumpers (own clothes are fine if you don't have festive jumpers) Donations of £1.00 for charity, or as much as you can.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Singing Assemblies</b> Children to sing their festive songs in their phase singing assemblies.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas party morning</b> Christmas parties in classes.
	<b>Festive Sing Song!</b> Outdoor sing song in the main playground – all classes & parents @ 2:45pm
	School closes to pupils for the Christmas holidays @ 3.15pm



Ho ho ho! Let the festive fun begin!



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

## 1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

## 2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

## 3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

## 4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

## 5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

## 6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

## 7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

## 8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

## 9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer; it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

## 10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

### Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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