

NEWSLETTER

Inspire Nurture Challenge
Spring 2025



Headteacher's Message

It's hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by! It has been a busy and productive few weeks, and I'd like to take a moment to share some of the wonderful things happening at our school.

We have been working closely with our teachers to strengthen our science curriculum, and I am delighted with the progress being made under the leadership of Ms Gordon.

This term, we also welcomed a visit from the Early Reading Hub, funded by the Department for Education. They were incredibly pleased with our early reading provision, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff in fostering a love of reading from the very start of a child's journey with us.

Additionally, we were thrilled with the success of our school tours for Reception places for 2025. It was a pleasure to meet so many prospective families and share what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

We also had a visit from Hammersmith and Fulham's Wraparound Team, who were very impressed with our after-school club provision. In fact, they thought it was fantastic and would like to use Greenside as a case study for the Tri-Borough and other London boroughs. This is a wonderful recognition of the effort we put into providing high-quality wraparound care and enrichment opportunities beyond the school day.

Looking ahead, we are also very excited about the upcoming residential planned for our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils in Spring 2. These experiences are always a fantastic opportunity for students to build confidence, develop independence, and create lasting memories with their peers.

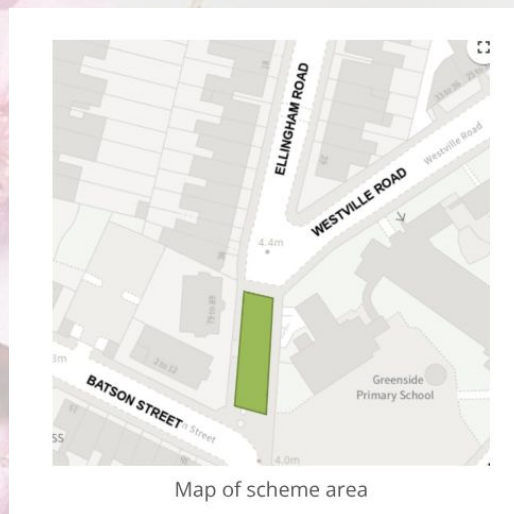
Have a wonderful half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 24th February.

Ms Saving

Headteacher

'Have your Say Our' in the Westville Road Rain Garden Initiative

Exciting plans are underway to create rain gardens on Westville Road, thanks to the Hammersmith & Fulham Council and the creative input from Greenside Primary School Yr 6 pupils. These gardens will help prevent flooding and beautify the area. Have your say by February 24 by providing your feedback here: [Westville Road | H&F Have Your Say](#), and you can speak with the team on February 14, 2025, from 3pm in Westville Road. Be part of this green initiative!



Map of scheme area

Staffing Update

Mr Cassidy, our wonderful music teacher, has shared some exciting news - he and his partner are expecting a baby! As he prepares for this new chapter, he will be adjusting some of his roles at the Tri-borough Music Hub to support his growing family. We wish him all the best in this exciting journey!

Stepping into the role of music teacher, we are delighted to welcome Mr. Luke English. The children already met him this week and he is going to fit in really well!

We are also thrilled to welcome back Mr. D, who has returned to Greenside after leaving in the summer. He truly missed being part of our community and is excited to be back with us while continuing to work towards his master's degree.

Exciting New Additions at Greenside, Thanks to Our PTA!

Greenside School is excited to share some fantastic updates funded by our amazing parents, enhancing both play and learning for our students.

New Playground Lines

One of the most popular changes is the new playground lines that have quickly become a favourite among students. From netball to number games, these lines encourage fun, physical activity, and teamwork, making break times even more enjoyable.

Levelled Reading Books

To support our students; reading journeys, we've introduced a new set of levelled books that cater to each child's individual reading level. These books help ensure every student progresses at their own pace, boosting literacy and fostering a love of reading.

Library System Upgrade

Our library now has a new system that makes it easier for students to find and borrow books. It encourages independent exploration and helps students discover new books more easily.

Touch-Typing Subscription

The PTA has also funded a subscription to an educational platform called TTRS (Touch Type Read Spell.) It offers a highly accessible multi-sensory modular course that teaches touch typing, reading and spelling at the same time. This will be invaluable for our students who find the skills more tricky to acquire and master. The course, which is highly recommended by Dyslexia specialist teachers, can be accessed both at school and at home

We are incredibly grateful for all your ongoing support, which continues to make a positive impact on our school community!

"I like the long jump because it is fun to do and I can see how far I can jump!" - Rocco Yr2

"I like that there are three small pitches in one big pitch!" - Maggie Yr4

"I think it is a good idea because it is a good way to keep track of books you read!" - Mark Yr6

"I like how we have our own scanner and I like how I can reserve books!" - Darcy Yr6

"I like the levelled books because they are interesting and it helps me with my reading!" - Amira Yr5

"The level books help me learn at

my own pace!" - Sama Yr6

Join Us for Volunteering Day!

Don't forget to join us for our Volunteering Day on Sunday, March 9th! We'll be sprucing up the school, and your help will be greatly appreciated as we work together to make Greenside even better for our students.



Mondays
3:30 - 4:30
Football Club
(Years 4 - 6 Girls)

Spring term dates:
24th February
- 24th March 2025

Cost: £32.50
(5 sessions)

How to book:

1. Go to switch-sports.classforkids.io
2. Register your child.
3. Look for clubs starting with the word 'Greenside'.
4. Book your child for the term.

We will take bookings on a first come, first served basis.

For further information,
contact Lucy at
info@switchsports.co.uk
or visit our website at
www.switchsports.co.uk

Switch Sports Girls Football Club

Earlier this week, we were thrilled to share some exciting news with our Year 4, 5, and 6 families! Due to the wonderful feedback we've received about our Boys Football Club and Multi-Sports Club, we are pleased to announce the launch of a **Girls Football Club** for Year 4, 5, and 6 students in **Spring Term 2**, starting right after the break.

This new club offers an incredible opportunity for our girls to develop their football skills, stay active, and enjoy some fun time with friends. The club will be led by **Switch Sports CIC**, our trusted activity providers.

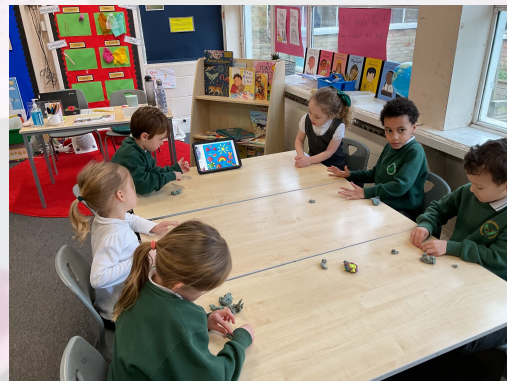
For more details, please refer to the attached flyer for booking information. If you have any questions or need further information, don't hesitate to reach out to Meral directly.

We can't wait to see your child join in on the action!

Greenside After-School Club

We have been continuously working to improve our after-school club to ensure better care and service for all of our students. We're excited to announce a change to the booking system starting in **Spring Term 2**. Previously, we had two separate booking systems—one for Early Years with a limit of 8 students per day, and another for KS1 and KS2 with a limit of 10 students per day. Moving forward, there will be **one unified booking system** for all year groups, with a total capacity of **30 students per day**. This means we can offer after-school club to more students. Parents don't need to take any action; the change will be reflected in the School Money account.

If you experience any issues or difficulties with bookings, please don't hesitate to let us know by emailing **admin**.



Keeping Our Children Safe

During the holiday period, Ms Saving, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, will be monitoring the school's safeguarding email. If you have any concerns or require support for a child, please do not hesitate to reach out to her. You can contact her at safeguarding@greensideschool.org.

Worried about a pupil?

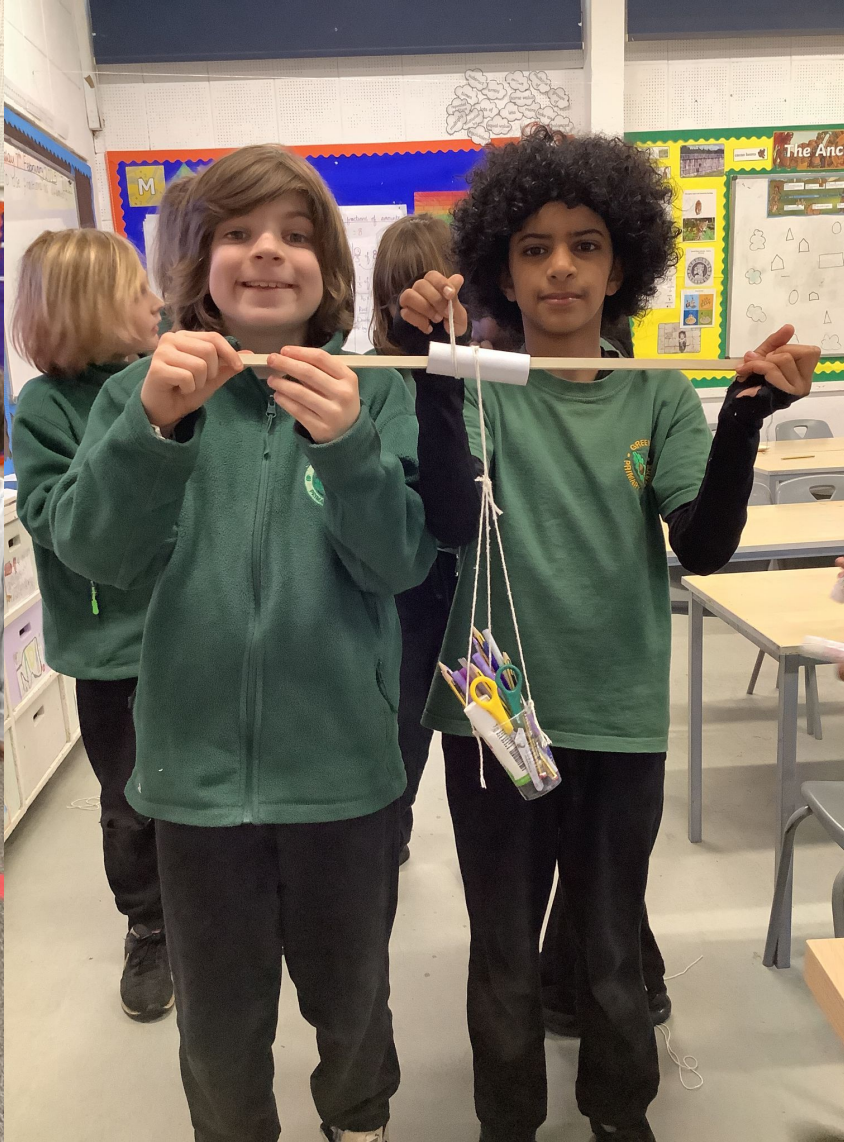
If a young person is in immediate danger or at risk of immediate harm, you should contact the Police on 999.

If you are concerned about a Greenside pupil, you should share your concern with our local Children's Social Care Service by calling Hammersmith & Fulham Children's Service on 0208 753 6600 or email: familyservices@lbhf.gov.uk

You can also visit Hammersmith & Fulham's Children's Service website for advice:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/children-and-family-care/child-protection>

You can also contact the NSPCC for advice on 0808 800 5000 or email: help@NSPCC.org.uk



House Competitions Update

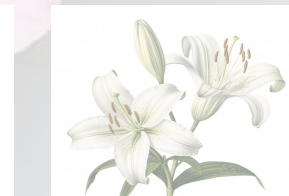
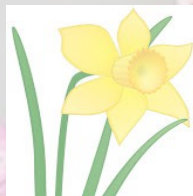
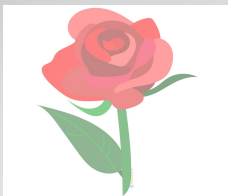
This half term, we've had a blast with two exciting house competitions! Our first was a creative, fun-filled portrait competition, where our houses drew self portraits of Mr Sarkis! Take a look at the entries below .. which do you think has the most resemblance? It's a tough call ...



Next up we said, allons-y! Greenside held a fabulous French competition, where houses competed to showcase their French vocabulary skills. This included counting as high as you could in French, before naming as many colours as possible. Ms Breyse was on hand to support Ms Self to ensure the focus remained on both vocabulary and pronunciation, making it fun while reinforcing language skills!

A special shout out also to Maryam and her friends in Year 3 for organising an incredible Capital Cities Competition for Years 1–6! The competition was highly competitive and thoroughly enjoyed by all students. In the end, Year 6 duo Magnus and Jose claimed victory, with Maryam and Kal-EI finishing a very close second—well done to all who took part!

The white lilies are still leading with a sizable points advantage, but there is still time for the other houses to catch up! Here are the current scores on the doors:



A Message from Mr Sarkis

Well, what a busy half term it has been. I feel like it was only January a few moments ago, and we were all returning after our Christmas break. Since then, we have had lots of lovely class assemblies, showcasing the children's learning, sporting events that have continued to put Greenside on the map, showing everyone that our little school is full of amazingly talented children, and the smell of fresh bread permeating throughout the building that never ceases to give me hunger pains!

Well done to all our children for showing so much excitement for your learning, and the teachers for their hard work and dedication to creating fun and valuable learning opportunities for our children. Thank you, also, to you, the hard-working parents and carers who support our school and our children with everything we do.

As we go into our half term break, I wish you all a good rest, quality family time and many opportunities for love and laughter to be shared. I look forward to seeing you all in a week, for the second half of Spring.

Mr Sarkis
Deputy Head Teacher

PE Message from Ms Self - Greenside has had a busy start to the year of 2025 with sport!

KS2's Wednesday morning Fitness Club has been a fantastic success, welcoming a range of KS2 students before school every Wednesday at 8 am. This term, our sessions focused on preparing for a highly competitive Sportshall Athletics Tournament, where our children performed brilliantly and secured fourth place overall. It has been a pleasure working with this dedicated group, and I'm excited to see how athletics at Greenside continues to grow, especially given the tremendous progress we've made in sporting events, particularly the progress within athletics, over the past year.



Our Year 5/6 Mayor's Cup journey continued with a match against Wendell Park at Ravenscourt Park. The boys fought hard but unfortunately came up short this time. However, the girls delivered a confident performance, securing a well-earned 2-1 victory. We now look ahead to our next game against West London in March!

In January, Greenside hosted a special yoga event where I led Year 4 students from three local schools in Hammersmith and Fulham through a series of mobility drills blended with yoga. It was fantastic to see 12 Greenside students from Years 3 and 4 supporting our visitors by demonstrating postures and mobility drills to a high standard, setting a great example for their peers.

Attendance Message from Mr Sarkis - Punctuality

There has been a significant rise in children arriving late to school this half term.

Even 5 minutes late each day has an impact on children's learning as they miss the start of a lesson. It also affects the other children in the class as the lesson is then disrupted. Whilst 5 or 10 minutes seems such a short time, if this is on a regular basis, it adds up to several hours over the school term.



Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

1. Our gates open at 8:40 am for soft start.
2. Gates close at 8:55 am.
3. Registers close 9:00 am.
4. Any child arriving after 9:25 am is counted as absent, unauthorised.

Let's work together to make sure that all the children start each school day on time.

How to get to school on time to avoid being late for school:

- be clear with your child - ensure that they understand what time school starts and how long it will take them to get there;
- have a regular routine for the start of each day;
- help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed;
- set a reasonable bedtime to make sure they get enough sleep.

Spring 1 in Photos...

