

NEWSLETTER



Inspire Nurture Challenge
Spring 2025

Headteacher's Message

What an incredible half term it has been! Our pupils have had a wealth of exciting experiences beyond the classroom. Year 3 had a wonderful visit to Vauxhall Farm, where they got up close with animals and learned all about farm life. Meanwhile, Year 1 stepped into the world of a beloved storybook character at the Paddington Bear Experience, bringing their learning to life in the most magical way. We were also thrilled to take part in the *Soil* exhibition at Somerset House, a fascinating project that Greenside contributed to. A highlight of this event was the visit from King Charles himself to see our pupils work.

Our talented pupils also took part in *Voice in a Million*, an unforgettable experience where they joined thousands of young voices in a spectacular choir performance. In sports, we've had the most incredible gymnastics competitions, with our pupils showcasing their amazing skills and proudly bringing home Gold and Silver medals!

Meanwhile, many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been learning to ride their bikes safely. Through sessions on quiet roads, they built confidence and developed essential cycling skills such as starting, stopping, passing vehicles, and making turns safely.

We also had the most special *PTA Volunteering Day*, where many families came together to help improve our school community. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and teamwork, and we are so grateful to everyone who gave their time and effort to make a real difference. Additionally, we were excited to launch our brand-new screen in the hall, which will be a fantastic resource for assemblies, presentations, and events. This upgrade is sure to enhance our school experiences and bring even more energy to our gatherings!

And to top it all off, we wrapped up the half term with incredible Mother's Day lunches and a delightful Easter Bonnet Parade! As we reflect on this amazing half term, we're already excited for what's to come in the next one!

First up, our Year 5 pupils are looking forward to their highly anticipated residential trip. Year 6, meanwhile, will be focusing on their SATs preparations. These important tests are just around the corner, and we know our Year 6 pupils will be working hard to give their best. We're here to support them every step of the way as they approach this milestone!

In addition to this, we're thrilled to begin preparations for our Summer Musical Festival, and this year's theme is *Motown*! It's sure to be a fantastic event, and we can't wait to see our pupils shine on stage! With all of these exciting events ahead, it's sure to be another wonderful term! Thank you for your continued support, and here's to another great chapter of learning and growth at Greenside.

Ms Saving

Headteacher



A Message for Year 6

As we come to the end of term, we want to acknowledge all the hard work that's taken place so far this year. We know that the lead-up to SATs isn't always easy — there have been ups and downs, but many of you have started to show real effort and focus, and we're pleased with the progress that is shining through.

To our Year 6 pupils: we're proud of how far you've come — and we know that you are capable of so much. After the break, you'll have just a few short weeks until SATs week, which begins on Monday 12th May. These final weeks are your opportunity to show everything you've learned and to finish your time in primary school feeling proud of what you've achieved.

To our Year 6 families: thank you for your continued support. Over the holiday, we ask that you help your children strike the right balance — time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the break, but also a bit of focused revision each day. Even a short amount of reading, grammar or maths practice will make a big difference.

We believe in every single one of you and look forward to seeing everyone back after the holidays — refreshed, recharged, and ready for the final stretch. Let's finish strong!

YOU
can
DO IT!

Voice in a Million and Choir Update

I look back so fondly on our wonderful day at Voice in a Million — what a truly special experience! I already can't wait to do it all again next year. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success!

As we look ahead to the summer term, I know that some children joined the choir specifically to take part in the event and may now choose not to continue. At the same time, our enthusiastic Year 2 singers are more than ready to join if they haven't already!

If you would like your child to be part of the choir for the summer term, please send me a quick message on ClassDojo so I know who to expect when we start back.



Summer Reminders

As we ease into the summer term and (hopefully!) enjoy some brighter, sunnier days, we want to make sure all our children stay safe, happy, and comfortable during their time at school.

☀️ Water bottles – Please make sure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school every day. Staying hydrated is especially important as the weather gets warmer.

🧢 Hats – A sun hat is strongly encouraged for playtimes and any outdoor learning. It helps protect children from the sun and keeps them cool.

💧 Sun cream – If your child needs sun cream, please apply it at home before the start of the school day, as staff are not able to apply it in school.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone comfortable and sun-safe!

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

Sports Clubs

We are happy to announce that KS2 Running Club will be back up and running from Wednesday, 30th April, at 8:00 am for the summer term. There are still 12 places available—please contact Ms Self to sign up.

Additionally, Ms Self is delighted to announce that the new EYFS/Year 1 Fitness Club, starting on Thursday, 1st May, at 8:00 am, is already full! Thank you for your support—we're excited to get started!

New Club

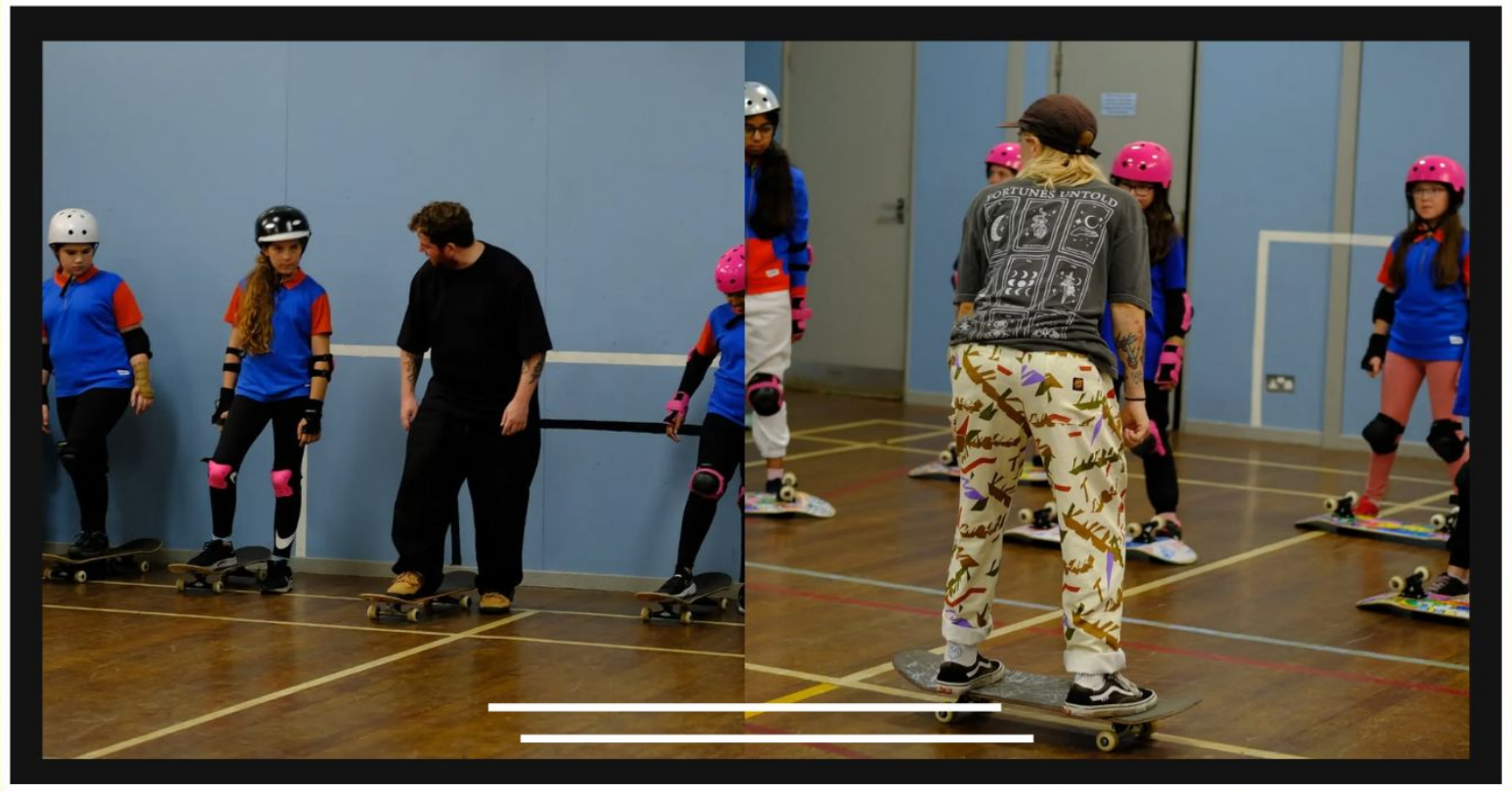
We're always working hard to make sure our after-school clubs offer a wide range of exciting opportunities that support our students' interests, needs, and overall development. With that in mind, we're absolutely thrilled to announce a fantastic new addition to our line-up!

Starting in the Summer Term 2025, we'll be welcoming **Skate Club** to Greenside, run by the brilliant team at Best Foot Forward! Their experienced instructors have worked with many schools across the area, and we're so excited to have them join us.

Please take a look at the flier for more details, and if you're interested, refer to the booking information shared in the After School Club information letter.

BEST FOOT FORWARD SKATE ACADEMY

GREENSIDE SKATE CLUB



**Join us every Friday at 3:30-4:30pm for
Skate Club at Greenside Primary School**

**In this club we will cover all things skateboarding
with expertly tailored sessions for your kids,
including:**

- **Basics and Fundamentals**
- **Understanding of the Skateboard and Safety**
- **Tricks and Techniques**
- **Getting skatepark Ready and Independant**

**All our coaches are freindly experienced, DBS checked
and ready to help your kids hit their skate goals!**

Please sign up via the link in the email

Attendance Message from Mr Sarkis

I would like to begin by congratulating you all for your hard work ensuring our children come to school regularly.

This term, we have reached our target of 96%.

This makes me very proud as I am reassured that our children are at school (almost) everyday receiving the best education we can give them, preparing them for the big wide world. My personal target for the school is 98% - help me to achieve this and get the absolute best for our children.

The summer term, I will be focusing on punctuality as this has been an area of need identified throughout the school.

Why is it important to be on time every day?

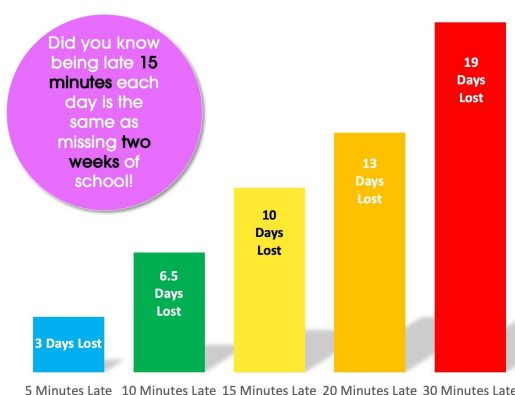
- Every moment a child is late = missed learning.
- Children that are on time start the day settled, relaxed and ready to learn. Children that arrive late are often stressed and embarrassed and take a while to settle into their day.
- Late arrivals cause disruption within the class which has an effect on everyone.

Poor punctuality can affect learning and behaviour. The start of the day is when the teacher informs the class of what the day ahead will look like. Learning begins from the moment they enter the classroom. It is not only the pupil who is late that is affected but all other learners, as the teacher is then required to recap on missing learning for that child, reducing learning time for the whole class. It is important now more than ever to get your child into school on time.

Every second counts:

Punctuality Matters!

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning



My child is trying to avoid coming to school. What should I do?

Children are sometimes reluctant to attend school. Any problems with regular attendance are best sorted out between the school, the parents/carers and the child. If a child is reluctant to attend, then it is better not to cover up their absence or to give into pressure to excuse them from attending. This gives the impression that attendance does not matter and may also make things worse. Contact your child's teacher immediately and openly discuss your worries. Your child could be avoiding school for a number of reasons, for example: difficulties with schoolwork, friendship problems or family difficulties. It is important that we identify the reason for your child's reluctance to attend school and work together to tackle the problem. In some cases, you may find it helpful to discuss the circumstances of your child's difficulties with another professional.

What can I do to encourage my child to attend school?

Make sure your child gets enough sleep and gets up in plenty of time each morning. Ensure that he/she leaves home in the correct clothes and properly equipped. Show your child, by your interest, that you value his/her education.

For many parents, your child attending school may be your first experience of being separated from them. This can seem daunting at first for both of you, but consistency and a caring, supportive home and school life will make the transition a quick and easy experience for you both.

Let's work together to make sure our children arrive on time, every day.

I wish you all a peaceful, restful Easter filled with quality family time, fun and the creation of great memories. I look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

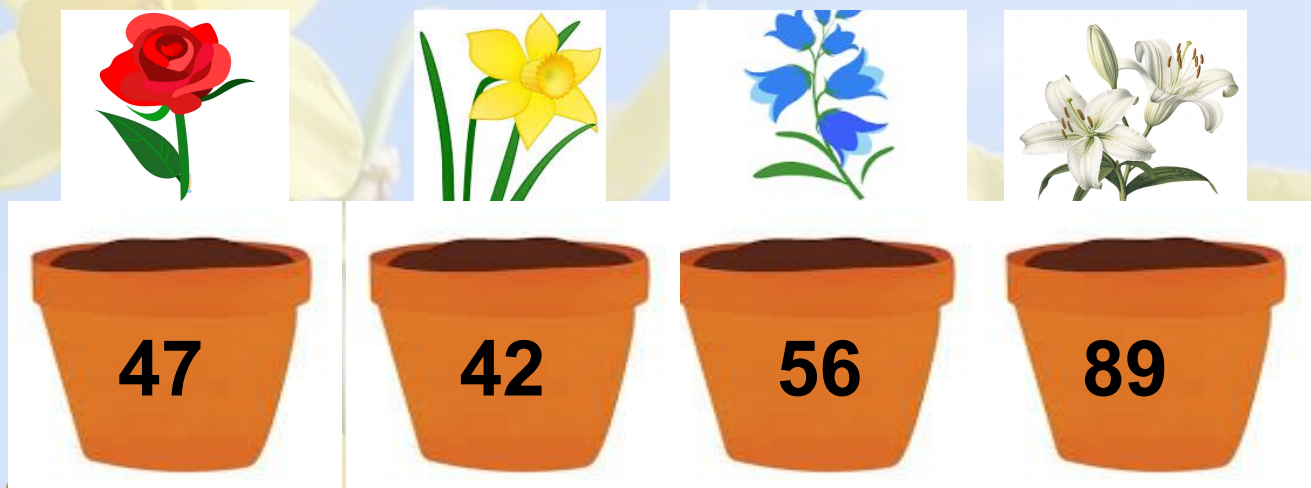
Mr Sarkis

House Competitions Update

This term, we kicked off our house competitions with a science-inspired challenge! Each house was tasked with building a structure that could withstand the unpredictable spring weather.

In addition, we held an Easter-themed competition, where houses created an Easter poem and designed an Easter card. It was a tough decision for our judges—our teaching staff—but in the end, Bluebells won for their incredible creativity!

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:



PE Message from Ms Seir

Greenside has had another fantastic term of sport!

We were incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 students who took part in the Bikeability safe cycling scheme. Their enthusiasm was outstanding, and they all passed with flying colours! We're excited to welcome the scheme back next year, once again open to Year 5 and 6.

In addition, a group of hardworking and motivated gymnasts represented Greenside at the Hammersmith & Fulham Gymnastics Competition. Their dedication and discipline were truly inspiring! A special shoutout to Arty and Nefeli —Arty, a double gold medallist, won gold in all his events, including the combined Year 3 and 4 Vault and Floor Sequence. Nefeli also secured an impressive silver medal for her floor sequence. A huge thank you to the parents and carers who supported this, especially those who helped with extra practice at Aurora Gymnastics.

Finally, a big congratulations to Saifan (Year 5), who has been recognised by Platform Cricket as a player of tremendous talent! He will now begin training at Shepherds Bush Cricket Club, where we have several other Greenside players. We are incredibly proud of him. Our commitment to cricket continues into the summer term, with Middlesex Cricket Coaching set to support our Year 1–6 students in PE. We can't wait to see our young cricketers develop their skills!



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Spring 2 in Photos...



Easter Reading

BINGO

Can you complete a row, column or even a full house of reading challenges this Easter?

Go outside and read next to some spring flowers



Read a book on Easter morning



Read at the park



Read really slowly



Read in bed



Read something funny



Tell a story using the pictures



Read (and follow!) a recipe with a grown-up



Find a sweet treat to snack on whilst reading a book



Buy a packet of seeds, read the instructions, and get planting!



Read with a friend



Read a book with yellow on the cover



Read a book with a character who would have hatched from an egg



Read with a grown-up



Draw something from a book



Build a reading cave and read a book inside

