



# Griffin Park Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We have reached the end of another half-term and there is only one more left to go! The year does seem to be going very quickly. As always, lots has been happening at Griffin Park this week and there have been lots of things to celebrate.

On Thursday, Year 4 led the assembly and their topic was Vikings. They performed wonderfully well with a presentation filled with facts and some acting that was worthy of the West End stage. Well done to year 4 and thank you to the staff who worked hard to put the assembly on for everyone.

I have sent out a letter today regarding some planned building works that are taking place next half-term. Please check your inboxes to ensure you have received this.

Dame Rachel De Souza has emailed the school asking for children to take part in the Big Future Survey. It is open for all children from 0-18 and schools with high participation rates will get formal recognition and an invite to a Festival of Childhood. Please follow the link below to complete the survey with your child.

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Today we are having parties in classes to celebrate the upcoming festival of Eid. Children look splendid in their party outfits and we are very grateful to those who have donated food to share with their classmates. It is a lovely end to the half term and we wish Eid Mubarak to all those who will be celebrating next week.

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of experiencing my first ever Welly Walk. It is not something I have ever seen done before and it was lovely to see all the children out exercising and raising money for the school. I had the pleasure of joining EYFS as they did their laps of the playground led by Mr Abdallah who made sure they marched at a good pace and kept count of each lap as they went. Older children did very well to complete five laps of the school grounds and there were some tired, but happy looking faces as they returned to school. Please can all sponsor money be sent in to school as soon as possible so we can tally up the final figures.

We respectfully ask that when children are late arriving, or being collected early/late for any reason, that an adult signs them in/out on the Inventory screen at the front of school. This is very important for health and safety and attendance tracking reasons.

We have noticed an increase in the number of children bringing squishies and fidget toys into school and they are becoming a distraction during lessons. Fidget toys may only be used by prior arrangement with the class teacher who will assess the need on an individual basis and provide one from school where necessary. We ask that children don't bring fidget toys and squishies into school unless there has been express permission given by a member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all have a lovely half-term break.  
Mr Chapman

### KEY DATES

22/05/26 – Eid Party. School closes at 3:15/3:20pm for half-term

01/06/26 – School Closed – INSET Day

02/06/26 – School Reopens

01/06/26 – Y4 Multiplication checks this week

02/06/26 – Y3/\$ Cricket Club starts – Tuesday after school

16/06/26 – Y4 Trip to Blackpool

19/06/26 – Y4 Trip to the Philharmonic Orchestra

24/06/26 – Y5 trip to Liverpool World Museum and Year 1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

01/07/26 – Move Up Morning

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who will receive their certificates on Friday 5/06/26

YR: Haadiyah-Noor

Y1: Saira

Y2: Hamzah

Y3: Farhan

Y4: Lily

Y5: Theo

Y6: Mohammed



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## Weekly Attendance Results (%) – Target 96%

<b>Rec.</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y6</b>
98.3	93.3	99	95.9	98.3	99.3	100

	Attendance	Description
Exceptional (1)	Attendance is 100%	Excellent. This will help a child's progress and life in school. This will give them a good start in life and a positive work ethic
Good (2)	Attendance is 96% or higher	
Room For Improvement (3)	Attendance is below 96%	Poor. There is a threat. Absence is affecting attainment and progress in school. Parents/carers will be expected to have a conversation with school staff to discuss attendance and early help will be offered. A plan will be put in place to help with improving your child's attendance.
Cause For Concern (4)	Attendance is below 85%	Unacceptable Absence is causing a serious concern. Absence is affecting attainment and progress in school. Permitting absence without an appropriate reason is being offered by the parent/carer. Steps will be taken by school to manage the attendance issue. This may result in a fine.

### CAR PARKING

Please note that both car-parks, front and rear, are for staff vehicles and deliveries only. Please do not come onto the car parks when dropping children off or collecting them. This includes when dropping off for breakfast club. Please could we also ask that drivers are considerate of road marking when driving around school. Lots of cars are stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines at the front and side of school. these are there to ensure that all our children are kept safe and they should not be used to stop on – even for a few moments.

### CUTTING UP FOOD IN PACKED LUNCHES

Please could we ask that any fruits, vegetables and other foods that may present a choking hazard are cut up appropriately if being sent in a lunchbox. For example, grapes, cherries, berries, and tomatoes should be cut into quarters lengthways to minimise the risk of choking. This applies to all children bringing food into school, whatever their age/year group. Please click on the link below for more information on food preparation for children.

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/Early-Years-Choking-Hazards-Table\\_FINAL\\_21-Sept-2021.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/Early-Years-Choking-Hazards-Table_FINAL_21-Sept-2021.pdf)

### SCHOOL FUND APPEAL

We kindly invite families to support our school fund if they are able. Donations, no matter how small, make a meaningful difference to our children's school experiences, particularly in our EYFS and nursery. We also greatly appreciate any contributions of useful items, for example cooking ingredients to make playdough that helps support learning and school activities. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Any donations can be made through the school office

### SUNCREAM, SUNHATS AND WATER BOTTLES

As we are now experiencing warmer weather, we ask that children come into school prepared for being outdoors in the sunshine. They should have a water bottle in school with them every day (only water in these bottles please – no juice!). Clear, plastic, reusable water bottles are best for this. We encourage them to bring in a sunhat to help keep the sun off their faces and necks. If you think they will need suncream, please put it on in the morning before school. Due to potential allergic reactions, we do not allow suncream, lip balm or other creams to be brought into school without prior consent.

### Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-and-managing-specific-infectious-diseases-at-school). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.



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# National School Attendance Award

2025/26 Spring Term



*Griffin Park Primary School*

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# Child and Baby CPR

**Course Code 528**

**Earcroft Children Centre**

**Thursday 18 June 2026**

**9:15am - 11:15am**

**Course Code 485**

**Livesey Family Hub**

**Monday 22 June 2026**

**9:30am - 11:30am**



**Limited Spaces | Crèche Available**

For more information on the above courses, please contact:  
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**NEW**  
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# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**At Meadowhead Infants**  
**Monday - Friday 3pm - 6pm**



5 STAR REVIEWS

#GetActiveGoodHabits

Light  
hot and  
cold tea  
provided

Ofsted  
REGISTERED

**Text/Call: 07783165251**

**Email: [schoolsoutholidaysquad@gmail.com](mailto:schoolsoutholidaysquad@gmail.com)**

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# PARENTING CELEBRATION DAY

Fun, support & connection for families



WEDNESDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



9.30AM –  
12.30PM



LIVESEY  
FAMILY HUB



PARENTS, CARERS  
& PROFESSIONALS  
welcome!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Come & find all about our **Parenting Offer**, exploring all the support we offer to families across Blackburn with Darwen.



The day will be filled with **fun, free resources** and **activities**, including a **FREE refreshments**.



Parent & professional voices welcome to shape the future of our parenting offer.



SENSORY PLAY



TOY LIBRARY



MARKETPLACE



TEA, COFFEE  
& PASTRIES



## YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Help shape the future of parenting support.  
Parents & professionals encouraged to share ideas.



For more information, contact us at [parenting@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@blackburn.gov.uk)

★ Come along, connect,  
and enjoy the day together! ♥



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