



Griffin Park Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome to the latest edition of the Griffin Park newsletter. It has been a busy week here in school as we enter the last half-term of the school year. I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and were able to make the most of the sunny weather.

Over the half-term holiday, we had new phone lines fitted throughout the school. This was necessary because the old technology was being phased out and they would no longer work. The installation seems to have gone well so far with few teething problems. Please let us know if you experience any difficulties getting in touch with school. We are going to be adding an 'absence' option to report pupil absences soon. Please note that all calls into and out of school are now recorded.

On Thursday, we enjoyed watching the year two assembly on Wind in The Willows. It was a wonderful performance of the classic story and the children did ever so well acting out the parts. The aim was to inspire people to go and read the book and I am sure they succeeded in that. Well done year two and thank you to all the staff who worked hard to put it together. I must offer sincere apologies for the short notice about the assembly. I missed it off the calendar when writing the newsletters last half-term. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible for these types of events in the future.

Yesterday, Year 6 enjoyed their second educational visit of the year following their residential trip to PGL in October. Pupils visited the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), where they took part in an engaging electricity workshop. The session provided an excellent opportunity for children to consolidate their understanding of electricity and circuits through practical, hands-on activities. As well as developing their scientific knowledge, pupils were able to experience life on a working university campus, helping to raise aspirations and provide inspiration for their future educational journeys. The children represented Griffin Park brilliantly throughout the visit and were a credit to you and the school. – Thank you to Mr White for the write up.



You should all have received a message this week about a sponsored swim I am undertaking to help raise money for the school to buy new equipment for the children at breaktimes. I will be swimming the full length of Coniston Water in the Lake District on 20th June 2026 – 5.25 miles. Thank you to those people who have already donated and left a message of support. I am getting close to reaching my target of £500 and would really appreciate as many donations as possible. Please follow the link below to donate and give whatever you can afford. It will be worth clicking the link just to see a picture of me looking daft in a swim cap!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/david-chapman-61?utm_term=Nbdr8Q8QA&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Mr Chapman

KEY DATES

01/06/26 – Y4 Multiplication checks this week

02/06/26 – Y3/4 Cricket Club starts – Tuesday after school

09/06/2026 – Festival of Friendship

11/06/2026 – Y1 Assembly

12/06/2026 – Y3 Trip to Blackpool Zoo

16/06/26 – Y4 Trip to Blackpool

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

22/06/2026 – Activity Week – all week

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 12/06/26

YR: Loui S

Y1: Isaac

Y2: Eshaal

Y3: Saifullah (will be presented on 19/06/26)

Y4: Freddie

Y5: Haiqa

Y6: Jessica



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Weekly Attendance Results (%) – Target 96%

Rec.	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.4	93.3	99.3	92.8	97	99.3	95

	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

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/health-protection-and-managing-specific-infectious-diseases). 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



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Top 25% of similar FFT Primary Schools in England



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Blackburn with Darwen
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Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth

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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CHILDCARE EXCELLENCE
PROMOTING ACTIVE
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NEW
COLLECTION SERVICE FROM
GRIFFIN PARK PRIMARY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



At Meadowhead Infants
Monday - Friday 3pm - 6pm



5 STAR REVIEWS

#GetActiveGoodHabits

Light
hot and
cold tea
provided

Ofsted
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PARENTING CELEBRATION DAY

Fun, support & connection for families



WEDNESDAY
24TH 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
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★ Come along, connect,
and enjoy the day together! ♥



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