



# Griffin Park Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

What a busy week it has been here at Griffin Park Primary School. All the children throughout the school have been working very hard and taking part in lots of exciting events. It is always a busy time of year in primary schools and this is no different at Griffin Park. This week I have enjoyed walking through the hall and seeing Y5/6 preparing for the end of year production. Rehearsals are going well and I can't wait to see their performance of 'Olivia!' later in the term.

Two classes have been completing some statutory assessments this week. Year 1 (and some Y2) have been doing their phonics screening check. This is an assessment of how well they know their phonemes and their segmenting and blending skills. Mrs Holden has had a big smile on her face all week as the children have been doing so well. Well done Year 1!

In the juniors, Year 4 have been doing their multiplication check this week. This is a test of how well they know their multiplication tables all the way up to 12 X 12. They complete a timed test of 25 questions on the iPads. We don't know the results yet, but Mrs Scofield has also been smiling lots this week as the children have worked very hard in preparation. Results for the phonics screening check and the multiplication check will be sent home with the end of year reports.

On Tuesday last week, 20 pupils from years 3 and 4 went to The Empire Theatre to take part in the first ever Festival of Friendship. This was a variety performance by schools in our local cluster and featured some wonderful songs and dances. Griffin Park performed Look Inside from the Year 3/4 Easter production. They did amazingly well and I was proud to be there to watch them perform on the stage. Mr Berry – the compere – singled out Griffin Park as the best-behaved school at the event! A huge thanks to Mrs Schofield for organising the occasion and well done to all those who took part. Pictures can be seen on the school website under News and Events.

I am pleased to report that children have raised **£1342** in sponsor money by taking part in the Welly Walk earlier in the term. This is a fantastic amount and will go toward helping us provide lots of nice things to make Griffin Park an enjoyable place to come and learn. Thank you to all those who took part and those of you who have generously donated. Thanks also to Mrs Aspinall for organising the event and the staff members who helped make it happen.

Next weekend is my sponsored swim of Coniston. If you would like to sponsor me to help raise money for playground equipment for school, please see the details below. I am currently 80% of the way to my £500 target.

Finally, it's back to year 1 who amazed us all with their class assembly on Thursday morning. The theme was Reading and they clearly enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with the school and visiting parents. It ended with a lovely rendition of Michael Rosen's 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' I was smiling throughout and, not for the first time this year, I was impressed with the children's clarity and confidence as they spoke. Well done Year 1 and thank you the Mrs Holden and her team for putting it all together.

Mr Chapman

### KEY DATES

- 12/06/26** – Y3 Trip to Blackpool Zoo
- 16/06/26** – Y4 Trip to Blackpool
- 19/06/26** – Y4 Trip to the Philharmonic Orchestra
- 22/06/26** – Activity Week – all week
- 24/06/26** – Y5 trip to Liverpool World Museum and Year 1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park
- 26/06/26** – Junior Sport's Day
- 01/07/26** – Move Up Morning
- 03/07/26** – Infant Sport's Day
- 09/07/26** – Y5/6 Production
- 10/07/2026** – Young Leader's Club Trip to London
- 14/07/2026** – EYFS Farm Visit in school
- 14/07/26** – Y6 Prom
- 15/07/26** – Nursery Graduation (AM)
- 15/07/26** - Griffin's Got Talent (PM)
- 16/07/26** – Y6 Leaver's Assembly
- 17/07/26** – Awards assembly and school finishes at 2:00pm

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who will receive their certificates on

**Friday 19/06/26**

YR: Abdullah

Y1: Kelsey

Y2: Habib

Y3: Saifullah

Y4: Mustafa

Y5: Subhaan

Y6: Taiba



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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>
96.6	91.7	100	97.8	95	98.3	91.7

	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

### SPONSORED SWIM

You should all have received a message last 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/david-chapman-61?utm_term=Nbdr8Q8QA&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

## 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



*Griffin Park Primary School*

*Top 25% of similar FFT Primary Schools in England*



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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**  
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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**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.



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## YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

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



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



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