



Griffin Park Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Well what a week it has been here at Griffin Park Primary School. You will know already know that on Monday, we received a call from His Majesty's Inspectors that OFSTED were coming to visit us and inspect the school. We welcomed them in on Tuesday and Wednesday. They spoke to leaders, teachers, children and parents and I am pleased to say they were very impressed with what they saw.

It was lovely to hear lots of the nice things you have said about the school in the questionnaires that were sent out and the children have worked so hard to do us all proud. Thank you to you all for your continued support of Griffin Park Primary School.

This week, the children in Year 4 visited Blackpool seafront as part of their Geography fieldwork. They looked at sea defences along the way and even stopped for an ice cream. The children's behaviour was impeccable and all the adults commented of how fantastic they were. Well done Year 4 and thank you to Mrs Schofield for this write up.



We have a lot to look forward to as we head towards the end of term. Next week we have activity week. I've seen that the calendar is jam-packed with events and activities and we end the week with KS2 Sport's Day. The weather forecast is predicting a lovely day with lots of sunshine. Please make sure children have plenty of suncream on in the morning (and on other sunny days too) so they can enjoy the day outside. Infant sport's day is a little bit later in the year on the 3rd July.

Thank you to those people who have generously donated sponsor money to help raise funds for playground equipment. I am set to start my swim early tomorrow morning and am looking forward to enjoying a morning in the beautiful English Lake District. If you would like to make a donation, please see the information below.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard-working team of staff at Griffin Park Primary School. They work incredibly hard all year round to make learning accessible, enjoyable and enriching as possible. They have shown this week what a brilliant team they are and I am very proud of all of them.

Mr Chapman

KEY DATES

- 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 26/06/26**

YR: TBC

Y1 – Isabella C

Y2 – Habib I

Y3 – Oakley H

Y4 – Kole S

Y5 – Leighton L

Y6 – Dexter K



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Weekly Attendance Results (%) – Target 96%

Rec.	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.6	99.3	97.3	97.8	94.1	93.3	95.9

	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

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 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

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). 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





Blackburn with Darwen
**ADULT
LEARNING**



**Family
Hub**



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
AND HEALTHY LIVING

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
REGISTERED

Text/Call: 07783165251

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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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