

Green Top School

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Dear Parents / Carers

What a wonderful start we've had to 2024/2025!

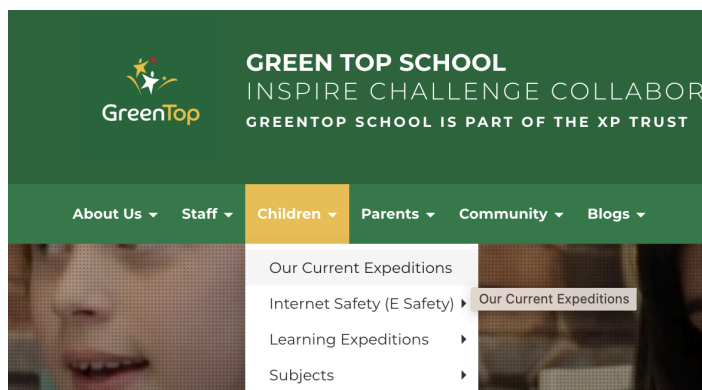
Our 'First Week back' was the best it's been to date with all of our children giving back to the community, building character and building relationships within their crews. Green Top camp went extremely well too with all children visiting during the day and our UKS2 children returning after school to camp overnight! The week ended amazingly with our very first colour run - a highlight for many of our children and staff! Above all, your kind donations through sponsors has given us a brilliant start to our fundraising for our reading for pleasure library! Miss Knowles is currently working on obtaining quotes and planning further fundraising events.

#makingmemories - <https://greentopschool.co.uk/first-week-back-colour-run/>



During our second week back, our children were immersed into their autumn expeditions and the curriculum they will cover during this term.

Our current expeditions can be viewed on the school website:



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We are very excited with the changes we have made to our wider curriculum this year. We are working with YourPE - this is providing all children with skilled coaches to deliver some of their PE lessons and quality CPD for staff.



Year 6 singing in rounds whilst adding actions!

We have subscribed to 'Sing Up', a music scheme that is providing us with additional resources to teach our music curriculum. We now study a music genre and musicians during crew daily and every Friday morning the whole school sings together in their crews and learns new songs together. We will be bringing BSL into these sessions following the half term break.

Check out class 9 singing one of their expedition songs:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-9-its-a-long-way-to-tipperary/>

We are following a new computing scheme that has reshaped our computing curriculum. It's still very new but we are excited to see how this becomes embedded at Green Top and also how we can develop our Digital Leaders to support this further.

Take a look at some of the work completed in year 2:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/year-2-g-block-computing/>



We have purchased an orienteering package, you might have seen the boards around the school grounds! Staff will receive CPD on how to embed this during the next half term and then we will be launching this with the children! We can't wait!

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At the beginning of October, we invited an Ofsted inspector to come and work with us. We spent the day discussing our wonderful school, sharing our vision and the work we are doing to make it even better! Some of the children spoke to her and she visited lessons. We were very proud of some of the comments she shared with us following the visit!

“Across different classrooms, children are consistently well-engaged and the attitudes to learning are positive.”

“There are strengths around maths teaching, such as providing strong modelling, through good questioning, and using the resources in place to ensure that all children can access learning.”

“Children are engaged across different classrooms, and when teachers do the input, they have the children’s attention.”

“There are strong examples of teaching, with the scheme (White Rose Maths) being used well - teachers applying their own maths expertise well, and clearly know their children well, to support their needs very closely.”

“In most classrooms, we can also see that teachers provide more bespoke activities to meet more able children’s needs, as well as other children’s needs, which is positive.”

“Children know what British values are and can articulate them well, particularly through the prism of the school’s own values, and their work in Crew, which they value very much.”

“The focus leaders have had on minor subjects has really resonated positively with children, as understood from pupil voice, and the blogs of different events on the website.”

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In addition to all of these wonderful things, we have had our American themed day and our reading week!

Our American themed day supported our work around the arts and physical education with all children enjoying a line dancing lesson and a rock music session. Some children joined in with baseball and American football during lunchtime clubs! Did you see this video celebrating the day?

#makingmemories - <https://greentopschool.co.uk/american-themed-day-green-top/>



Reading is an important part of our culture! We continue to raise the profile of reading, hence our mission to create our reading for pleasure library by the end of this school year! We will continue to celebrate reading through our reading week every September with visits to the library, sharing stories and a week of reading activities.



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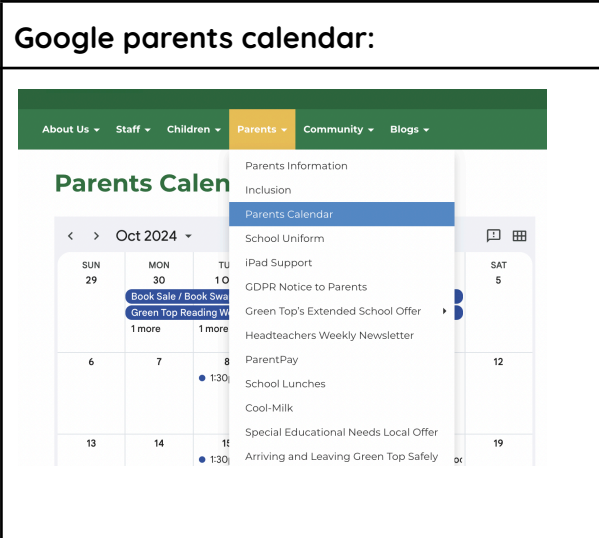
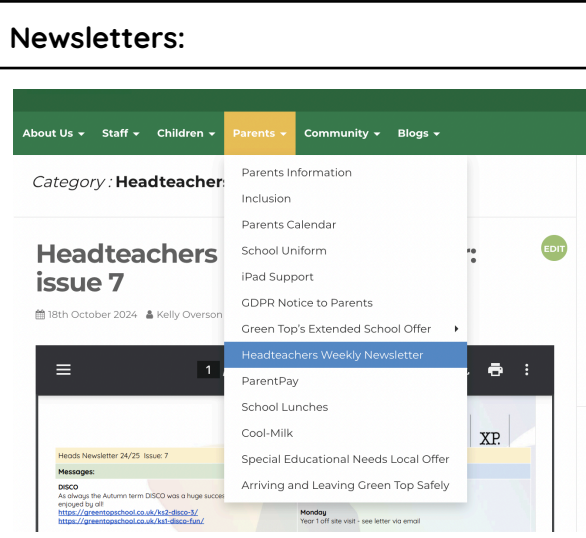
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We have welcomed many parents into our building and to support activities this half term. Thank you to those who have attended the following:

- Book and a biscuit with EYFS
- Parents evening
- Family learning events
- Reading drop in
- Supporting local visits and walks
- Community meetings / crew champion assembly
- Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Phonics drop in sessions and family learning
- Year 6 parents meeting

As always, we appreciate your continued support at these events!

We are also busy updating our **school website** so you have access to everything you need! Here are some of the things available now:

Google parents calendar:	Newsletters:
	



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<p>Holiday dates:</p>	<p>Parents Information:</p>
<p>Inclusion:</p>	<p>Extended study:</p>

We are very much looking forward to our plans for autumn 2 and our two weeks of Christmas celebrations! All dates are on the Google calendar and will also be shared with you when we return after half term.

Thank you once again for your support!

Kind regards

Kelly Overson