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Ending summer 1 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Once again, we have had a fabulous half term with many learning experiences shared and celebrated! We have also completed some of our videos sharing previous events and celebrations. Please check them out on our wonderful website:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/visit-to-thorne-park/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/science-week-celebration/>

Summer expeditions

We are right in the middle of our Summer expeditions. Some children have been on a visit to Magna, some year groups have had visitors and KS1 have had the planetarium visiting, as well as a video sent from Helen Sharman, the first British woman astronaut to go into space. All of the family learning sessions have been lots of fun and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their time with parents and carers in school. We can't wait to see the summer term products come to life next half term!

Year 6

The Year 6 children successfully completed their SATs this half term and we couldn't be more proud! They showed such determination and resilience in the run up to and during the week ensuring that they applied all of the knowledge they learned. A huge well done to our Year 6s!

To celebrate the end of SATs week, the children were surprised with their leaver's hoodies which look amazing! <https://greentopschool.co.uk/congratulations-year-6/>

They also enjoyed bacon sandwiches, a dodgeball tournament, playing at Thorne Park and a well deserved ice cream treat!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/year-6-sats-celebration/>

In addition to this, 41 of our children visited London for 3 days. It was a wonderful experience and so many memories were made. Please see the school blog for many posts and also view our beautiful video here:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/london-2025-video/>

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Crew Council

This half term, our Crew Councillors have completed a range of activities within school including leading coffee mornings for VE Day and International Tea Day. Alongside the Year 5/6 Ambassadors, they supported the Parents Evenings and also had the opportunity to take part in the lovely VE Day celebrations within our community either at Thorne Park or the Moorends Community Centre - Check out the blog to see the posts linking to these wonderful events!

Digital Leaders

This term, our Digital Leaders have been involved with many events and activities around school. They have been working hard capturing different events such as coffee mornings and our red, white and blue non-uniform day to celebrate 80 years since VE Day. Next term, we hope to give our Digital Leaders some additional training on how to use Clickview, which they can then pass on to their own teachers and classmates.

Wizard of Oz

As we edge closer to our show dates, the children have been working so hard attending clubs and using their own time within the school day to ensure that they are confident within their roles. The children have enjoyed performing to a large crowd at the VE Day celebrations in Moorends and putting together a trailer video to advertise our show. The children are so excited to be performing on a real stage to a large audience.

Please keep your eye out for tickets that will be out on sale soon - you don't want to miss it!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/%e2%9c%a8-the-wizard-of-oz-%e2%9c%a8-coming-soon-at-green-top/>

Awesome attendance

Attendance is getting better and better each week, we are currently at 95.47% for the whole school including nursery children. It has steadily increased from 95.38% at the end of last term and we are getting closer to our school target of 96%. Please help us and your child by ensuring their attendance remains above 96% allowing them to achieve their full potential. Every school day counts, and consistent attendance is crucial for your child's academic success. Absences disrupt the learning process, making it challenging for pupils to keep up with their peers.

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Top tips to help improve attendance;

- Talk to your child regularly about school and how they feel about it.
- Phone school as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent, and when you expect them to return.
- Only allow days at home for genuine illness.
- Having a regular bedtime and morning routine can help you to arrive at school on time.

Last week we had 6 crews with 100%, the previous week we had 4 crews with 100%. This is a great improvement and getting better each week. The children love to receive their crew kitty cash on a Monday, this is celebrated on the blog and displayed in the classroom. Crews spend their cash Kitty at the end of every full term.

Punctuality

Lateness continues to be an issue for some children, please make sure they arrive at school by 8.30am otherwise the doors will be closed and your child will receive a late mark on their attendance record. During next term we'll be doing late gates to speak with parents/carers about reasons for being late and offer support if needed.

Breakfast Club, Bagels and Sunset

Look at our new promotion video! It's so lovely to see what we offer to our children!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/breakfast-club-bagels-and-sunset-at-green-top/>

School lunches

As you are aware, as a Trust we have been exploring alternative school catering providers and that from Monday 2nd June, our Trust will change to a new catering provider for school dinners - Relish. Please see the information shared via email. You can also see their welcome letter and menus on our school website:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/school-lunches/>

School uniform

As you know, Toggs has now closed for business. Adele, the owner has ensured everything is in place with her supplier so you can continue to order our uniform with our logo. You can find this information on our school website:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/ordering-school-uniform/>



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Staffing updates:

Sadly we say goodbye to some of our staff this half term. Mrs Swindles will leave our nursery crew to take on a new adventure working as a key worker family support officer in Doncaster. This is an amazing opportunity for her and we wish Mrs Swindles all the best for the future!

Sadly, we also say a massive farewell to Michael. Michael has been providing us with delicious school meals for many years and everyone is so sad to see him leave! We hope he will be happy as he takes on a new kitchen providing meals for other children in Doncaster.

Finally, we have an eventful final term planned as we begin the last leg of 24/25! Where has the year gone? We will share our summer 2 diary dates with you soon.

Sports Day - did you see the letter emailed this week?  Sports Day Events 2025.pdf

Kind regards

Kelly Overson