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Dear Parent / Carer

What a year 2024/2025 has been! We've had an amazing year! Did you see our video capturing some of the amazing things we've done together throughout the year?

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/what-a-year-24-25-rocked/>

Crew

This year has been a significant one for the development of our Crew culture, with the launch of our character traits. The addition of character badges has been a huge success, giving children a tangible way to track and celebrate their personal growth. Most importantly, this work has helped to deepen pupils' understanding of what it means to be a good person, both in school and beyond. We're incredibly proud of the way our children have embraced these values and look forward to building on this next year.

Expedition

The children have had some amazing experiences in their expeditionary learning this year. EYFS have recently held their very own Cinderella's ball, which is where they showcased their learning from their summer expedition. It was an amazing occasion and their ballroom dancing was beautiful! Key stage 1 have been on two fantastic visits to Lincoln Castle and The Cast in Doncaster and have also had the visit from the planetarium. These were all amazing experiences and we thank you so much for your support with making these happen for the children. In years 3 and 4, an expedition highlight of the year was our work with the Victoria Cross Trust. The children speak enthusiastically about our study of World War 2; working with the Victoria Cross Trust only strengthened their curiosity and learning. The VC Trust will continue to be valued experts for many years to come. In year 5 and 6 we are really proud of the children this year in their expedition lessons especially their confident delivery of their scientific lectures in Trinity Academy. They also showed such maturity and respect when learning about the Civil Rights Movement and created a beautiful notebook to showcase their work. Our Year 5s also worked incredibly hard on their mining expedition and produced a fantastic song along with their amazing chair drumming! Look out for their product which will be displayed in Moorends.

The Arts

We said that we wanted to improve the arts across school this year and I think we have definitely achieved this! The children have experienced many different forms of the arts from chair drumming, line dancing, body percussion, daily activities linked to different artists and singing including sign language.

In addition to this, we showcased our first ever musical production. 'The Wizard of Oz' which can only be described as spectacular! What an experience for the children involved and most definitely a treat for those who experienced the show! We can't wait to get started on next year's production!

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Sports

We have made a start in achieving our mission to improve the culture of sports next year. In a bid to allow the children to experience competitions we have signed up to Legacy giving us the opportunity to experience tournaments across Doncaster. We managed to squeeze in 4 competitions during the summer term as a taster and those who were lucky enough to attend loved it! Our UKS2 girls even managed to bring back the trophy and were crowned champions of the girls football tournament! We look forward to what we have planned for 25/26 and can't wait to experience this together!

Attendance

Thank you to all families for your continued support with school attendance. Being in school every day really does make a huge difference to your child's learning, confidence, and friendships.

Well done to all pupils who have attended every day this term — your dedication and resilience are something to be proud of. We're thrilled to share that **163 children** have achieved 100% attendance this term!

An even bigger congratulations to the **37 pupils** who have attended every single day this school year — an outstanding achievement and something to be extremely proud of!

Our current whole-school attendance is: **95.28%**

Looking ahead to next year, we'll be focusing on:

- Improving punctuality across all year groups
- Supporting children who are persistently absent (less than 90%) to help them re-engage fully with school

A huge shout out to **Crew Schon**, who have earned the most Kitty Cash this term through brilliant attendance and teamwork — well done!

Remember — every day counts. If you ever need support with attendance or punctuality, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're here to help.

Consent update

*This is a polite reminder to **update your child's consent** form for the upcoming academic year 2025/26. Please click the link below to complete the form:*

<https://forms.gle/vEYdnvBmpKRzkogs6>

Please note: If the consent form is not updated, your child may not be able to take part in community activities during the first week back.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Year 6

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 children after their amazing journey at Green Top! Most have been here from the start, some have joined half way through and some just in year 6 but no matter when they arrived, we are glad they spent their time with us. They have made us so proud over the years but their final year in Y6 has definitely been a special one! They have made us so proud in their SATs with so many children making progress and achieving above their targets. Despite SATs, they've also managed to prepare for secondary school and have lots of fun camping, visiting London and spending a day on the beach in Bridlington! We will all miss you so much and wish you lots of luck for secondary school!

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Staffing

We are delighted to share some exciting staffing news for the upcoming academic year. In August, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Potter, who will be joining our EYFS team as a Learning Coach in Nursery, and Miss Hodges, who will be working across the Year 3/4 phase as a Learning Coach.

Mrs Pearson has now begun her maternity leave, and Mr Taylor will be taking paternity leave this year. We wish them both well for the year ahead and we know they will keep in touch!

Congratulations to Miss Walton, who has now fully qualified as a teacher and will begin her ECT years with us. We are also thrilled to have Miss Copper starting her teaching career here at Green Top; she will be fully qualified by the end of the year.

In addition, both Mrs Small and Mr Overson have secured places at Sheffield Hallam University to begin a two-year course to qualify as teachers.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and feel fortunate to have them as part of our Green Top Crew!

Last but most certainly not least, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the entire Green Top staff crew. Every single day, they go above and beyond to plan engaging lessons, create memorable experiences, and nurture the growth and wellbeing of our children. Their dedication, creativity, and unwavering commitment ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive. I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a talented and passionate team, all united in the shared goal of making Green Top the very best it can be for our children, families, and community.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 26th August. We will start the term with a focus on transition and building crew before moving onto hooking the children into our autumn expeditions. The club offer for the autumn term will be shared as we return; clubs will begin on Monday 1st September. Breakfast club will be open from 26.08.2025 and sunset will be available from 26.08.2025 sunset@greentopschool.org.

Thank you for your continued support this year, for joining family learning, attending coffee mornings and attending celebration events! Have a wonderful summer and see you on the 26th August!

Kind Regards
Kelly Overson