



Autumn 2026

Greengate Lane Academy Newsletter

*'Individually we grow,
together we thrive'*

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed spending time with your family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week. Our classrooms are full of smiles, excitement and enthusiasm for learning, and we are looking forward to another brilliant year together at Greengate Lane Academy.

We can't wait to share all the exciting learning, achievements and events that this year will bring!

Return to School

Our school gates open at **8:30am**, and teachers collect children from the playground at **8:40am**. Learning begins straight away when children enter the classroom, so it is important that children arrive on time every day to make the most of their learning.

If you have any questions, concerns or need support, members of the Leadership Team will be available on the playground and at the gate at the beginning and end of each day.

Children who arrive after **8:50am** will be recorded as late.

The school day finishes at **3:20pm**. Teachers will bring children onto the playground for collection. To help keep all children safe, we ask that all children

are collected directly from the playground by a parent, carer or authorised adult. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and helps ensure every child gets home safely.

Class Arrangements for 26/27

F1 - Mrs Fingerneissl and Mrs Lindley/Mrs Stacey

F2/Y1 - Mrs Clarke and Mrs Ashton

Y1/Y2 - Miss Smedley and Mrs Armitage

Y3 - Mr Evans and Mrs Grayson

Y4 - Mr Fogg

Y5 - Miss Keir and Mrs Hutchinson

Y6 - Mrs Gibson and Mrs Woodbridge

School Values

At Greengate Lane Academy, we encourage everyone to live by our school values every day:

Tenacity - Keep going, even when things are difficult.

Scholarship - Always try your best and be proud of your learning.

Curiosity - Ask questions and enjoy discovering new things.

Aspiration - Have big dreams and work hard to achieve them.

Kindness - Show care and respect to everyone around you.

Each week, we focus on one of our school values and celebrate children who demonstrate it through their learning, behaviour and attitude. These children may be chosen as our **Stars of the Week** and recognised during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Parents and carers of Stars of the Week will be notified on Thursday and invited to join us for the assembly on Friday.

We also love celebrating achievements from outside of school! Whether it is a swimming certificate, gymnastics medal, football trophy, reading award or any other success, children are welcome to bring these into Friday assembly so we can celebrate them with our school community.

Greengate Lane Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families about our school uniform expectations. Wearing the correct uniform helps children feel part of our school community and supports our high standards.

Our school uniform is:

- White polo shirt (plain or with the school logo)
- Bottle green sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece (plain or with the school logo)
- Dark trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Green and white checked summer dress
- Appropriate black footwear, such as trainers or enclosed flat shoes
- Only stud earrings or small sleepers may be worn. Watches are the only other jewellery item permitted.
- School book bag

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform each day. Full details can be found on our school website.

PE Kit

To ensure all children can fully participate in PE lessons, please make sure they have the following kit:

- Plain white T-shirt (or school logo PE shirt)
- Black shorts

- Black pumps or trainers
- Jogging bottoms and a school jumper for outdoor sessions during cooler weather

For health and safety reasons, earrings should ideally be removed on PE days.

To maximise learning time and physical activity, **children in Years 4, 5 and 6 should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days.** PE days for each class have been shared in class newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and ensuring all children are ready to learn and participate fully in school life.

Attendance

Last year, **60 children with attendance of 97% or above** enjoyed a fantastic reward visit to **Yorkshire Wildlife Park**. The trip was a huge success, and we are hoping to offer a similar attendance reward again this year.

Our attendance target remains **97%**, and we are committed to improving attendance across the school so that every child has the best opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive.

Regular attendance helps children:  Keep up with their learning
 Build strong friendships
 Develop confidence and positive routines
 Reach their full potential

Please look out for our **Attendance Newsletter**, which will be shared this week and includes the latest guidance on unauthorised absences.

We will continue to celebrate excellent attendance through:

 Weekly class attendance awards
 Individual attendance recognition
 Half-termly attendance celebrations and rewards

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every day counts

at Greengate Lane Academy. Together, we can help every child achieve their very best. 💚💙

New Attendance Reward for 2026-27!

This year, we are introducing an exciting new attendance prize draw to recognise and reward excellent attendance.

At the end of this half term, every child who has achieved **95% attendance or above** will be entered into a prize draw.

★ **Two lucky winners** (1 from F2 - Y3 and 1 from Y4-Y6) will each receive a **£50 Meadowhall Gift Voucher!** ★

As well as our weekly attendance celebrations, half-termly rewards and attendance trips, this is another way we are encouraging all children to be in school every day and ready to learn.

Remember, **every day counts**. Being in school regularly helps children make the best progress, build friendships and enjoy all the opportunities that school has to offer.

Snack

Children have access to healthy snacks throughout the school day.

EYFS children can enjoy a snack during the day. A contribution of **50p per week** should be paid via **MCAS**.

Key Stage 1 children will continue to receive a free fruit or vegetable snack each day.

Key Stage 2 children will also be offered a free piece of fruit or vegetable when available. They are also welcome to bring a healthy snack from home, such as:

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- A cereal bar
- Raisins or other dried fruit

Friday Tuck Shop Treat Day 🍪

Every Friday, children can enjoy our popular **Tuck Shop Treat Day**. A selection of treats will be available from the tuck shop trolley and can be purchased for **50p**.

We encourage children to continue making healthy choices throughout the week while enjoying a small Friday treat as part of a balanced lifestyle. 😊

Communication

This week, your child's class teacher will send home a **Class Newsletter** and your **ClassDojo login details**. All class newsletters will also be available on our school website.

We encourage all families to access their child's **ClassDojo** account as this is one of our main methods of communication. Teachers will use ClassDojo to share important updates, reminders and photographs of the exciting learning taking place in school.

All school communications and payments will continue to be managed through the **My Child at School (MCAS)** app. It is important that you register for MCAS, as this is where you can:

- View your child's school profile
- Receive messages and notifications
- Make payments for trips, clubs and activities
- Access important school information

If you have any difficulties accessing MCAS, please speak to a member of our office team, who will be happy to help.

To help families plan ahead, a **calendar of key dates for the academic year** is attached to this letter. Please note that additional events may be added throughout the year, and we will keep you updated through MCAS, ClassDojo and our newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Zero Hero

We are excited to be continuing our **Zero Hero Challenge** this academic year!

A **Zero Hero** is someone who achieves:

- ✔ **Zero lates** - arriving at school on time every day
- ✔ **Zero absences** - being in school every day
- ✔ **Zero behaviour incidents** - consistently making positive choices and demonstrating our school values

Being in school, on time and ready to learn gives children the very best chance to succeed. Every lesson counts, and great attendance, punctuality and behaviour help children make the most of every opportunity available to them.

Throughout the year, we will be celebrating our **Zero Heroes** and recognising those children who achieve and maintain these excellent standards. If your child has been a **Zero Hero** for the week, you will receive a message from school to let you know and celebrate their achievement with us.

✨ **Everyday counts. Every minute matters. Every positive choice makes a difference. Can your child be a Zero Hero this week?** ✨

Wake Up Wednesday

Every Wednesday, The National College shares a colourful and easy-to-read guide about staying safe online. Each guide looks at a different part of the digital world, explains any dangers to watch out for, and gives helpful tips to keep children safe. We upload the latest guide to our ClassDojo Story each week, so families can read it together at home.

Clubs

Our **Breakfast Club** is open to all children and continues to provide a positive start to the school day. The cost remains **£2 per session, per child**, with no charge

for children who are eligible for **Pupil Premium funding**.

To secure your child's place, payments should be made **weekly in advance via MCAS**.

We are also excited to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities throughout the year. This week, you will receive information about our **lunchtime and after-school clubs**, which will begin during the week commencing **21st September**.

A full **annual club timetable** will be shared with families as soon as possible, allowing children to plan and enjoy a variety of activities across the year.

We are also busy organising educational visits and experiences to enhance our curriculum. Details of **class visits and trips** will be confirmed and shared with families as soon as arrangements are finalised.

We look forward to providing our children with a wide range of opportunities to learn, develop new skills and create lasting memories throughout the year.

'At Greengate Lane, we learn, thrive and succeed.'

Calendar of events

Autumn 1

September

25th - European Day of Languages

October

1st - Autumn Census Day
18th - Sheffield Steelers whole school visit
12th - Parents evening, 3:30pm - 7pm
13th - Parents evening, 3pm - 5:30pm
22nd - Last day of school

23rd - INSET day, school closed to all children

Autumn 2

November

2nd - Children return to school

2nd - EYFS/KS1 Halloween

Disco

3rd - KS2 Halloween Disco

December

7th - Christmas Fayre

8th - LKS2 Carol Singing

9th - Christmas Dinner

9th - UKS2 Carol Singing

15th - KS1 Nativity

16th - EYFS Nativity

17th - Last day of school

18th - INSET day, school closed to all children

27th - Last day of school
28th - INSET day, school closed to all children

Summer 2

June

7th - Children return to school

21st - EYFS/KS1 End of year disco

22nd - EYFS/KS1 End of year disco

25th - Annual Sponsored Walk

July

5th - Summer Fayre

6th - Sports Day

9th - Reports sent home

13th - Y6 Production

16th - Y6 Leavers assembly

16th - Last day of school

Spring 1

January

4th - Children return to school

February

8th - Parents evening, 3:30pm - 7pm

9th - Parents evening, 3pm - 5:30pm

11th - Last day of school

12th - INSET day, school closed to all children

Spring 2

February

22nd - Children return to school

22nd - EYFS/KS1 Spring Disco

23rd - KS2 Spring Disco

March

4th - World Book Day

25th - Easter Bonnet

Parade/Egg decorating

25th - Last day of school

26th - Good Friday Bank

Holiday, school closed to all

Summer 1

April

12th - Children return to school

May

3rd - Bank Holiday, school closed

10th - 13th - Y6 SATs

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