



What a fantastic start to 2026!

It has been wonderful to see our pupils return with such energy and focus. As we dive into the new term, our school community has been centered around one core value: **being aspirational**.

We have spent time exploring what it truly means to aim high and how we can turn those big dreams into reality. To help the children navigate this journey, we've been focusing on the "**3 P's**":

- Perseverance: Keeping a "can-do" attitude when things get tough.
- Practice: Understanding that mastery takes time and repetition.
- Positivity: Believing in ourselves and supporting our peers.

Aspirations Week Highlights

Our recent **Aspirations Week** was a resounding success! We were thrilled to host a wide variety of visitors who shared their professional journeys and sparked curiosity across all year groups.

A huge thank you to the **Greenshaw High School Sixth Formers** for being such brilliant role models, and to our local **MP, Bobby Dean**, for taking the time to inspire our pupils. Seeing real-world examples of success has truly encouraged the children to think big about their own futures.

Staffing & Resilience

We would like to share a quick update regarding staffing this term. As with many schools during the winter months, we have had several team members away due to illness. We understand that this can be a period of uncertainty for both children and parents.

We are working incredibly hard to secure consistent cover wherever possible to maintain a sense of routine. In the meantime, we want to give a **huge shout-out to our pupils**. They have shown remarkable flexibility and "Aspirational" spirit when working with different staff members. Their resilience is a testament to their character!

Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued patience and understanding while we navigate these challenges.

School Updates & Reminders

- **PE Kits:** Thank you for your continued support in sending children to school in their PE kits on their designated days. We have seen a noticeable increase in learning time now that we've cut down on changing transitions.



- **Attendance Matters:** We are working closely with families to improve our whole school attendance. Regular attendance is vital for both academic progress and social confidence.
 - **Need help deciding?** <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Please use this guide if you are unsure whether to send your child in when they aren't feeling 100%.
 - **Celebrating Success:** This week, we are awarding certificates to children with 100% attendance. We have also sent letters home to families who have made significant strides in improving their attendance—your efforts do not go unnoticed!

Learning at Home: Our classrooms are buzzing with activity every day. Please continue to support this momentum by completing home learning tasks and, most importantly, hearing your child read every day.

We Want to Hear From You!

We are eager to find more ways to invite parents and families into the school building. We value your partnership and want to create opportunities that work for you.

- **Action Required: Please take a moment to complete the Google Form sent by Miss Fuller.** Whether it's workshops, "stay and play" sessions, or coffee mornings, we want to hear your ideas!

Thank you for your ongoing support in making 2026 a brilliant year so far.



Green Wrythe
Primary School



What a fabulous start of the year they have had in Nursery! Learning songs, recognising and in some cases writing their names, counting to, and making 5, the fun and learning never stops!

They have finished the half term looking at Chinese New Year which is starting in the half term; Kung hei fat choi!



Reception class have had a fantastic half term!

They have covered all of their sounds, and they're starting to see some superb writing and sentences emerging - with Handa's Surprise providing the inspiration for some lovely work.

In their maths they have been developing their subitising skills, and are starting to learn about capacity.

They have taken a look at Chinese New Year and delighted in the story of Nian.

They had a fantastic Aspiration week where we saw the police AND the Fire Brigade, and even used the hoses and the sirens!

Have a lovely break with your children and we look forward to welcoming them back on Tuesday 24th February.



During Aspirations Week, Crocodiles had some exciting visitors: A karate black belt - who is also a parent of one of our children as well as being a hairdresser! She told them about working hard and following your dreams. They also had a visit from the community police who told them how they help keep us safe, and they even got to sit in a real police car! It was a fun and inspiring week that helped them think about what they want to be when they grow up.



This term, Pandas have been working hard in English. They have written some great letters that are going to be sent to Australia and they shall await a response! They also wrote a fantastic narrative about Miss Lucas and the London Marathon. Science has been exciting as they have been investigating plants and growing cress. In Maths, their times-tables have come in very useful when completing multiplication and division sums.





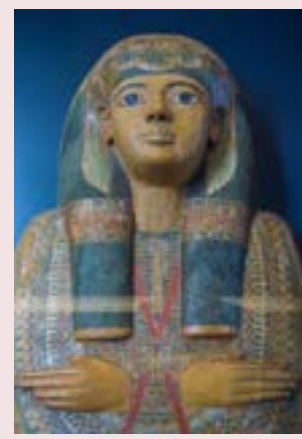
Penguin Class have had a busy term! In History they have been learning all about the Romans; discovering what life was like in ancient Rome and how the Roman Empire began. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the British Museum where they were able to see artefacts from the time. In science they have been learning about fossils; how they are formed, where they are found and what they can tell us about how the environments have changed.



This half term, Giraffes have been inundated with visitors thanks to this year's successful aspirations week. They've been inspired by the likes of chemical scientists to karate experts and everything in between! In English they've been developing their persuasive writing, and after finishing up with multiplication and division, they're soon to master measurement and perimeter in maths. Science and computing have had them



look at the science of sound, and perhaps the most exciting lesson was when they designed, baked, and tested their innovative bread rolls. Last but not least, Giraffes were very sad to see their student teacher, Miss Hassan, leave them for her next placement. They all wish her the best, whichever school gets her next will be lucky to have her.



Year 5 have had a fantastic time this half-term, learning all about the Ancient Egyptians! The children have immersed themselves in this topic from visiting 'Tutankhamun's Tomb' and seeing real-life 'mummies' at the British Museum! In class, the children have been designing and making their own sarcophagus and even writing their own instructions about mummification!

Year 6 have been learning about World War 2 for the Spring term. They visited the Imperial War Museum where they were amazed at the size of the tanks and arms that were used during the war.



Many of them will definitely be making a separate trip to have a second and closer look!



Silver Class' topic this half term was 'Our Wonderful World'. With so many different cultures and backgrounds represented in their class, they enjoyed celebrating what makes each of them unique. Each week, a child led a show and tell session, sharing pictures, food, and music from their own culture for the class to explore together. They loved celebrating



their differences, especially tasting a variety of delicious foods such as samosas, Yorkshire puddings, and poppadums. They ended the topic in a very special way, enjoying a lovely breakfast together at IKEA after travelling there on the new minibus!



Orange Class enjoyed meeting the Fire Brigade, they all climbed inside the truck where the fire fighters sit and then we took turns squirting the water from the hose. It was great fun!



Green Class have enjoyed their topic 'X marks the spot', learning about the different countries and capital cities in the United Kingdom, as well as exploring and creating maps of the world.

They also had fun learning about the fire and police services, during aspirations week.



This term Indigo class have been busy creating fun science experiments, doing lots of food tasting and building on their playing skills through role play.





☆ Violet class had a special visit from the fire brigade for aspirations week. They enjoyed looking at the fire engine, having a go at sitting inside as well as having a turn with the hose. It was lots of fun!



As part of our Aspirations Week, we were delighted to welcome the local MP for Carshalton and Wallington, Bobby Dean, to our school. He spoke to the children about the role of an MP, what his job involves, and the journey that led him into politics, encouraging pupils to think about their own aspirations for the future.

Mr Dean then joined Mrs De Sampayo in presenting celebration certificates to children who have shown great effort and commitment to their learning throughout the week. It was a proud moment for everyone involved. Pictured here, Mr Dean is joined by our very own Prime Minister, Deano, and Deputy Prime Minister, Kenza.



Aspirations Week

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part in our Aspirations Week! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different careers, setting goals and thinking about their futures. Your enthusiasm, support and contributions helped make the week inspiring and memorable for all. We are so proud of the children for their engagement and brilliant ideas about what they aspire to be!

Thank you to Mrs Christie, Mr Riaz, David Taylor, the Scientists from the Royal Marsden, Ms Kardakov, Mr Sherpa, Ms Carrington, students from Greenshaw High School, the Police and the London Fire Brigade!



Emotional Wellbeing Service Webinars

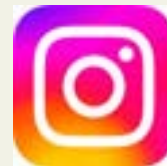
We hope you have found the Primary School webinars delivered by the Emotional Wellbeing Service helpful and informative. Since September, sessions have covered a wide range of topics including building your child's confidence and independence, overcoming daily challenges with getting into school, supporting children with fears and worries, feeding difficulties in EYFS, managing big emotions through Zones of Regulation, building resilience, promoting positive behaviour, understanding sleep, and developing healthy, secure attachments.

It has been wonderful to see such strong interest across the borough, with over 100 people signing up for each session. If you haven't yet attended, there are more webinars coming up this term. Please look out for further information shared via MCAS and on our social media channels.



Website and Social Media

Have you visited our school website recently? It contains a wealth of useful information including school policies, timetable details, wellbeing support and information about our curriculum. <https://www.greenwrythe.org.uk/>



Our social media pages also link directly to the website, so please make sure you are following us on Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest news and reminders.



Please remember to book your child's meal choices on MCAS. If no meal is booked by a parent, the child will automatically be given the meat option - which sometimes results in children not liking what they are given. Please book this for your child in advance.



We hope that all of our children have a restful break. Monday 23rd February is an Inset day - so we return to school on Tuesday 24th February