



FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY 2025

School Newsletter

2025

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Dear Parents,

2025 is in full swing and we are really looking forward to working with the children throughout the Spring term on the various exciting topics as detailed within the attached curriculum letters. Please take the time to review this termly overview for your child(ren)'s year group(s) and take note of any important dates coming up. Each Friday either the Newsletter or Diary Dates will also keep you updated.

Have a lovely weekend, stay warm!

Kind regards, Sarah Vass, Headteacher



Week starting 12th January 2025:

Week 2 Menu

A reminder that if your child(ren) are arriving late to school following an early morning medical appointment, please call or email the office to pre-order a lunch (Red, Blue or Green) as early as possible. Alternatively you can specify the order when leaving a voicemail message on the absence line.

The catering team cook all lunches to order to avoid wastage, therefore it is difficult to accommodate last-minute extra meals.

Cold Weather—come prepared!

All children should come to school appropriately dressed for the very cold weather that we have been experiencing. The classrooms are nice and warm but when the children are outdoors at lunch and breaktimes a hat / scarf and or gloves are advisable in addition to a warm showerproof coat.



As per the uniform policy, KS2 PE kits kept at school should always include a tracksuit (plain black/navy joggers and a zipped hoodie or sweatshirt). Y5 and Y3 are currently enjoying outdoor PE sessions and if they wish, children can wear a hat and gloves for these sessions if appropriate for the sport.

All items MUST be named please!

Non-Violent Resistance (NVR): A parenting guide to support children's mental health — Kids Inspire

Kids Inspire, a local children's mental health charity, is accepting referrals to their next NVR parent group at the end of January 2025.

Non-Violent Resistance is a practical therapeutic approach to managing challenging behaviour in children and teens – without shouting, punishment, or confrontation. Instead of responding with anger or strict discipline, it focuses on staying calm, consistent and supportive.

More information can be found [here](#).

Diary Dates:

W/c 20th January - Clubs restarting

21st January - Choir Club attending Young Voices, O2 Arena

12th and 13th February - Parents evenings

W/c 17th February - HALF TERM

24th and 25th February - INSET days

6th March - World Book Day

12th March - Y5 Mayan Day

25th March - Y3 Outdoor Learning

28th March - Y1 Trip to Hyde Hall

1st April - Y4 Production to parents (evening)

3rd April - Y3 Showcase to parents (afternoon)

7th to 18th April - Easter School Holidays

21st April - Easter Monday

Please also find attached a reminder of the school term dates for the remainder of this academic year. The 2025/26 calendar will also be available by the end of this month.

Clubs

Club spaces have now been confirmed and all outstanding balance payments should have been made in full.

Signing up to a club is a commitment for the whole duration of the club. Unless your child is absent from school, attendance is expected.

All clubs commence W/c 20th January with the exception of Girls Football - see Parentmail messages for confirmation.

School Telephones

Thank you for your patience this week with the school telephones, we are experiencing an ongoing problem that is making the phone lines very crackly at times.

Where possible, we would suggest that you email the office on admin@greattotham.essex.sch.uk for any non-urgent matters.

