

GRIMSDYKE NEWSLETTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF GRIMSDYKE SCHOOL

MESSAGE FROM MRS BHUDIA

Dear Parent and Carer,

As we come to the end of another vibrant and exciting school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support and involvement in school life. It has been a busy and rewarding year filled with learning, growth and many memorable moments.

The final weeks of term have been especially busy with a wonderful range of events and celebrations. These have included our Year 5 Showcase, Year 5 and Year 6 summer performances, behaviour assemblies, digital citizenship workshops, our whole-school Leavers Assembly, the Year 6 Record of Achievement and Graduation event and Meet the Teacher.

Our annual Meet the Teacher event was once again a great success. It gave the children a valuable opportunity to spend time with their teachers for next year, become familiar with their new classrooms and begin building those important relationships ahead of September.

Year 6 have, of course, had a particularly memorable end to their time at Grimsdyke. Their Activity Day was filled with laughter, teamwork and enjoyment. As part of this special celebration, Year 6 parents and carers were invited to join their children for a picnic before they move on to secondary school. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for this much-loved event in our school calendar.

The Year 6 performance and Graduation event were also real highlights. The children presented themselves with confidence and personality and provided a wonderful celebration of their journey through primary school. Our emotional Leavers Assembly, attended by many proud parents and carers, provided a fitting farewell to this wonderful year group. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and wish them every success as they begin the next stage of their education.

This newsletter also includes speeches written by our Headteacher Prefects, reflecting on their achievements and their time at Grimsdyke. They did an incredible job of writing these independently and speaking with such pride about their individual journeys. I am extremely grateful to all our prefects and House Captains for carrying out their responsibilities with enthusiasm throughout the year and for being such positive role models to pupils across the school.

As always, these enriching experiences help bring our curriculum to life and create lasting memories for our pupils. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for making these events possible, and to you - our parents and carers - for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Alongside this newsletter, the leadership team are proud to share our Whole-School End-of-Year Report. Please take some time to read it, as it celebrates many of the highlights from this year and demonstrates the positive impact of our work across the school.

We also hope that you have had an opportunity to read the year-group welcome letters for September. These outline the key information you will need in preparation for the new academic year.

We look forward to welcoming pupils and families back to school on Thursday 3 September 2026.

As we head into the summer holidays, I hope that your family enjoys a well-earned rest filled with sunshine, laughter and special memories. To those returning in September, I wish you a positive and exciting start to the new academic year. To our families who are moving on, I wish you every success and happiness in the journey ahead.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and restful summer.

Kind regards

Mrs Bhudia

THE NEXT CHAPTER

From learners to leaders, I will not forget this incredible journey. From RM to 6M, every year has added another page to our story. What began as a group of young children taking our first steps into school has become a year group full of confident, determined, and ambitious young people, ready to move on to the next chapter of our lives.

Throughout our time at Grimsdyke, we have filled countless pages with memories. Some pages tell stories of laughter in the playground, exciting school trips, sports days, assemblies, performances, and moments that we will remember for years to come. Other pages tell stories of challenges we faced, mistakes we learned from, and obstacles we overcame. Every experience, whether big or small, has helped shape who we are today.

As we look back through the chapters of our primary school journey, we can see how much we have grown. We have learned far more than English, maths, and science. We have learned how to work together, how to support one another, how to show kindness, and how to persevere when things become difficult. These lessons will stay with us long after we leave these school gates.

Of course, no great story is written alone. Our teachers have guided us through every chapter, helping us discover our strengths and encouraging us to achieve more than we thought possible. They have celebrated our successes, supported us through challenges, and inspired us to keep learning. For that, we are incredibly grateful.

We must also thank our families, who have supported us throughout our journey. Whether helping with homework, encouraging us before a test, cheering us on at events, or simply believing in us every step of the way, they have played an important role in helping us reach this moment.

And then there are our friends—the people who have shared this journey alongside us. Together, we have created memories that cannot be replaced. We have laughed together, learned together, and grown together. Although many of us may go to different secondary schools, the friendships and memories we have made here will always remain a part of our story.

Now, as we reach the final pages of this chapter, it is natural to feel a mixture of emotions. There is excitement for what lies ahead, curiosity about the future, and perhaps a little nervousness about stepping into something new. However, every great story must continue, and every new chapter brings opportunities to discover, learn, and grow.

The next chapter will introduce new teachers, new friends, new subjects, and new experiences. There will be challenges waiting for us, but there will also be achievements, adventures, and opportunities that we cannot yet imagine. The lessons we have learned at Grimsdyke have prepared us for these moments, and we should move forward with confidence in ourselves and in one another.

As we turn the page today, we are not simply saying goodbye to primary school. We are celebrating everything that has brought us to this point and embracing everything that lies ahead. The chapter may be ending, but the story is far from over.

So let us leave Grimsdyke with pride in how far we have come, gratitude for everyone who has helped us along the way, and excitement for the future that awaits us. The next chapter is ready to be written, and each of us holds the pen.

Thank you.

STARTING FRESH:

Hello teachers, parents and students,

Starting fresh. This is something that everyone faces in their life at some point when they're young or when they're old. It means that you are beginning a new part of your life. And that is what all year 6 children and I will be facing very soon. Although none of us are leaving yet, it is exciting to think about the new opportunities that we will have but at the same time it might even be a little bit scary.

Most of us have been here since reception but even the people who haven't have made just as many memories as us. Primary school has been a big part of our life. We learnt so much and made amazing friendships. It is hard to believe that our time is coming to an end.

When we start secondary school, everything will be new. We will meet new teachers, learn new subjects, and make new friends. There will be bigger buildings, more responsibility, and lots of challenges. Some of us can't wait to get started, while others might feel a bit nervous. I think most of us feel a mixture of both.

But starting fresh is a good thing. It gives us the chance to learn new skills, discover new interests and become more independent. It is an opportunity to grow and challenge ourselves. But it does not mean we have to leave our old friends behind.

The best thing is that we are not starting from nothing. We are taking everything we have learned in primary school with us. We will carry the kindness, confidence, and determination that our teachers have helped us build over the years.

Before we move on after the summer holidays, let's make the most of the time we still have together. Let's enjoy these final weeks, make more memories, and appreciate everything that has made primary school so special.

Then, when September arrives, we can step into secondary school with confidence, knowing that we are ready for whatever comes next.

A fresh start is not just about going somewhere new. It is about taking everything we have learned and using it to make the future even brighter.

Finally, I would like to thank all the teachers like Mr O'Neil, Miss Cresswell, Miss Doherty, Mr Miah Mrs Murphy and Miss Rai and all the TA's who have helped me thrive and be the person I am today. You have helped me be the best version of myself but my family was also a huge part of it and I don't know how to show my gratitude to everyone.

Thank you for listening.

Good morning teachers, parents, and peers of Grimsdyke primary school. Today marks the end of one great journey and the beginning of an even bigger, slightly scarier adventure. As we leave primary school, we carry special memories, like close friendships, school trips and carnivals. Now, it is time to look ahead to secondary school and set our sights on new goals.

Goals are an important part of life because they give us something to aim for and encourage us to keep improving. Whether our goals are big or small, they help us stay focused, work hard, and believe in ourselves even though we had to go through wet plays, missing pencils and arithmetic. Even if we don't achieve them straight away, every step we take helps us learn and grow.

I would also like to take you back to March 2020, we were in reception, when we got sent home from school during the first Covid lockdown. We survived living at home with our parents and siblings and then adjusting back to being back at school in year 1. If we can manage that we can do anything we put our minds to.

My time at Grimsdyke School has shown me just how important goals can be. Throughout my years here, I have enjoyed making friends, learning new things, and taking part in many exciting opportunities. The teachers have always encouraged us to try our best and never give up, which has helped me become more confident and determined.

As I leave Grimsdyke School, I will take these lessons with me. I know that by setting goals, working hard, and staying positive, I can continue to achieve new things in the future. I will always remember my time at Grimsdyke School as a fun, happy, and memorable part of my life. Thank you to all my friends and teachers that helped me along the way and I have had so much fun.

Thank you for listening.

Letting Go

Hello everyone,

Today, I want to talk about something that can be difficult for all of us: letting go.

As Year 6 comes to an end, many of us are feeling a mixture of emotions. We are excited about starting secondary school, meeting new people, and taking on new challenges. But at the same time, we may feel nervous, sad, or even scared about leaving behind a place that has been a huge part of our lives.

For many years, this school has been more than just a building. It has been a place where we learned to read, write, solve problems, and discover our talents. It has been a place filled with friendships, laughter, achievements, and memories that we will carry with us forever. It is where we learned not only from our lessons, but from each other. We learned how to work as a team, how to overcome challenges, how to celebrate success, and how to keep going even when things didn't go our way.

And if I'm honest, I know I'm going to miss this school more than I can put into words. I'll miss seeing the same friendly faces every morning, the classrooms we've grown up in, the teachers who have supported us every step of the way, and even the little things that we probably take for granted now. I'll miss the excitement of sports days, school trips, assemblies, and all the moments that seemed ordinary at the time but have become some of our favourite memories. It's strange to think that something that has been such a big part of our lives will soon become a memory.

But letting go does not mean forgetting. It does not mean leaving our memories behind or pretending that the past never happened. Letting go means appreciating what we have experienced and accepting that it is time for a new chapter to begin. It means carrying everything we have learned with us as we move forward.

I remember my very first day, walking into Reception and sitting between the lily pads on the carpet. At the time, I had no idea that this school would become such an important part of my life. That is a memory that will never leave me, and there are so many more, like PGL, where we had a night of ding-dong ditch, or BYOB, where there were far too many meet-ups. Whether it was laughing with friends in the playground, working together on projects, or sharing unforgettable experiences on trips, every moment has helped

shape who we are today. The point is that all of these memories will stay with me forever.

Sometimes we don't realise how special a moment is until it becomes a memory. That's why it's important to appreciate today, because one day we'll look back on these final moments together and remember them with smiles. Years from now, we might not remember every lesson we had, but we'll remember the people who made us laugh, the teachers who believed in us, and the friends who stood by our side.

For example, if you think of riding a bike, eventually you have to take off the stabilisers and cycle on your own. If that day never happened, you would never have learned to ride your bike properly. In the same way, leaving primary school might feel scary, but it's how we grow and become more independent. We may wobble at first, but with everything we've learned here, we'll soon find our balance.

As we move on, we should remember that endings are not just endings. They are also beginnings. Behind every goodbye is a new hello, and behind every closed door is another waiting to be opened. Secondary school will bring new opportunities, new friendships, and new experiences. While we may not know exactly what the future holds, we can be confident that we are ready for whatever comes next.

So, as we prepare to leave Year 6, let's not focus on what we are losing. Instead, let's celebrate what we have gained: knowledge, confidence, friendships, resilience, and memories that will stay with us wherever we go. Every teacher who encouraged us, every friend who made us smile, and every challenge we overcame has helped prepare us for this next step.

The future may be unknown, but it is also full of possibilities. If we carry the lessons we have learned, the kindness we have shared, and the courage we've built here at Grimsdyke, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

So today, let us be brave enough to let go, grateful enough to remember, and excited enough to move forward.

I'm Leyla Subedor, and I am so grateful to have been part of this wonderful Grimsdyke family. No matter where life takes us next, a part of us will always belong here.

Thank you.

RECEPTION

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we'd like to wish all of our children and families a happy and relaxing summer break!

We've had such a fun-filled last few weeks in school. The children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork during Sports Day and we were so proud of their wonderful carnival performances. We also enjoyed a fascinating visit from the police who taught us all about their important work in our community.

There was plenty more excitement too including our dress-up day and party, lots of laughter during parachute games with Mrs Tickner in music and a very special behaviour assembly where every child proudly received their medal. To round off the term we all loved watching the Year 6 children take on the teachers in their annual netball match. It was a brilliant way to celebrate the end of the year! As this is the end of the children's very first year in big school it feels like an especially special milestone. We are incredibly proud of how much each and every one of them has grown in confidence, independence and kindness throughout the year. They have worked so hard, made wonderful friendships and embraced every new challenge with smiles and enthusiasm. It has been a joy to watch them learn and flourish and although we are excited to see them continue their journey into Year 1 we will miss them all very much.

Thank you to all of our wonderful children for making this year so memorable and to all of our parents for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. We hope you all have a safe, happy and restful summer!

YEAR 1

As we come to the end of a fantastic Year 1, we just wanted to say a huge thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It has been a real pleasure getting to know your wonderful children, and we are so grateful for the incredibly thoughtful and generous gifts and kind messages—they are truly appreciated.

Looking back to September, it's hard to believe how much the children have grown in confidence, independence, and resilience. They have worked so hard, embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, and should all be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. They have made us smile every single day, and it has been a privilege to watch them flourish.

The children have now met their new Year 2 teacher, and we know they will continue to grow and thrive as they begin their next exciting chapter in September.

Over the summer, please take some time to look through your child's books together and encourage them to reminisce about all they have learned and accomplished. Celebrating their achievements is a lovely reminder of just how far they have come.

After such a busy and successful year, the children have certainly earned a well-deserved rest. We hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer filled with fun, adventure, and precious family time. Thank you once again for a truly memorable year, and we wish you all the very best for Year 2!

YEAR 2

Year 2 – As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our wonderful Year 2 children for their hard work, enthusiasm and determination, as well as to our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved.

Over the past couple of weeks, the children have completed their end-of-unit assessments in Geography and Science, giving them the opportunity to showcase all the knowledge and skills they have developed. In English, they have enjoyed writing a recount of Sports Day, using time adverbials to sequence events clearly and effectively. In Maths, we have been revisiting and recapping key concepts from across the year, helping to consolidate learning and build confidence as the children prepare for their next exciting step into Year 3.

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer break and wish our Year 2 children every success for the year ahead!

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YEAR 4

As we come to the end of an amazing year in year 4, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Your support has played such an important role in helping the children thrive, and we are incredibly grateful.

We have shared so many wonderful experiences together this year. From our exciting visit to London Bridge, to welcoming Mr Egypt into school to bring our history learning to life, and our unforgettable residential trip to Cuffley, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience. They have represented the school brilliantly wherever they have gone and have created memories that will stay with them for years to come.

We are also incredibly proud of all the children's hard work and achievements in the classroom. Their determination and commitment were reflected in their fantastic Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) results, with the year group achieving above the national average, a wonderful accomplishment that they should all be proud of.

It has been a real privilege to teach such a kind, hardworking and enthusiastic group of children. We wish each and every one of them the very best of luck as they move on to year 5, and we know they will continue to grow, succeed and make us proud.

Please take a look at the end of year newsletter for a round-up of the fantastic memories, achievements and highlights from our wonderful year together.

YEAR 5

As we come to the end of an exciting year in Year 5, we have been winding down and getting ready for the summer holidays. We have spent time reflecting on all the wonderful memories we have made throughout the year by creating our special 'Remember Balloons', filled with our favourite moments and achievements.

There has also been lots of excitement as we met our new teachers and visited our new classrooms. It was a fantastic opportunity to see where we will be learning next year and to begin looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that Year 6 will bring.

As we spend our final few days together in Year 5, we are enjoying making the most of our time with our teacher and classmates. We are incredibly proud of everything we have achieved this year and are excited to begin our final year of primary school, ready to embrace new experiences, responsibilities, and adventures in Year 6.

The Year 5 team

Year 6 children performed their end of year production, Macbeth, with great confidence and enthusiasm. Over recent weeks, they have worked hard to practise and learn the songs, learn their lines, and develop their acting skills. Their commitment was evident in the quality of their performances and in the way they supported one another throughout rehearsals. They approached the rehearsals with maturity and showed increasing confidence in speaking, singing and performing in front of an audience. Following the production children took part in their graduation ceremony.



Year 6 children enjoyed a memorable Activity Day. Throughout the morning, the children participated in a wide variety of planned activities. These included a bungee jump, gladiator challenges, dodgeball, golf and a Nintendo competition, all of which were met with great excitement and admirable sportsmanship. A highlight of the day was the picnic shared with parents, which provided a welcome opportunity for families to spend time together. In the afternoon, the pupils settled down to enjoy Kensuke's Kingdom, accompanied by popcorn. To conclude the day, each child received their own bag of candy floss, a fitting end to a thoroughly successful occasion.



This week, our school came together to celebrate a very special milestone for our Year 6 children. The children took part in the leaver's assembly, saying goodbye in the last assembly of their school career. We are proud of their hard work, resilience and positive contributions to school life. Families joined us to share in the celebration, and the atmosphere was one of pride, gratitude and hope for the future. We would like to congratulate all of our leavers and wish them every success as they begin the next stage of their educational journey.



GOODBYE MESSAGE FROM THE YEAR 6 STAFF

As another school year comes to an end, the Year 6 team would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to all our children and their families. This year has been filled with learning, laughter, and countless memories that will stay with us for years to come.

To our amazing Year 6 pupils, congratulations on everything you have achieved. You have grown in confidence, kindness, and resilience, and we are so proud of the young people you have become. Watching you learn, support one another, and rise to new challenges has been a true privilege. As you move on to secondary school, remember to stay curious, be brave, and always believe in yourselves.

To our families, thank you for your constant support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement has made such a difference, and we are deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in us.

Although it's hard to say goodbye, we know that exciting new adventures await. We will miss you all but look forward to hearing about the wonderful things you go on to do. Keep shining brightly and never stop striving to be the best version of yourselves.

With warmest wishes,
The Year 6 Staff Team

SUMMER TERM 2026

Fri 17 th Jul	PDD - children are not in school
Mon 20 th Jul	PDD - children are not in school

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Wed 2 nd Sept	PDD - children are not in school
Thurs 3 rd Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Mon 7 th Sept	Activity Clubs start this week
Tues 8 th Sept	Year 1 Meet the Teacher - 9am Year 2 Meet the Teacher - 3pm
Wed 9 th Sept	Year 6 Meet the Teacher - 9am Year 5 Meet the Teacher - 3pm
Thurs 10 th Sept	Year 4 Meet the Teacher - 9am Year 3 Meet the Teacher - 3pm
Fri 11 th Sept	Y4 Swimming starts Parent Forum - 9am
Tues 15 th Sept	Y5/6 Cross Country - TBC
Tues 22 nd Sept	Y5/6 Hockey Tournament
Thurs 1 st Oct	Pupil Census (pls encourage your child to have a school meal)
Tues 6 th Oct	Individual and Sibling Photos
Tues 13 th Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Wed 14 th Oct	FOGS event - Happy Circus
Thurs 15 th Oct	FOGS event - Happy Circus
Mon 19 th Oct	Y6 PGL
Fri 23 rd Oct	Y6 PGL return Last day of this ½ term.
Mon 2 nd Nov	PDD - Children not in school
Tues 3 rd Nov	Back in school
Tues 17 th Nov	Catchup - Flu vaccinations
Fri 18 th Dec	Last day of Aut Term - school ends at 2:30pm
Mon 4 th Jan	PDD - children not in school

TERM DATES

PDD dates
Fri 17th Jul
Mon 20th Jul

2026/27 TERM DATES
Autumn Term

Wed 2 Sept - Fri 23 Oct
1/2 term break: Mon 26 Oct - Fri 30 Oct
Mon 2 Nov - Fri 18 Dec

Spring Term

Mon 4 Jan - Fri 12 Feb
1/2 term break: Mon 15 Feb - Fri 19 Feb
Mon 22 Feb - Fri 25 Mar

Summer Term

Mon 12 Apr—Fri 28 May
1/2 term break: Mon 31 May—Fri 4 Jun
Mon 7 Jun—Thurs 22 Jul

PDD dates

2nd Sept, 2nd Nov, 4th Jan,
28th May, 22nd Jul