

Autumn Term 1 | 20 DECEMBER, 2024

THE GREENWELL ACADEMY

A MESSAGE FROM LIAM COLLINS

Headteacher

This has been such a busy term at Greenwell and I would like to take a moment at the end of term to acknowledge the progress all of our students have made, in big ways and small, over the course of the Autumn Term.

Our students have shown impressive dedication and resilience as they continue to make strides in their personal and academic journeys. From engaging classroom activities to watching them crack the code as detectives in our festive challenge this week, each of our students has brought their unique talents and spirit to Greenwell. It is wonderful to work in a school with such a nurturing sense of community.

It has been a truly lovely term filled with countless moments of joy, learning and connection. We are so proud of our students' achievements and grateful for the support you provide as families - your dedication plays a vital role in their success.

I hope the Christmas break provides you and your families with time to recharge the batteries. I also know that Christmas can be a challenging time for some. If this is the case, I hope you get through as best you can. If you need any help or support please see the useful numbers below or email either Lucy or I.

I look forward to seeing you and your children when term recommences on January 7th.

Liam: 0784 2435 846

Lucy: 0784 2426 740

READING SUGGESTIONS



The Adventures of Paddington by Michael Bond



The Panderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall



The World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Headteacher: Mr L. Collins

SENDCO: Miss L. Goodman

Attendance Lead: Miss L. Goodman

Pastoral Lead: Mr R. Hepworth

Primary Lead: Miss A. Sofroniou

Secondary Lead: Miss Z. Ismail



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FOOD ALLERGIES



A friendly reminder to all families that The Greenwell Academy is an allergy-aware school. We have several students with severe food allergies, particularly to nuts. To help ensure everyone's health and safety, please avoid sending snacks or lunch items containing nuts to school.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support. If your child has recently been diagnosed with a food allergy, we kindly ask that you inform the school as soon as possible.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS THIS TERM

VERULAMIUM MUSEUM

On 20th November, our primary school students visited Verulamium Museum, exploring fascinating exhibits about Roman life in Britain. They viewed ancient mosaics, everyday artifacts, and interactive displays, gaining insight into the history of St Albans during Roman times. Highlights included the stunning Hypocaust and learning about Roman engineering and culture. The trip provided an engaging, hands-on learning experience, enriching their understanding of history and sparking curiosity about the ancient world.



LAMBOURNE END

Over the past five weeks, primary and secondary students attended weekly visits to Lambourne End Centre, participating in a range of outdoor and team-building activities. Each session offered opportunities to develop confidence, resilience, and collaboration skills through challenges like climbing, orienteering, and environmental education. The hands-on experiences fostered personal growth, strengthened friendships, and encouraged a love for nature. These enriching visits provided a memorable blend of fun, learning, and skill development for all involved.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS THIS TERM

WINTER WONDERLAND

On 12th December, primary and secondary students enjoyed a magical trip to Winter Wonderland. They delighted in festive attractions, thrilling rides, and cheerful holiday displays, soaking in the seasonal spirit. Highlights included skating on the ice rink, exploring the Christmas market, and meeting Santa in his grotto. The visit created unforgettable memories, fostering joy and camaraderie among the students as they celebrated the holiday season together in a festive atmosphere.



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

This term has been filled with exciting learning and growth! Our students have explored the fascinating world of planets and space, discovering the mysteries of our solar system. Students also honed their creative writing skills, tackled new challenges in math, and engaged in hands-on projects that brought their lessons to life. They've shown incredible curiosity and enthusiasm, embracing challenges and celebrating achievements together. Thank you for your continued support in fostering such a vibrant learning environment.

We're proud of all they've accomplished and can't wait to see what the next term brings!

ATTENDANCE

All parents and carers want their children to succeed in life, and a good education is crucial for a brighter future.

Attendance plays a vital role in ensuring your child achieves their potential, as missing school can have long-term effects.

Even a small amount of absence can impact learning, making it hard to catch up on missed work and affecting the social aspects of school life, including friendships.

Poor attendance is linked to lower academic achievement and increased vulnerability. Research shows that just 17 days absent in a year can result in a full GCSE grade drop.

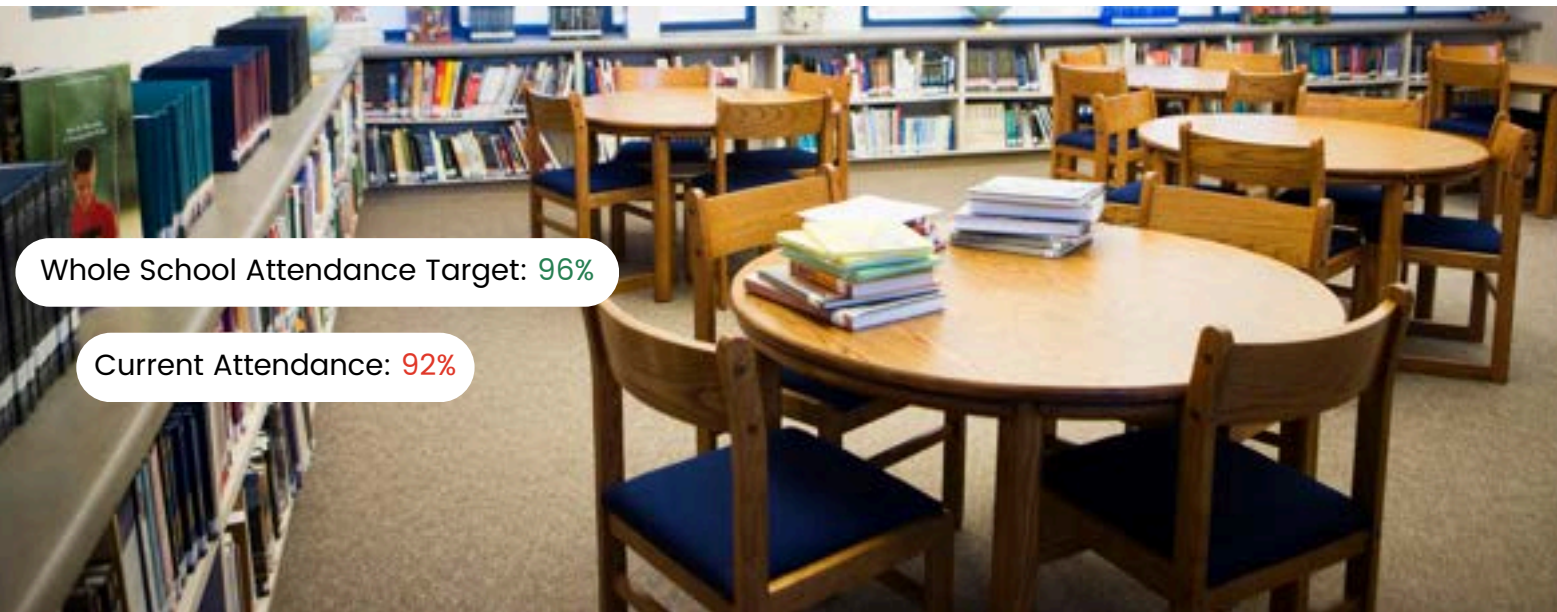
The government expects at least 95% attendance, as strong attendance is directly tied to better outcomes.
Every day counts!

Is my child too ill for school? Please click [here](#) for guidance from the NHS.

UNIFORM UPDATE

Due to the large number of uniforms and spare clothing provided to students, we would like to inform parents and carers that, going forward, there will be a charge for new uniform purchases. White t-shirts will be priced at £9, and jumpers at £13 this is available to purchase from the main office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to ensure all students are equipped with the appropriate attire.



Whole School Attendance Target: 96%

Current Attendance: 92%

TERM DATES HOLIDAY REMINDER

Please be reminded that term dates can be found on our school website [here](#). We ask all families to plan holidays only during school holidays.

The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its guidelines effective 31st August 2024 regarding Penalty Notices for Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance:

1. First Offence

- Fine: £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days).
- Reduced to: £80 per parent, per child (if paid within 21 days).

2. Second Offence (within a rolling 3-year period)

- Fine: £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days).
- No reduction for early payment.

3. Third or Subsequent Offences (within a rolling 3-year period)

- A Penalty Notice will not be issued. Instead, the case will be referred to the Education Welfare Service for prosecution.
- If found guilty in Magistrates' Court, this may result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent, per child.
- Additionally, this could appear on a parent's DBS certificate.



Exceptional
100%



Very Good
97% - 99.9%



Potential to Improve
95% - 96%



Must Improve Below
94%



Diary Dates



Spring Term 2

6th January 2025	INSET Day
7th January 2025	Parents Consultation Day
8th January 2025	School Reopens
29th January 2025	Primary Students - Trip to The British Museum
17th February - 21st February 2025	Half Term
24th February 2025	First day after Half Term
6th March 2025	World Book Day
21st March 2025	Red Nose Day
4th April 2025	Last day of Term
7th April - 18th April 2025	Spring Holidays
18th April 2025 21st April 2025	Bank Holidays

Should you wish to find out more important dates please click [here](#)



HELP YOUR CHILDREN

A practical guide on things you can do to make your child's devices safer when they are online.

TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE
[CLICK HERE](#)



Essex

ACTIVate

**Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food
across Essex and Thurrock!**

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

www.activeessex.org



@EssexActivAte



Turn this flyer over
to read more on how
to book a space!

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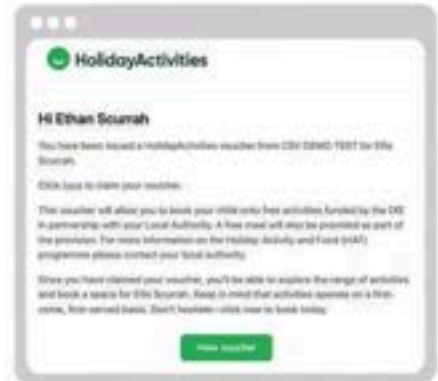
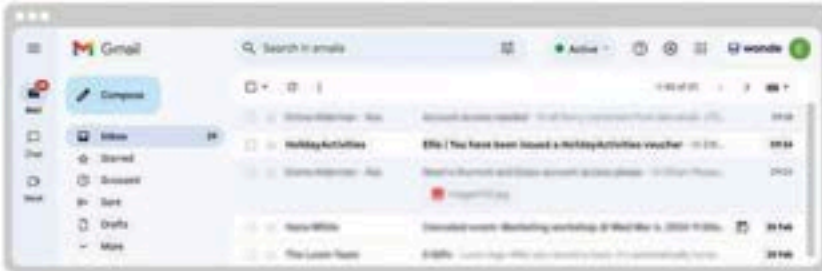




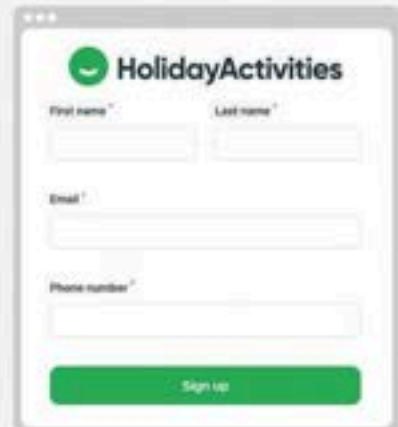
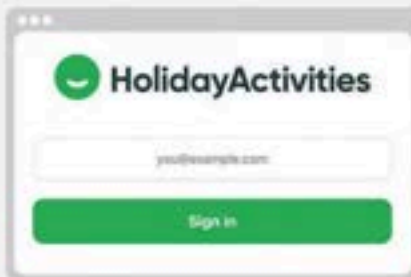
HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

This voucher will come from [hello@h\[redacted\]](mailto:hello@h[redacted])



Step 2 - Select *Continue with email* a [redacted]



Step 3 - Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.

