

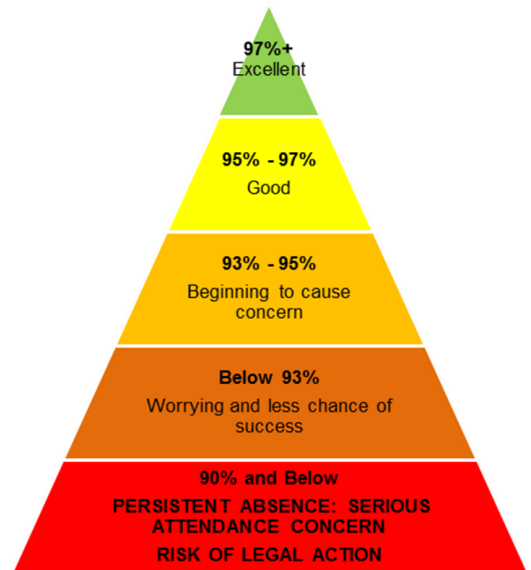
September 2025 Newsletter

It is lovely to be back at school, I would like to welcome all of our new children and families to Griffe Field. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

INSET Days 2025 –26 Friday 24th October 2025, Monday 2nd February 2026, Monday 1st June 2026, Wednesday 22nd July 2026 and Thursday 23rd July 2026.

Attendance and time keeping is very important. The gates open at 8.45am, teachers will open their classroom doors at 8.50am (Reception doors open at 8.45am) and children MUST be in school by 9am (through pupil entrances NOT the main office.) All classroom entrances are closed at 9am. The register is taken at 9am and learning starts immediately after the register.

Please see the graphic for additional information.



Our annual 'coffee and cake' get together will be on Friday 26th September to raise money for Cancer Research. Please send

children with cakes on Thursday 25th and £1 for a cake on Friday 26th September. Parents, please join us and each other, for coffee/tea and cake on Friday 26th September at 2pm before you collect your children. All money collected is to support Cancer Research. (If you are sending home made cakes please add a list of ingredients into the container the cakes are in.). Please NO NUTS as we have children with allergies in school.

We are also celebrating Harvest this half term. Please kindly send any harvest gift donations into school on Thursday 9th October. Year 4 will lead our Harvest Assembly on Friday 10th October. Harvest donations will be sent to The Day Centre at Padley House. Thank you.



Polite Reminder that any emails from parents should be sent to parents@griffefield.derby.sch.uk so that we do not miss them.

FOG, our amazing PTA, have worked hard to raise a lot of money to enhance the learning in school and experiences the children have. To name just a few FOG have paid for or supported the following in school last year: Harry Potter trip, two playground gazebos, the wonder dome, skipping workshop, junior librarian system, £2000 of books, first aid training for children, seaside trip.... and the list goes on. FOG have already started planning for next year. As always new members are welcome at the meetings and we need your time please to support and help at the events. The AGM and first meeting of the new year is in school on Thursday 18th September. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

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| Thurs 18 Sept | Friends of Griffe Field (PTA) AGM 6pm at school ~ all welcome! |
| Wed 24 Sept | Year 6 parents' meeting 5.30pm |
| Thurs 25 Sept | Cake donations for Macmillan coffee event |
| Fri 26 Sept | Children can bring £1 for a cake and the coffee and cake social for parents is at 2pm |
| Fri 3 October | 6M Class Assembly 9am |
| Fri 3 October | FOG Magic Show! Further details to follow |
| Thurs 9 October | Donation towards Harvest Festival |
| Fri 10 Oct | Year 4 Harvest Assembly 9am |
| Wed 15 Oct | Reception parents' meeting 2.30pm phonics |
| Fri 17 Oct | Year 3 Diwali Assembly |
| Wed 22 Oct | Parents' Evening |
| Thurs 23 Oct | Parents' Evening |
| Thurs 23 Oct | Break up for half term at the normal time |
| Fri 24 Oct | INSET 1 |
| | Holiday Club (Mon-Fri) |
| Mon 3 Nov | Back to school |
| Fri 7 Nov | 6C Class Assembly 9am |
| Fri 14 Nov | 5U Class Assembly |

Thank you for bearing with us as we get to grips with a number of new systems in school. Payments for dinners, clubs etc should now be available on the usual Eduspot/School Money and communication is still via ParentHub until we move that over to Arbor, hopefully soon. We will let you know when that is to happen.

Please send your child/ren in a coat everyday, the children are outside several times a day.

Please name EVERYTHING, (including water bottles and packed lunch boxes) we can't return lost property if it isn't named. Thank you.



The driving and parking situation around school never improves. Cars are stopping in the middle of the road and children are getting out into the traffic, parents are mounting the curb and nearly hitting pedestrians and illegal parking is making junctions dangerous. PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION OF OUR NEIGHBOURS, AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND SPEND 5MINS WALKING AND TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD! We have also had a number of reports of abusive behaviour from parents regarding parking. This is not acceptable and sets a bad example to the children.



We were delighted to find out we came second in the Tesco token initiative. Thank you for supporting our school. We have been awarded £1000. The School Council submitted a proposal to improve the Friendship Garden, the money will go towards the improvement. Phase 1 is complete and Phase 2 is in progress.