



THE GREENMOUNT GUARDIAN

2026 - 2027

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Friday, 25th September 2026

Harvest Assembly

On Friday, 2nd October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Assembly, focussing on our natural world, inspired by our recent work around the life of Sir David Attenborough. Every year group will share a short contribution.

Parents of children in Ys 4, 5 and 6 are invited to express their interest in attending by **logging on to Arbor** and navigating to the **School Shop**. Due to space, we are only able to offer one space per family.

Parents of children in Reception and Ys 1 to 3, are welcome to request spaces (max of 2 per family) for a repeating of our younger children's contributions on the following Friday, 9th October.



On Tuesday, we are welcoming Gladiator Steel to Greenmount.

He will lead an assembly for the whole school focusing on healthy lifestyles.

He'll then be visiting all of the classes to chat to the children.

A huge thanks to our PTA for funding this event !



Parents' Evenings – Monday, 19th and Tuesday, 20th October

You can now log on to your Arbor account and book a parents' evening slot with your child's teacher. Head over to the "Guardian Consultations" section.

If you experience any difficulties, please contact the school office.

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Next week @GPS

School Dinners: Week 3

[Click here to view the menu online](#)

Monday, 28th September

3.15 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

PTA Uniform Shop Open

3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Y3/4 Multisports

Y5/6 Football

Tuesday, 29th September

Morning

Visit of Gladiator Steel

6.00 p.m.

Meeting for Y4 parents - Residential

Wednesday, 30th September

3.15 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

PTA Uniform Shop Open

3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Y5/6 Netball

Thursday, 1st October

Friday, 2nd October

9.15 a.m.

Harvest Assembly – Y4, 5 and 6
parents – reserve on Arbor

3.15 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

PTA Uniform Shop Open



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dates to Remember

Autumn Term – First Half

Friday, 9th October	9.15 a.m.	Harvest Assembly - Parents of Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3
Friday, 16th October	tbc	PTA Discos
Monday, 19th October	2.30 p.m.	Parents' Evening
Tuesday, 20th October	2.30 p.m.	Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 21st to Friday, 23rd October		Year 4 Residential
Friday, 23rd October		School Closes for Half Term



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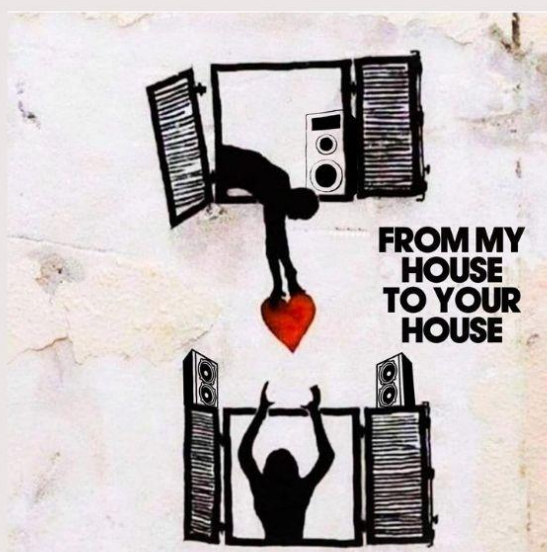





The Sunnywood Project



WALSHAW SPORTS CLUB AND GREENMOUNT PRIMARY PTA.....PRESENTS



**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY
WITH
DJ CRAIG HILL**

TICKETS £15

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FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

WALSHAW SPORTS CLUB, SYCAMORE DRIVE, BL8 3EG

DOORS OPEN 7PM

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Autumn Term – Second half

Tuesday, 3rd November	9.00 a.m.	School Re-Opens
Friday, 6th November		Non-Uniform Day for Autumn 1 Winning Team
Monday, 9th November	Morning	Individual and Family Photos
Monday, 9th November	6.30 pm.	Governors' Meeting
Friday, 13 th November	7.30 p.m.	PTA 90s Dance Night @ Walshaw Sports Club https://www.ticketsource.com/greenmount-primary-school-pta/90s-dance-night/2026-11-13/19:30/t-ixjqovk?
Thursday, 19th November	6.30 p.m.	Open Evening for September 2027 entry
Friday, 20th November	9.30 a.m.	Open Morning for September 2027 entry
Friday, 27th November	tbc	PTA Donations Day
Saturday, 28th November	tbc	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday, 8th December	9.30 a.m.	Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance
	5.30 p.m.	Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance
Thursday, 10th December		Christmas Jumper Day
	9.30 a.m.	Reception Christmas Performance
		Christmas Dinner
	5.30 p.m.	Reception Christmas Performance
Monday, 14th December	Morning	PTA Secret Christmas Shop
Wednesday, 16th December	2.30 p.m.	Christmas Musical Afternoon
Thursday, 17th December		Christmas Parties
Friday, 18th December	9.15 a.m.	Christmas Service in Church
	3.30 p.m.	School closes for Christmas



Spring Term – First half

Monday, 4th January	7.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.	GOOSE Holiday Club
Tuesday, 5th January	9.00 a.m.	School Re-Opens
Friday, 8th January		Non-Uniform Day for Autumn 2 Winning Team
Monday, 18th to Friday, 22nd January		Year 5 Swimming (mornings)
Thursday, 28th January	Evening	Year 5 / Year 6 Young Voices Concert
Monday, 1st to Friday, 4th February		Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday, 9th February	2.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.	Parents' Evening - Year 6
Wednesday, 10th February	2.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.	Parents' Evening - Year 6
Friday, 12th February	3.30 p.m.	School Closes for Half Term

[Term dates until 2028 are available on the website – click here](#)

Please note that due to regulations from the DfE, schools can not authorise absences for the purpose of family holidays. Parents risk the possibility of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority if children are taken out of school for holidays.

Please contact Mr Griffith if you are considering a family holiday during term time – please email in to greenmount@keeplearningtrust.co.uk

More information about the regulations can be found by [clicking here](#)

Spring Term – Second half

Monday, 22nd February	9.00 a.m.	School Re-Opens
Friday, 26th February		Non-Uniform Day for Spring 1 Winning Team
Monday, 1st March	6.30 p.m.	Governors' Meeting
Thursday, 4th March		World Book Day - Dressing Up
Friday, 5th March	tbc	PTA Secret Mothers' Day Shop
Tuesday, 16th March	2.00 p.m.	Y3/Y4 Production
	6.30 p.m.	Y3/Y4 Production
Tuesday, 23rd March	2.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.	Parents' Evening - Reception to Year 5
Wednesday, 24th March	2.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.	Parents' Evening - Reception to Year 5
Thursday, 25th March	9.15 a.m.	Easter Service (in Church)
	3.30 p.m.	School closes for Easter
30th March to 2 nd April	7.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.	GOOSE Holiday Club

Summer Term – First half

Monday, 12th April	9.00 a.m.	School Re-Opens
Friday, 16th April		Non-Uniform Day for Spring 2 Winning Team
Monday, 3rd May		Bank Holiday - School Closed
Monday, 10th to Thursday, 13th May		Year 6 SATs Week
Friday, 14th May	tbc	PTA Discos
Tuesday, 18th May	6.00 p.m.	Meeting for Year 6 Parents re Residential
Monday, 24th May	Morning	Class Photographs
Thursday, 27th May	3.30 p.m.	School Closes for Half Term

Summer Term – Second half

Tuesday, 8th June	9.00 a.m.	School Re-Opens
Wednesday, 9th to Friday, 11th June		Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday, 16th June	6.00 p.m.	Meeting for new Reception parents
Friday, 18th June	tbc	PTA Secret Fathers' Day Shop
Tuesday, 22nd June	3.40 p.m.	Open Afternoon
Tuesday, 29 th June		“Move up” morning
Thursday, 1st July		Sports Day 9.00 a.m. Year 6 10.00 a.m. Year 5 10.45 a.m. Year 4 11.30 a.m. Year 3 1.00 p.m. Reception 1.45 p.m. Year 1 2.30 p.m. Year 2
Friday, 2nd July	tbc	PTA Donations Day
Saturday, 3rd July	tbc	PTA Summer Fair
Monday, 12th July	6.30 p.m.	Governors' Meeting
Tuesday, 13th July	2.00 p.m.	Year 5 / Year 6 Performance
	6.30 p.m.	Year 5 / Year 6 Performance
Thursday, 15th July		Reserve Sports Day
Friday, 16th July		Reports Sent Home
Monday, 19th July		Non-Uniform Day for Summer 2 Winning Team
Wednesday, 21st July	2.30 p.m.	Leavers' Assembly - Year 6 Parents
	3.30 p.m.	School Closes for Summer Holiday
22nd July to 6th August	7.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.	GOOSE Holiday Club



Making their mark this week:

Certificates were awarded to:

Reception:

Miles, Skylar, Archie, Emilia

Year 1:

Toby, Oisin, Elspeth, Phoebe S, Jacob

Year 2:

Lilly, Elena, Evelyn, Penny

Year 3:

Harry, Henry, Bronte, Harrison, Zackary

Year 4:

Betty, Emmy, George, Theo, Luis

Year 5:

Evie, Harper, Freddie, Mary, Zach

Year 6:

Toby, Isabelle, Luca Ti, Ashleigh

Stars of the week:

Reception:

Etta

Year 1:

Nell

Year 2:

Sam

Year 3:

William

Year 4:

Holly

Year 5:

Tom

Year 6:

Eloise, Georgia



This week's winning team:

Each week, class staff choose a small group of children who have “made their mark” over the week and really impressed them. These children receive a certificate and one of them in each class is nominated as the “Star of the Week”. Once the children have received three certificates, they achieve a bronze award. Six certificates achieves a silver award. Children who achieve ten certificates receive a prestigious gold award ! The phrase “Make your mark” comes from the book “The Dot” by Peter H Reynolds and is our school motto and underpins our behaviour expectations.

Recycling Point

Have you found our Recycling Point yet ? It's just outside the kitchen; head to your right at the main entrance.

Watch out for photos of lost property items on the [Parents of Greenmount Primary School Facebook Page](#) ... please collect anything that belongs to you !

Our Lost Property is stored here.

We're collecting beauty, health care and wellness products:

Make up containers and beauty products such as:

- Mascara and eye liner tubes
- Lipsticks, palettes, compacts
- Toothpaste tubes
- Plastic lotion tubes and pots
- Deodorants (not aerosols)

We're collecting oral health products:

- Toothpaste tubes
- Toothbrushes
- Toothbrush heads
- Toothbrush packaging
- Floss containers

Unfortunately, we are no longer collecting batteries.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord 'Nitro', a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'Shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

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