NOVEMBER 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am especially looking forward to the 'light up for Christmas'. This is a magical time and we have families who return each year to start the celebrations. It would be lovely to share some mince pies and hot chocolate with you. Please check the dates on the other side, pin them to the fridge so you know what will happen when.

Gill

Dropping your child to school

It is very important that you bring your child to school on time. There is now a focus by the Government on attendance. Your child's place is funded by the Government and it is our responsibility to follow up on any absences. We will be reviewing this in the new year. **Our gates open at 9.00am and close at 9.15am**, any child arriving after this time will be marked as late after registration.

Our session times are the following:

Morning: 9am—11.45am/12 noon finish (all children have to be collected by 12 noon as lunches are eaten at that time)

Full time: 9am—3pm finish

Wraparound care: Breakfast 8am—9am, Mini Tea 3pm—4pm, Tea 3pm—6pm (on Fridays until 5.30pm)

Tri-Borough SEND Newsletter

It is a really useful newsletter that comes out every 6/8 weeks. Although it is primarily about SEND information, there is lots of interesting links and advice e.g. how to manage sleep patterns when clocks change. If Bonnie is working with your child you will be sent a copy. If you would like to be added to the email list for the newsletter then please let Barbara know in the office.

School fund

Thank you to the parents who have offered to buy 'food' or 'fruit' for the school. As we have children with allergies and/or intolerances, the easiest and safest way you can donate is via ParentPay. If all families donated the £10 per half term we would have over £1000—however sometimes we are lucky if we get £100. Please help us give your children a range of snacks.

We will also have a lot of extra costs for the rest of this term as we have Christmas presents and activities that we buy for the children.

Meet the teacher days

Historically we have closed the school on Meet the teacher days. However, starting this academic year we will be fitting your appointments around normal school days. Each class has been assigned a day. Thank you to all parents who have committed to an appointment, your child's teacher is looking forward to meeting you in the Glades meeting room on the day and time of your meeting. Please ensure you make an appointment if you haven't already.

Free school meals

If your circumstances have changed you might now be entitled to free school meals, please contact us. Our office team is happy to support you with any application. Even though we are not giving all children lunch here, the Royal Borough of Greenwich is running holiday food and fun clubs for 4 days over Christmas in receipt of targeted Free School Meals and the free takeaway holidays meals will also be available in community settings over Christmas. The school is also given extra funding for children who qualify. If you are struggling financially, then please contact us. We can link you to the right places for support. You can apply through the following link: https://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/help-money-free-school-meals

Stay and Play

Saturday 14th November 2026 10am-11.30am
'Applying for reception places'

We will have activities and fun things to do. We are happy to answer any questions you might have or support you might need to apply for the place. We can also answer any questions you might have about helping your child to settle and the expectation the reception classes will have of your child.

If your child was born between 01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023 it is time to apply for their Primary School place. The closing date for applications is January 15th 2027.

Please visit the following website to apply: https://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Stage of process	Date
Application period starts	1st September 2026
Closing date for applications	15th January 2027
Outcome of applications	16th April 2027
Deadline for accepting the offer	30th April 2027
Appeal hearings	June and July 2027

Cake sale

Thank you for all your support in both donating cakes and by buying them. This goes towards the Nepalese Disaster Fund.

We raised a fantastic £134.15.

30 hours for 'Working families'

If you think your child could be entitled to 30 hours and you don't have a code yet, now is the time to apply for a code. If you need help with the application or you are not sure if you are eligible, please come and see Barbara in the office.
If your child already has a 'Working families' code you need to log onto the gov.uk site and reconfirm the code every 3 months.

Dates for your diary

2nd November- 6th November **Meet the Teacher Week** - arrange your appointment with class staff



13th November **'Children in need' -** wear 'something spotty' that day and we will be shaking buckets for donations.

14th November 10am-11.30am **Stay and Play -** There will be an opportunity to talk to Gill about applying for reception places. We will also have laptops available if you want to make an application.



17th November **School photos**



1st December **Light up for Christmas** - from 4pm



8th December **Christmas Dinner** for children who stay for dinner & **Christmas Jumper Day**



15th December **Meet Father Christmas**



16th December **Christmas party day -** all children are invited to the party, please look out for a Studybugs message nearer the time with more information.



18th December **Last day of school before the Christmas holiday starts**

