NEWSLETTER

Date: 5th September 2025

A message from Mrs McCarthy, Head of School

It has been a fantastic first week back in the academy. It has been lovely to see all the children return to school excited and eager to learn, and it has been a pleasure to drop into classes throughout the day and see the high standards and expectations for all pupils being maintained.

We have started the term with a focus on our three expectations of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible and numerous super swirls have been awarded to children demonstrating these throughout their school day.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Meet the Teacher sessions. We hope you found them useful and have a clear understanding of how you can support your child's learning at home.

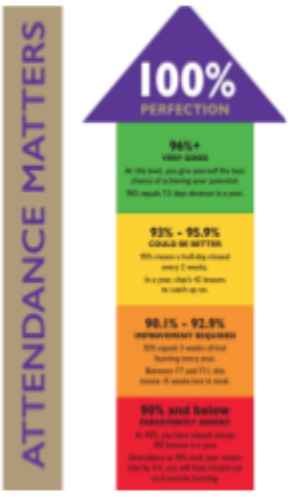
Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 16th September 2025**
  Year 6 residential meeting 3:30 pm
- **Thursday 18th September 2025**
  Flu immunisations
- **Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd October 2025**
  Year 6 Residential - Kingswood
- **Friday 10th October 2025**
  Hello Yellow day
- **Thursday 16th October 2025**
  School photos(individual and family)
- **Friday 17th October 2025**
  Harvest Festival - 2:30pm (Parents are welcome to join us for the harvest celebration)
- **Monday 20th October - Thursday 23rd October 2025**
  Entries for the pumpkin carving competition.
- **Thursday 24th October 2025**
  The last day of this half term
  Friday

Facebook Page

Last academic year we launched our Facebook page. If you haven't visited our page yet, please try to give it a like and follow. We will be posting regularly throughout the term with reminders of upcoming events.

Attendance Matters



Good attendance is important for social interaction and academic progress. Our academy attendance target is **97%.**

We know there will be times when children pick up illness that will prevent them from attending school. We welcome the support of all our families in ensuring children are in school on time whenever possible.

If you have concerns please speak to Mrs Johnson our Safeguarding and Attendance Officer.

Contacting Teaching Staff

If you need to contact your child's class teacher via email, please send this to enquiries@greystone.outwood.com where the admin team will then forward it on to the relevant member of staff.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs S McCarthy, Head of School.

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We have previously mentioned the Primary Learning Library: this can be accessed via the school website under the Curriculum tab. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please do take a look as it provides information on the topics and themes your child will be learning throughout the year.

Curriculum Overview

At Outwood Primary Academy Greystone, all children follow a broad and balanced curriculum.

In all aspects of children's work we expect a positive attitude to learning, high standards and maximum effort. We strive to provide broad, exciting and stimulating experiences to make learning enjoyable, memorable and fun.

We fully follow the UK primary national curriculum and beyond this we offer an enrichment week and a wider range of opportunities for children.

The context for learning document below will provide you with a brief description of the topics that will be visited by each year group this academic year. You can also visit our primary learning library for knowledge and resources about what your child will be learning this academic year.

Context for Learning Overview | Primary Learning Library

School Uniform

Our school uniform expectations are as follows.

Winter uniform:

- Purple cardigan or sweatshirt
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Grey socks or tights
- Plain black shoes (no boots).

Summer uniform can still be worn until half term:

- Purple dress, white socks, black school shoes.
- Grey shorts, grey socks, black school shoes.

Please can we remind you:

- **Trainers** are not part of school uniform and should only be worn in PE lessons.
- **Earrings** are not permitted for health and safety reasons. This is a Trust policy.

We still have a number of pre-loved uniform items. If you need some support with uniform please come and speak to the office team.

We have welcomed a number of new children and their families to our Outwood family this academic year. We hope you will enjoy your time here at Outwood Primary Academy Greystone and we are looking forward to working closely with you all.

We have also welcomed some new staff members: Mrs Smith and Miss Cox who will be teaching in our Early Years Foundation Stage, and Mrs Broadhurst and Mrs Frodsham who have been employed as support staff in Key Stage 2.