



# Griffin Primary School

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Welcome from Sally Craig- Interim Headteacher	Important Dates:
<p><b>Good afternoon</b></p> <p>The weather is certainly changing, and the leaves will soon be off all the trees around the school. Playtimes are looking very different so please make sure your children have coats or jumpers to keep them warm.</p> <p>Thank you to all the parents who came to our Phonics session- it was great to see so many people.</p> <p>Those parents who came to our Meet the Teacher event have fed back how pleased they were to have the opportunity to be in school.</p> <div data-bbox="395 1198 820 1413" data-label="Image"></div> <p>We have a duty to ensure our children are in a safe place each day- <b>no visitor</b> should have a phone on or take a call whilst on site- this is part of our <b>safeguarding policy</b>.</p> <p>We would like to politely please ask that you <b>don't have your phones on during pick up and collection</b>. If you need to take an urgent call we would ask that you step out of the school gates to take the call.</p> <p><b>Uniform</b></p> <p>If you need any extra school uniform for your children we have a large selection of pre worn items that are clean and ready to wear. We will pop these items outside at collection time next week on a dry and sunny day. Please help yourself. It would be great if you have any old uniform to share so that we can use it for other children. Over time we will work to develop a 'swap shop' to try and support all our families.</p> <p>Please can I remind you to make sure your child comes to school in PE kit or has it with them on PE days. Children will no longer be able to take part in lessons if they are not dressed appropriately. Our</p>	<p><b>Meet the Teacher - 9am</b> Year 3 Monday 7th Oct</p> <p><b>Magic Breakfast</b> Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024</p> <p><b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> Thursday 17th October - Thursday 24th</p> <p>October - <b>Half Term</b></p> <p><b>Monday 4th November - CPD Day - School closed to pupils</b></p> <p><b>Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings</b> Week beginning 8th November 2024</p> <p><b>Friday 20th December - School closes at 2pm</b></p>



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PE curriculum is really full on and children need to be in sportswear to take part

safely. **GOOD NEWS**

**We are pleased to be able to share that, from Monday, we will begin our joint work with a group called Magic Breakfast!**

**FREE 'Magic Breakfast' for ALL Children!**

**We have partnered with the charity Magic Breakfast through Wandsworth Local Authority to provide breakfast for all children at Griffin. A delicious, healthy breakfast will soon be available every day, offering every child great fuel for learning.**

**Research has shown that children who have a healthy breakfast achieve more at school – make sure your child doesn't miss out!**

**Every morning, on both gates, from 8.45am we will be offering top quality bagels, toast or crumpets to all children, free of charge!**

**Children can warm up their brains whilst filling their tummies, so they start the day fully ready to learn!**

**Start date: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Time: 8.45am**

**Where: entrance gates**

**Open to all children, and it's totally free!**

**If you have any questions, please contact the school office.**

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**Attendance Week ending 27th September 2024**

### Class %

N: Penguins 75.22%  
R: Dolphins 87.19%  
Y1: Elephants 88.44%  
Y2: Lions 93.19%  
Y3: Tigers 83.46%  
Y4: Jaguars 88.91%  
Y5: Pandas 85.22%  
Y6: Lemurs 94.68%



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Whole School 87.96%

Well done to Year 6 for having nearly 95% for the second time running. Our Year 6 pupils are really setting the benchmark for attendance at the moment.

A quick reminder that the gate is open from 8:45 am until 9 am.

Registration is at 9am; In accordance with our statutory responsibilities, any child arriving after 9am will be marked late. If you arrive after 9:15am, your child will be given a 'U' code which means that they are on site but recorded as absent after the registers have closed.

The rules around fines for attendance have changed this year. We are required to consider fines when a child has missed 10 sessions (5 days) without a reason. The amount for fines has also increased to £80 per child up to £160 if not paid quickly or if fines have been sent previously.

If you need any support with school attendance or punctuality, please contact the office and we can arrange a time to meet.





## Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

Welcome back! We have an exciting half-term ahead—please view your child's class newsletter video below and review their termly plans to learn about the curriculum.

More details will be shared in the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

### Video Newsletters:

[Nursery 2024-25](#) [Reception 2024-25](#) [Year 1 2024-25](#) [Year 2 -2024-25](#) [Year 3](#)

[Year 4 2024-25](#) [Year 5 2024-25](#) [Year 6 2024-25](#)

[2024-2025 .mp4](#)

### Curriculum Overviews:

[Nursery and Reception Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 1 Learning Overview](#)

[Year 2 Learning Overview](#)

[Autumn 1](#)

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[Year 3 Learning](#)

[Year 4 Learning Overview](#)

[Year 5 Learning Overview](#)

[Year 6 Learning Overview](#)

[Overview](#)

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**PE Coaches:** We're excited to welcome SG Sports coaches from Brixton to Griffin Primary School. They'll enhance PE lessons, lead lunchtime and after-school sports clubs on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, and help our teachers elevate their PE skills.

**PE Timetable:**

**Year 1** Thursday and Friday

**Year 2** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Year 3** Wednesday and Friday

**Year 4** Monday and Wednesday

**Year 5** Monday and Friday

**Year 6** Tuesday and Thursday

Please remember that your child should come to school on PE days wearing their PE Kit and a school jumper so that they do not lose time having to get changed for PE.

## Enrichment

Our new clubs are all up and running. You should have received letters on Thursday 26th September by email if your child has a place for a club. If you are unsure, please check with your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

Our clubs are oversubscribed so if your child is unable to attend 2 sessions running or their behaviour is not reflecting the values of Griffin Primary, your child's place will be given to someone on the waiting list.

**Clubs Timetable:**

**Monday** Football team training years 4-6 3.45pm- 4.30pm KO Please make sure your child has an invite letter.

**Tuesday** Years 4-6 Multi-Sport 3.45pm- 4.30pm Please make sure your child has an invite letter.

Years 1-3 Football training Lunch time

**Wednesday**

**Thursday** 4-6 World Heartbeat

**Friday** Years 1-3 Multi-Sports 3.45pm- 4.30pm Please make sure your child has an invite letter.

**Lunchtime Clubs:**

**Monday** Years 4-6 Football training

**Tuesday** Years 1-3 Multi-Sports

**Wednesday**

**Thursday** Year 2-4 Art Club Lunch Time

**Friday** Years 4-6 Multi-Sports



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**SEND** Miss Cooper, SENDCo

If your child is on the SEND register, you should by now have received their SEN Support Plan, this details the small steps targets they will be working on and the support they will receive this half term. Please ensure you have a login for Provision Map to see future support plans and add comments.

### Parental Support:

Please see link to parent workshop on supporting a child with ADHD: [ADHD SEN Talk \(1\).pdf](#)



South West London and  
St George's Mental Health  
NHS Trust

### The Education Wellbeing Service can support parents with:

Starting to struggle with common mental health issues, such as low mood, anxiety and difficulties with emotional regulation Not currently receiving support from CAMHS or Children and Family Services

Able to attend 6-8 weekly sessions in school

Keen to explore CBT-based guided self-help: a structured, practical approach, which includes completing some tasks between sessions Experiencing difficulties that are straightforward enough to benefit from an early intervention approach

Please email: [EWSinfo@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:EWSinfo@swlstg.nhs.uk) or contact myself!

## Speech and Language Therapy



### Speech and Language therapy



Find our School Talk videos on our Evelina London Children's Speech and Language Therapy Facebook page!

With a different theme each month, check out the videos posted weekly for a tip of the week and suggested activities to try at home to support your child with those skills.

This month's theme: Attention and Understanding.

[Evelina London NHS Children's Community Speech and Language Therapy | Facebook](#)

If you would like to chat to the school's speech and language therapist about any concerns you have about your child's communication or find out about strategies to support them at home, the school SENCO can arrange a meeting.



## Family Support and Wider Community

### Free School Meals

All pupils who attend Griffin Primary School are now entitled to have a free school meal, provided by the school kitchen. This has been extended to pupils in Years 3-6, through the **Mayor's Universal Free School Meals Scheme**.

It is still very important to let us know if you are in receipt of benefits that can trigger additional



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funding for your child whilst at the school.

If you wish for your children to have lunch it is really helpful to let us know so that we can ensure we always have enough food to provide lunches for all!

Our school kitchen is now led and managed by Harrison Catering.



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