



JANUARY 2025

A message from our Headteacher, Mrs Pratt...

We are almost at the end of another half term. 2024 seems so far away now!

Children have been revisiting their goals in assembly and discussing what they need to do to achieve their goals. I am amazed at how determined they are to talk about their future and how their current learning fits into these goals.

Most children are very articulate speakers and can talk about their learning confidently. We are very proud of our children.

Teachers' progress meetings where we discuss how children are working to achieve targets set for them have been highly productive and have given staff a chance to fine tune future learning and interventions for the children. We appreciate you working with us so your children can achieve the best they can. Attending school is crucial to their learning and progress so thank you for bringing your children to school daily and time for their early morning work. As usual if you have any queries about attendance please do ask to speak with a senior leader, we can help as best as we can to ensure your children are in school.

We have been awarded two certificates commending our whole school attendance within the top 25% of schools using their national sample, by the Fischer Family Trust Foundation, a national data processing foundation. We are very proud of this achievement and share it with you, our families - thank you!

We are approaching the halfway mark of children's learning in school and will be carrying our next set of assessments after half term. You will also have more opportunities to come into school to see how well your children are working soon.

Meanwhile, have a lovely half term break when we get there and keep the learning flame burning.

At Greenshaw Learning Trust, we are 'Always Learning!'

Warmest regards,

Mrs Pratt

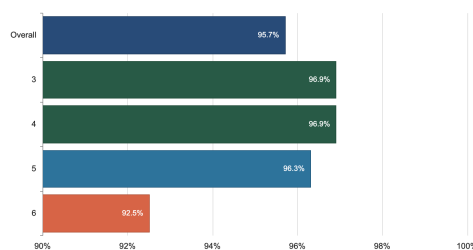
ATTENDANCE

School Average as at 31/01/25 = **95.7%**

25/26 Target set = **96%**

Class	January Attendance %	Average late arrivals
3G	95%	0.75
3H	98%	0.5
3S	97%	0.75
4F	97%	0.75
4L	97%	2.25
4U	98%	0.5
5D	96%	1.5
5E	97%	1.25
5K	96%	1.25
6A	89%	1.5
6I	94%	1.25
6M	94%	1

Greenshaw Learning Trust (GLT) and the Department for Education track attendance carefully and judgements on how well a school is doing is partially based on whole school attendance.



Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 who have the best attendance this academic year so far. Year 6 attendance is very low and we welcome your support in ensuring the children are here everyday



Attendance Tips

- ✓ Arrive at school by 8:50 AM
- ✓ Get a good night's sleep
- ✓ Pack your bag the night before
- ✓ Get your uniform ready the night before

Attendance Awards

We are proud to announce we were awarded not one, but two National School Attendance Awards from the FFT for the 2023/24 academic year. The first one was awarded for being in the top 25% of all FFT primary schools, the second one is for being in the top 10% of similar FFT primary schools.



As you are aware, school attendance is one of our three curriculum aims for 2024/25 and we will continue to ensure regular attendance and punctuality remains at a high standard for every child, as a reflection of their learning and development.

Thank you to all families for working with us to make sure your child(ren) attends school everyday on time.

Pupils Safety - Walking Home

We have been made aware of an incident that took place at the beginning of this year on Cotelands, located at the back of our school field, whereby a sibling of one of our pupils was assaulted and had their mobile phone stolen. Due to the fact the incident happened around 4pm in the afternoon. We want to remind all families and the community to be vigilant and for those pupils permitted to walk home unsupervised to walk with a friend whenever possible.

This incident was reported to the police, however, we are aware this is becoming an increasingly common crime in Croydon. Thank you for ongoing support as a school and a wider community.

Online Safety

In today's digital age, it's more important than ever to ensure our children's online safety. Here are some key points to remember:

- **Open Communication:** Talk to your children about online safety and the potential dangers they may encounter.
- **Set Clear Rules:** Establish clear rules and boundaries for internet usage, including appropriate websites, screen time limits, and online privacy.
- **Use Parental Controls:** Utilize parental control software and filters to monitor your children's online activity.
- **Be a Role Model:** Demonstrate responsible online behavior by practicing safe browsing habits yourself.



Message from our Family Support Worker - Miss Colley

The Duffus Community Foundation supports children & young people aged 8 - 17 across Croydon, Surrey and South London by providing access to workshops, recreational activities and 121 mentoring with a focus on promoting positive wellbeing. Our sessions are designed to boost confidence, resilience, and self-esteem, creating a fun and safe space for all.

'Your Space' our Flagship youth groups take place on the first Thursday of the month at Bedford Hall in West Croydon: Junior sessions (For ages 8 -12) 5:45 - 6:45 PM | Senior sessions (for ages 13 - 17) 7 - 9 PM.

As this is a fully funded provision there is no cost. [Please click here.](#)



Parenting advice from our child mental health experts - Practical tips to support children's wellbeing & behaviour

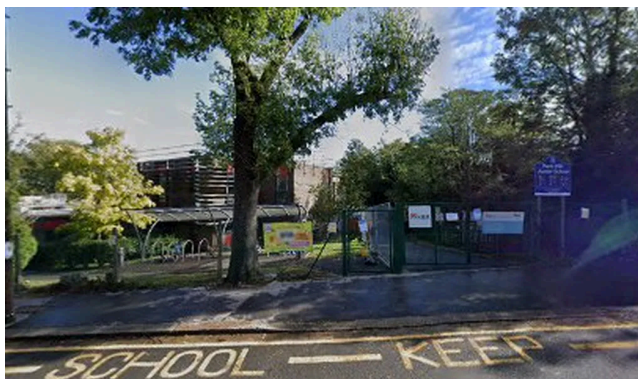
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Main Office Gate Reminder

This is a friendly reminder about our school gate entry procedure. For the safety and security of all our pupils and staff, please can we kindly remind you to ensure you ring the buzzer at the school gate and clearly state your name and the reason for your visit.

This simple step helps us maintain a secure environment and ensures we know who is on school grounds at all times.

Your cooperation in following this procedure is greatly appreciated.



Mon 3rd Feb - Fri 7th Feb -
Children's Mental Health Week

Tues 4th Feb - Young Voices at o2

Weds 5th Feb - Selected Yr 5 pupils at Croydon High for Oliver production

Fri 7th Feb - SES Water Trip (5K)

Mon 10th Feb - Yr 3 trip to Horniman Museum

Mon 10th Feb - Swimming lessons (6I & 4F)

Tues 11th Feb - Safer Internet Day

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Thurs 13th Feb - Parent Consultations
(3:50 pm-7pm)

Fri 14th Feb - Yr 3 trip to Horniman Museum

Fri 14th Feb - PHSA Valentine's Day Bake Sale
(afterschool)

Fri 14th Feb - Last Day of Term

MUSIC LESSONS



Our piano teacher, Mr Pratt, has some available spaces! If you would like more information on lessons or would like to book a place for your child, please contact him directly either via phone or email.

07958 311008

dechampstudio@icloud.com

Mr Oliver, our drum teacher, has some spaces for children to learn the drums.



Please contact him for further details via email.

Mattoliver08@yahoo.co.uk

If you would like guitar lessons, our guitar teacher, Mr Gibbard, can be contacted via email for further information




jimgibbard99@googlemail.com

Croydon Music and Arts also offer music lessons and opportunities on a range of instruments. Click [here](#) for details.

Attendance Updates

At this time of year, it is common for children to pick up coughs and colds, however, the guidance is clear that children should be in school unless medically unfit. To the right is a chart showing when children should be kept off school.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please contact the Miss Sabrina in the office with supporting evidence e.g. photographs/copies of prescribed medication.

When should my child return to school? 					
Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*		

A link to our *Attendance Policy & Procedures* can be viewed via our school website [here](#).

Supporting Regulation at Home: Dr Joe Lettington

Thank you to those of you who attended the Supporting Regulation at Home coffee morning with *Dr Joe Lettington* last Friday, we had a really successful turn out and appreciate you all for your healthy discussions.

For those of you who weren't able to attend, the presentation slides are now available to view on our school website (via the Parent Information Meetings page), please [click here](#) to view.



Maths Fluency Resources

Whilst schools continue to work on reasoning and problem-solving, we are continuously always looking at ways to support children (and their parents/carers) with strengthening number work.

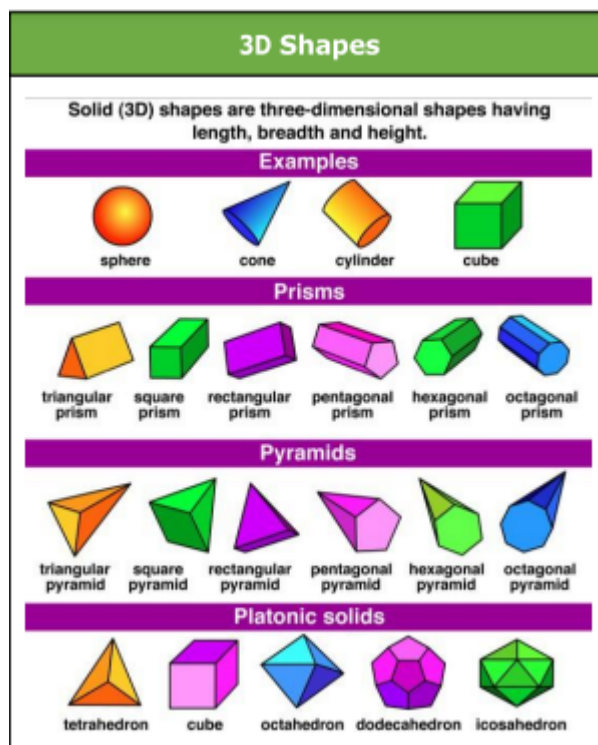
We have linked some Maths Fluency resources below given to us by Dave Cole, an Education Consultant and Leadership Coach at Shine Education. This can be used at home to help support any home learning, so we have added it to our school website for reference.

To view Maths Knowledge Mat's - [CLICK HERE](#)

What is Fluency in Maths?

Fluency in maths is about developing number sense and being able to use the most appropriate method for the task at hand; to be able to apply a skill to multiple contexts.

The National Curriculum states that pupils should become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics through varied and frequent practice. While a part of this is about knowing key mathematical facts and recalling them efficiently, fluency means so much more than this as it allows pupils to delve much deeper.



Writing News - From Miss Ali...

We are proud to announce this term's aspirational readers and writing laureates. These exceptional children have demonstrated remarkable dedication in their literacy lessons. Their commitment to reading and writing sets a fantastic example for their peers and highlights the importance of fostering a love for literature within our school community. Who will be next?

	Spring	
	Reading	Writing
3H	Aadya	Shivram
3S	Sahasra	Nithwik
3G	Evie	Salgai
4F	Kavin	Shambhavi
4L	Nilanshi	Manisha
4U	Sachita	Sienna
5E	Ali	Ritika
5D	Ananya	Nidhi
5K	Ritik	Aron
6A	Jason	Sophie
6I	Ahana	Eren
6M	Prithvi	Vihaan



Congratulations to our talented writers; **Nicole Iosub, Shriya Ramesh, Yughan Balaji and Adelina Birzoi** who have been shortlisted in the prestigious 500 words competition. Out of 5,000 entries nationwide, theirs were selected. Thank you to everyone else who submitted your wonderful stories, they were wonderful to read!

School Lunches

An important reminder for all families- If your child has an appointment or you know your child is attending school later than normal, please notify the school office as soon as possible with your child's lunch option.

The latest time we can submit lunch options to the kitchen is **9:45am**, so please ensure your child's lunch option is in before this time.

To view our lunch menus, please [click here](#).

Thank you in advance for your understanding.





Believe In Greatness - Track Club



B.I.G have an exciting opportunity for children to join their Track Club held afterschool on Tuesdays (3:30-4:30pm).

For more information or to book your child into the B.I.G Track Club, [please click here](#).

Kinship Roadshow Croydon

 Hilton London Croydon
101 Waddon Way, Purley Way, Croydon, CR9 4HH
 26 February 2025, 9:30am - 2:30pm

Kinship - Croydon Council

Kinship carers are those that have a child arrangement order, special guardianship order, private fostering agreement; as well as family and friends caring for young people.

Kinship are delighted to invite kinship carers to their free Kinship roadshow in Croydon. A place where you'll meet other kinship carers just like you and where you can connect and learn together.

To get a sense of what to expect, watch our short video ([Kinship Roadshow Croydon - Kinship](#)) where we follow Kieron, a kinship carer to his 3 grandchildren, as he attends a Kinship Roadshow for the first time.

This roadshow is open to all kinship carers at any stage of their kinship journey. To attend the Kinship Roadshow Croydon - please [book here](#).

At Kinship, we know how much kinship carers do each day to support and raise children you love. We're here to help you make connections with other kinship carers and feel more confident to deal with what comes your way. Our roadshows help you connect with others and get vital information on how to navigate the system and make choices that work for you, so you can get the support your children need and deserve.