



Headteacher Newsletter October 2024

Dear pupils and parents,

We have had a busy half term and are so proud of how the children have settled into their new year groups and classes. How it is possible that it is less than 10 weeks until Christmas Day! We have lots of exciting things planned for next half term including a trip to the theatre, Christmas Party Day and the whole school Christmas concert in church.

Diary Dates

Please see below dates and events planned for this academic year.

Thursday 17th October	Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby HVC
Friday 18th October	Football Sport Sessions Class 3 9.30am -10.30am and Class 1 10.30am - 11.30am
Monday 21st October	Forest School - Breedon Site - Rec & Year 1
Wednesday 23rd October	Spooky Walk and Disco
Thursday 24th October	Last Day of term
Friday 25th October	Inset Day
Monday 4th November	First Day of term
Monday 4th November	Forest School Reception Year 1 (last session)
Tuesday 5th November	Mini Leaders training Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 6th November	Severn Trent Assembly
Thursday 7th November	Class 1 - FUNdamentals - Hope Valley College
Monday 11th November	Year 2 - Forest School
Monday 11th - 14th November	Parent Evenings - details to be issued nearer the time.
Monday 11th November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 13th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 18th November	Year 2 - Forest School
Monday 25th November	Individual Photos
Monday 25th November	Year 2 - Forest School
Monday 2nd December	Bikeability Year 6 - Road Session (Half of the year group)
Monday 2nd December	Year 2 - Forest School
Tuesday 3rd December	Bikeability Year 6 - Road Session (Half of the year group)
Monday 9th December	Panto at Buxton Opera House (morning showing)
Tuesday 10th December	Secret Santa
Monday 16th December	Year 2 - Forest School
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner and Party Day

Friday 20th December	Nativity and Carol Concert 2pm St Helens Church
Friday 20th December	Last Day of term
Monday 6th January	First Day of term

Future Inset Days

- Friday 25th October 2024
- Friday 14th February 2025
- Friday 23rd May 2025
- Thursday 24th July 2025

Spooky Disco

The Spooky Disco is booked for Wednesday 23rd October 6.30pm - 7.30pm. All children are welcome to come and the event is run by staff so parents can have an hour to themselves! Prompt collection would be appreciated.

The disco is £3.00 per child and will include a hot dog (with dietary alternatives), a drink and some sweets.

If you would like your child to attend please make payment into the School Account.

Sort Code 601019 Account 95110143. Tickets will be sent home with the children before the event.

Winter Weather

As we move into the wet, colder months please make sure that all children have a waterproof coat, gloves and hat in school.

Welcome Back to Class Meetings

Thank you to all those that attended the welcome back to Class Meetings on Wednesday 18th September. If you haven't seen the PowerPoints used in the meetings then please let the office know.

As also if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the teachers directly by Dojo or email. Alternatively please contact the office and the message will be forwarded on.

Facebook



At the end of the last academic year, we set up a new Facebook page for Grindleford Primary School. Generic photos of exciting events and activities will be posted. Please like and follow the page, as well as encouraging current or prospective parents to do so. Thank you!

<https://facebook.com/61560770514176>

Sept 2025 Intake

If you have a little one who is due to start school in Sept 2025 and you would like to visit then please contact the school office to book an appointment.

If you have friends or family with a child due to start school in Sept 2025, please let them know they are welcome to contact us to arrange a tour of our school.



As our new banner says 'Every Day is an Open Day'.

Thank you all for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "KL Gemmell". The letters are dark and fluid, with a small dot above the 'L'.

Kate Gemmell (Executive Headteacher)