



MARCH/APRIL KEY DATES

School returns

23 February

World Book Day

5 March

GSA Easter Egg Hunt

20 March

Parent Consultations

24 March 16:00-20:00

25 March 15:30-18:30

End of term 13:30

27 March

Easter Holidays

30 March - 10 April

INSET day

13 April

Stem

On 29.01.26, Year 5 entered the 'Sustainable Aircraft of the Future' competition organised by the RAF and presented by the Smallpeice Trust. First, Year 5 experimented by making gliders with different empennage and wing designs. They calculated their glider's speeds and evaluated their work.

Next was the competition challenge to imagine design a sustainable aircraft of the future. Year 5 had some excellent and highly inventive ideas ranging from a congestion evading bus to drones with the ability to spread seeds, put out forest fires and defend the skies. They thought long and hard about how their aircraft would be sustainable.

Later in the year, Year 5 will attend an interactive online event, with real life STEM professionals. Well done Year 5, you are going to be shaping the future!



Ad hoc dinners

From 23 February 26 we will be trialing ad hoc school dinners. This will allow the children to switch from a school dinner or packed lunch from home each day.

Lunch choices will continue to be taken in the morning, and final numbers must be with the kitchen by 9:30am.

If your child is arriving late to school, it is very important that you inform the school office in advance and let us know whether they will be having a packed lunch or a school dinner. If they are having a school dinner, please confirm which menu option they would like.

Menus have previously been emailed to families for reference.

The cost of a school dinner is £3.50 per day.

Disco

The GSA School Disco was a huge success and everyone had a fantastic time! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces.

Thanks to the incredible support from families and staff, the school raised a fantastic amount for school projects and activities that will benefit all of our pupils. A huge thank you to the GSA and all the volunteers who helped to organise and run such a brilliant event!

Happy Human

Last week as part of Children's Mental Health Week, classes from Reception to Year 6 have participated in workshops with The Happy Human Project team. They have had a chance to explore the theme of 'This is My Space'. Through drama, stories and movement the children have explored the sense of belonging and what this means and feels to them.



Years 3 and 4 Get Rolling: A High-Octane Day with Terry Price!

Our playground was transformed into a stunt-zone this week as we welcomed World Champion scooter rider, Terry Price, for an unforgettable series of workshops!

Terry spoke to Years 3 and 4 about the power of a 'Growth Mindset.' He taught the children that "failing" is just the first step toward succeeding and encouraged them to "flearn" (failing and learning). It was wonderful to see our pupils taking these messages to heart as they moved into their practical workshops.

During the workshops, years 3 and 4 had the chance to hop onto a scooter (with safety helmets firmly in place!) to learn the basics of control, balance, and some beginner tricks. From mastering the "bunny hop" to navigating fun challenges, the children showed incredible resilience and bravery.

The day finished off with an incredible assembly that left everyone (including the teachers!) in awe. Terry shared his inspiring journey from being a young boy with a passion for scooting to becoming a world pioneer in the sport. He wowed us all with a live demonstration of his signature tricks and finished with his famous backflip!

By the end of the day, the playground was full of smiles, newfound confidence, and a lot of very proud young riders. A huge thank you to Terry for such an inspirational visit—we definitely have some future scooter stars in our midst!



Young Voices

Year 5 attended Young Voices at Wembley Arena this year. The children had an amazing time, singing alongside 4500 other children from schools all over southern England. They danced, sang, watched other performers and absolutely loved Andy and his dancers from Urban Strides. Audience participation was non negotiable!



Staffing

Today we said our goodbyes to Mrs Massey who has been teaching Yr 5, covering Ms Bado's maternity leave. She has been a great addition to the Greenway team and she has taught most of Yr 5 to crochet, which will be her legacy! I know the class will miss her.

We have also said goodbye to Mrs Chamberlain today. She is moving to another role after half term and we wish her well.

Due to on-going health issues Mrs Doye has had to make the difficult decision to resign from her role at Greenway. We wish her well.

We welcome Mr McKay and Miss Reisinger, who have joined the Greenway team.

Hand Dryers

Over the February half term, hand dryers will be installed in the KS1 and KS2 toilets.

We have decided not to install hand dryers in the Early Years toilets at this time as these toilets are located within the classrooms. We felt that the noise could be disruptive to learning.

We look forward to this improvement to our facilities and hopefully at cost saving in paper towels!

Save the date - Wednesday 4 March 7pm!

A parent talk on 'Raising Children in a Smartphone World'. Luke Roberts - Assistant Head at Ashlyns will be presenting. His focus will be on raising awareness of the harms, risks and hidden opportunity costs associated with early smartphone use, while also offering practical guidance for parents - both for those considering delaying a device and for those whose child/ren already has one. All the schools in Berkhamsted are working together to support this.

I will be sending a letter out after half term with more information and how to book your place.

Michael Rosen day

Greenway Primary & Nursery School were delighted to welcome the well-known author Michael Rosen to the school on Wednesday 21 January.

He entertained all year groups throughout the day with some of his poems and plenty of entertaining stories, reading from his latest book 'Oh Dear, Look What I Got!'. At the end of the school day, Michael kindly signed books for his young fans and their parents! Greenway are really grateful to one of their parents for putting the school in touch with Michael and ensuring a truly memorable day for all!

Children's quotes:-

'I love all of your poems because they are magical and funny! I loved my time with you'

'I liked his performance - it was funny and so creative!'

'His hand must have hurt after all the book signing!'



Easter Camp 2026 - Monday 30 March - Thursday 2 April

Thank you to those of you who have already secured your child/ren's places. Booking is still open. To secure your child's place please transfer a £50 deposit payment via your Arbor app. ³

Have a restful half term!