



Term 4 Newsletter

Year 6 2026

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready to dive into the final stretch of the school year. We are looking forward to another busy term of learning together, where our children can learn and grow to become capable, confident and balanced learners who embrace new experiences and opportunities.

What's on this term?

Inquiry

This term, our inquiry learning centres on personal growth, positive relationships, and self-care, strongly anchored in our Mitey mental health programme. As our learners prepare for their next steps: our upcoming school camp/E.O.T.C, Year 5s stepping up into their final primary year, and Year 6s transitioning to Year 7, these lessons provide essential tools for navigating change. Through Mitey, students will explore how to look after their own mental health and well-being (Hauora), practice effective communication, and build strong, supportive friendships. Learning how to manage emotions, respect boundaries, and care for themselves and others will help our students feel confident, resilient, and ready for both the excitement of camp and the next step in their schooling journey.



Y6 Camp

Our Year 6 camp is fast approaching! Over the first few weeks of this term, there will be a number of updates; please keep an eye on emails to ensure you don't miss anything important. Thank you to those of you who have completed the YMCA Participant Agreement. If you are yet to do so, please click the link below to complete ASAP. Parents attending camp with us also need to complete this for themselves as well as their child.

https://ymcaauckland.formstack.com/forms/ymca_outdoors_ca_activity_participation_agreement

While our Year 6s make incredible memories at camp, the Year 5s in our team will join the rest of their year group for E.O.T.C. (Education Outside the Classroom). Students will be challenging themselves and developing vital lifelong skills through a range of hands-on activities, including rock wall climbing, archery, hut building, outdoor cooking, and orienteering. Beyond the fun and adventure, E.O.T.C. provides a fantastic environment for building resilience, problem-solving, teamwork, and confidence as children step outside their comfort zones and learn in the great outdoors.



Y6 Graduation

For our year 6 parents, your child's time at Greenhithe School is quickly coming to an end and planning is underway to celebrate their time with us at their graduation ceremony!

Our Year 6 graduation event will be held on Thursday 10 December in our school hall. It will start at 7:00pm, and we request that you are seated by 6:45pm to ensure a prompt start. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding graduation in the coming weeks.

General Housekeeping

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Students who bring their own devices to school must make sure they are **fully charged** at home each day and ready to use for classroom learning. This helps ensure they are prepared and can make the most of their learning time. If your child's device is broken or out of action for a period of time, please contact their class teacher so that we are aware and able to make accommodations.

Uniform

Please make sure children are wearing the correct uniform at school, and all clothing items, including sweatshirts and raincoats, are clearly named so lost property can be returned easily. School hats are a required part of the school uniform in Term 4. Please make sure your child has their school hat each day and that it is clearly named. We do have sunblock at school for your children to reapply throughout the day but recommend that they come to school already wearing it in the summer months.

Communication

For any communication that requires action during school hours, such as if you need to collect your child early, please contact the office at 09 413 9838. Other reminders will be sent via email or provided as a hard copy.

Home Learning

There is no formal set home learning; however, we do strongly encourage students to read for 20 minutes each evening and practise their basic facts in a method that suits them. Continuing to listen to your child read aloud is beneficial for improving fluency. The Ministry of Education have set up a maths practice tool that can be accessed here: <https://nzc-maths-practice.nz/> . Students may occasionally have work to finish at home or choose to access their learning on Google Classroom.

Key Dates

Friday 16 October: Smash Cricket Tournament (girls only)

Monday 26 October: Labour Day (School Closed)

Wednesday 4 November: Y6 Camp (meet at school at 8:30am) & Y5 E.O.T.C Activities

Thursday 5 November: Y6 Camp & Y5 E.O.T.C Activities

Friday 6 November: Y6 Camp & Y5 E.O.T.C Activities

Tuesday 10 November: Y4-6 Athletics Day

Thursday 12 November: Y4-6 Athletics Day Saver Day

Thursday 26 November: Northern Bays Athletics (selected students)

Thursday 10 December: Y6 Graduation Ceremony

Friday 11 December: Summer Festival

Thursday 17 December: Last Day of Term 4

Ngā mihi nui,

The Year 6 team - Natasha Alexander, Nicola Lupton and Caroline Gunston