



Greenvale School Newsletter

Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another incredibly busy and successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful students, families, governors, and dedicated staff for making Greenvale such a special community to belong to. I could not be prouder of all we have achieved together.

We were delighted to receive such positive feedback during our Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review earlier in the year, which recognised the excellent quality of education, care and opportunities that our students experience every day. This external validation is testament to the passion, commitment and expertise of every member of our school team.

We have also celebrated achieving Gold Rights Respecting School status, recognising our strong commitment to ensuring that children's rights are at the heart of everything we do. Alongside this, we are immensely proud to have been awarded ARC Gold School status by the Attachment Research Community, reflecting our continued dedication to creating a nurturing, inclusive environment where every young person feels safe, valued and able to thrive.

The creative talents of our students have shone brightly this year. Our performance of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Albany Theatre was outstanding. The confidence, professionalism and passion displayed by our young performers made us all incredibly proud. Equally impressive was the wonderful film adaptation of *Macbeth*, created by our Sixth Form students for the Shakespeare Film Festival. Their creativity, teamwork and dedication showcased not only their talents but also the confidence they have developed during their time at Greenvale.

Alongside these celebrations, this year has also brought moments of sadness and reflection. We continue to hold Tao-Li and Eliza close in our thoughts. They remain a treasured part of the Greenvale family, and we remember them with great affection in our Sensory and Well-being Garden at Waters Road, where engraved leaves with their names provide a peaceful place to remember them.

As the term ends we say goodbye to Margaret, Maple Class teacher, who begins an exciting new chapter leading an inclusion base. We also bid farewell to Maria, Learning Support Assistant in Holly Class, whose kindness, patience and dedication have made a lasting difference to so many students. While we will miss them both enormously, we thank them sincerely for everything they have contributed to Greenvale and wish them every happiness and success in their new chapter.

Looking ahead to the new term, we have been busy over the past few weeks welcoming our new cohort of students and their families to Greenvale through a range of transition events. It has been wonderful to see new friendships beginning to form, and we are excited to officially welcome them into our school community in September.

We also send our very best wishes to our fantastic Year 14 students as they move on the next stage of their journeys. Whether starting college, training or new opportunities, we are immensely proud of all they have achieved. They leave Greenvale with our support, encouragement and every confidence that they will continue to flourish. We look forward to hearing all about their future successes.

As we head into the summer break, I hope everyone has the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year and for the trust you place in us each day to nurture your special children. On behalf of everyone at Greenvale School, I wish you a safe, happy and relaxing summer. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another exciting year of learning, achievement and opportunity.

Katie Denton
Headteacher

KS5 visit Brockley Rise centre

Each year in KS5, we are excited to have the opportunity to visit Brockley Rise Adult Centre, where our students take part in a variety of inspiring art activities. The group of students that attended this year have had the opportunity to work with a wide variety of professional art materials and equipment, exposing them to different techniques and enable them to boost their creative and artistic confidence. Students have participated in a wide range of activities such as tie dye cushions, printing-making, clay face sculptures inspired by the artist Picasso and creating mosaic mirrors exploring the theme of space. In addition to this, our visits to Brockley Rise also provided valuable opportunities for students to build their social skills and independence as they were able to access the cafe and shared a community environment alongside members of the public. The students look forward to their sessions at Brockley Rise and their confidence in accessing community spaces and engaging with members of the public flourishes. Students are able to take their pieces of art home, gift it to friends and or family and in some special cases donate them to the centre to support with their exhibitions and markets.



Greenvale Growers

This term, The Greenvale Growers have been busy developing their horticulture skills and taking great pride in caring for our school garden. During their options lessons they have worked hard to water the plants regularly helping them to grow and thrive throughout the season. Their efforts have been rewarded with a fantastic harvest of various vegetables and fruits including onions, beetroot, potatoes, blueberries, courgettes and radishes. The gardening sessions have provided our students valuable opportunities to learn about plant growth, healthy eating and caring for the environment, while also developing teamwork, responsibility and independence.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

This term a group of KS5 learners have been completing their Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering section. In order to complete their 12 hours, they have been litter picking to improve the local area and volunteering at the Ichthus Prayer House where they have been clearing paths and an area of land ready to become a vegetable patch. The students have been so keen to help and love to see the results of their hard work. One week we brought more than 5 bags of rubbish back to school that we had collected. At the garden students have been using garden tools and have cleared a whole area ready for them to plant vegetables in autumn.





Thank you

to
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants
from
Greenvale School

who spent
39 Hours

**volunteering between
1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.**

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement
of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is
£294



Ruth Warner OBE, Chief Executive

June 2026

Diversity Week 2026

Greenvale School proudly celebrated Diversity Week with the inspiring theme, "Culture Brings Us Together."

Throughout the week, our young people, staff, and families came together to recognise and celebrate the rich diversity within our school community.

One of the highlights was our Culture Exhibition, where each class decorated a table to represent the cultures, traditions, and religions reflected in their class, creating a colourful and informative display for everyone to enjoy.

Students also took part in a range of exciting workshops, including Bollywood dancing, art from around the world, stories from different cultures, and a sensory experience. We welcomed families to our Parents' Breakfast where we enjoyed some games and engaged in informative discussions. We also had a Staff Breakfast, providing opportunities to celebrate together as a community.

A spectacular performance by the KSK Lion Dance Team brought energy and excitement to the week, and our celebrations concluded with a fun-filled disco, where everyone came together to dance and celebrate the wonderful diversity that makes Greenvale School such a special place.



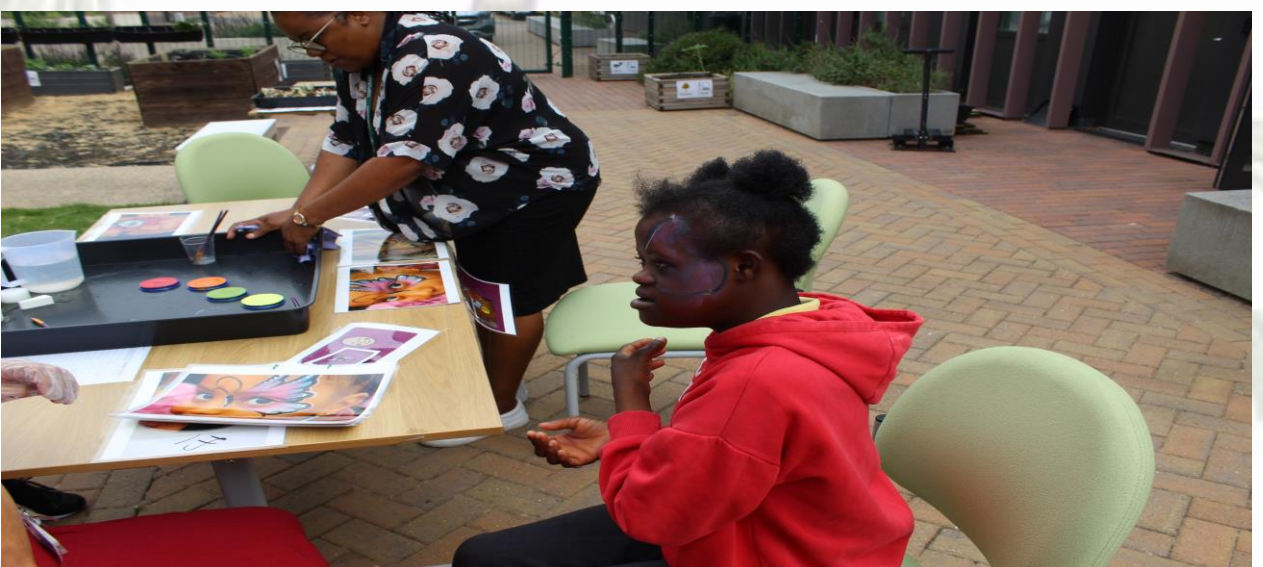
Pine Class

This term, Pine Class have been developing valuable life and employability skills through a range of practical, hands-on activities. In Skills Towards Independence lessons, they have been learning how to respond safely in an emergency, including recognising when to seek help, how to make an emergency phone call and building confidence in making safe decisions. In Maths, students have explored how functional maths is used in real workplaces by taking on the roles of hotel housekeepers, construction workers and warehouse assistants. Through these activities they have practised counting, measuring, organising, reading timetables and solving everyday maths problems while developing teamwork and independence. Alongside this, students have been busy planning, designing and making a variety of handmade items which they sold at the Greenvale Summer Market, giving them the opportunity to apply their creativity, communication and enterprise skills in a real-life setting



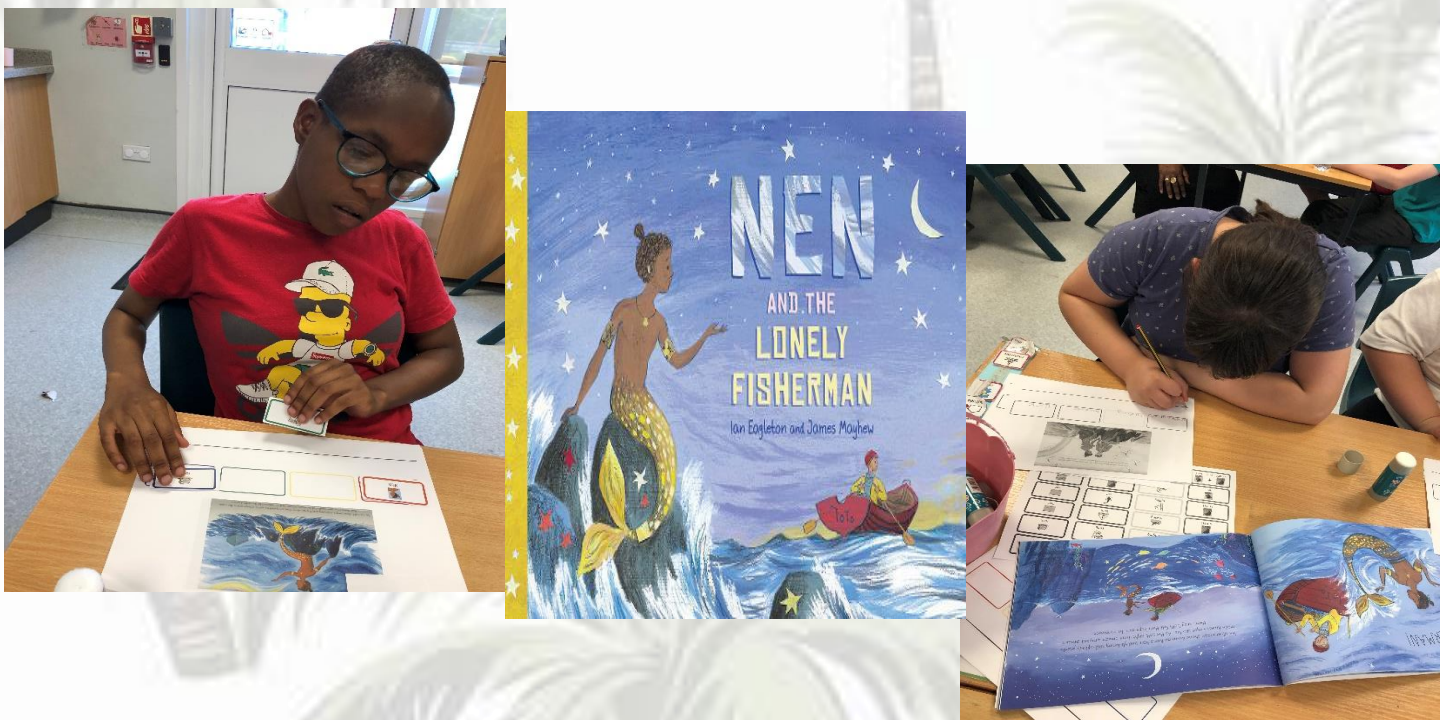
Hazel Class

Hazel class have been busy as usual this term. We have been accessing our local community, walking to Sainsburys in a small group each week. We have learned about staying safe when crossing roads and navigating a large supermarket, and making choices about which healthy drink to purchase. Hazel students love both flavoured water and Evian! We have also been enjoying learning about work related skills in Skills Towards Independence. We have been laying a table and looking at different staff in school who work full and part time. We have also looked at different clothing for different jobs and what to wear to an interview. It isn't a bib and wellington boots though! We enjoyed the summer market and the class helped on the face painting stall. It was busy and lots of people had amazing designs like a tiger or superhero! We had lots of fun in the beautiful sensory garden.



Teak Class

Teak Class have enjoyed our focus book in our English lessons this term. We did story sequencing and used colourful semantics to help create sentences using symbols and writing. To end the unit, we will create ocean themed artwork.



Residential School Journey

Students from Greenvale school - mostly Leavers - travelled to Farnham in Surrey to stay on a campsite called Woodlarks for 2 nights, 3 days. They also walked a 2.5 mile route in Alice Holt Forest, part of the South Downs National Park, navigating with impressive independence and confidence, using a map and following waymarkers along the Lodge Pond trail. The reason for this amazing school journey? To complete the expedition section of their Bronze Level Duke of Edinburgh's award. What an achievement!



Enterprise Day & Summer Market

In the run-up to Enterprise Day, classes were busy preparing for the summer market with students forming a group of artists and designers, alongside a student planning committee, coming up with ideas to help shape the event. This gave pupils a real opportunity to think creatively, work with purpose and see how ideas can grow into something practical and exciting. The involvement of different roles also helped to show how teamwork and shared responsibility can bring an event together.

Enterprise Day brought mixed KS5 groups together, and students chose which activity they wanted to do before designing and making products of their own. They also came up with a price list and created an eye-catching sign, showing independence and decision-making throughout the process. On the day, refreshments were sold alongside a wonderful range of items, including African art, garden gifts, bookmarks, lanterns, body scrubs, bags and bunting, and face painting was also offered.

We were lucky to be joined by Felicia from Nature's Scent, giving students the opportunity to work with a professional and gain valuable experience beyond the classroom. and the students' efforts were rewarded with a profit of £293.97.

Thank you so much to everyone to came to support us. We raised a huge £293.97 which we will put back into our Careers and Work Experience provision.



Maple Class

Maple Class thoroughly enjoyed MOVE Day celebrations this year. They all took part in activities organised by the MOVE team, A beautiful day in the sunshine, for all, in addition to the Maple Explorers walking into space in the Interactive Room.

Wishing you All an Amazing Summer Holiday.



BMX Course

Greenvale students had a brilliant time taking on the BMX course at the Lewisham BMX track in Beckenham Place Park, led by instructors from the charity Access Sport. Students showed real courage as they took risks, built their confidence, learned to cycle faster and tackled small jumps. A huge well done to everyone who gave it a go—you were incredibly brave!



Climbing Wall

Greenvale School was delighted to welcome back the climbing wall! It was fantastic to see so many students showing courage, determination and resilience by giving it a go. A huge well done to everyone who took part, and special congratulations to those who made it all the way to the top!

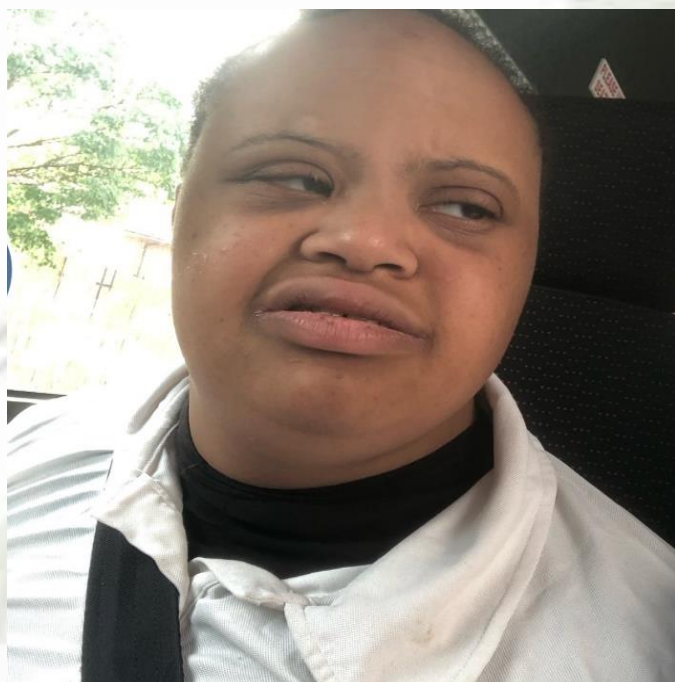
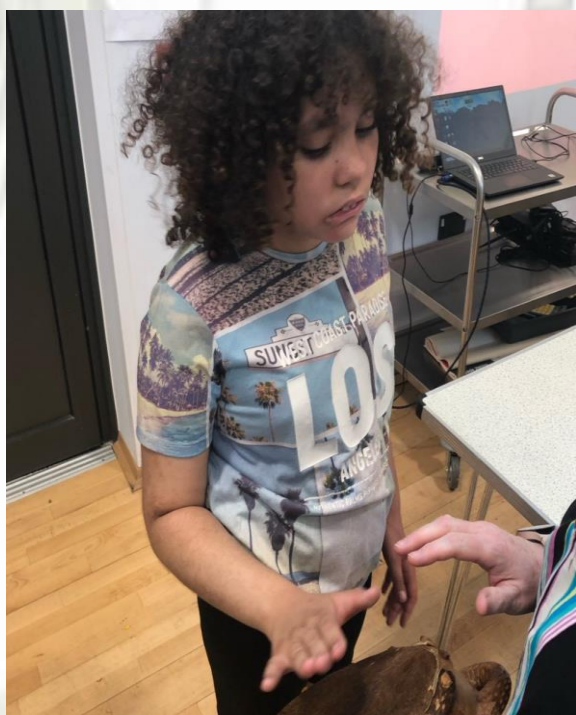


Mulberry Class

This term, Mulberry Class has been busy taking part in a range of exciting activities for Move Day. The children explored rockets in the playground, enjoyed a fun parachute game, and engaged in sensory space exploration, learning about planets through interactive experiences. The class also worked together to decorate their classroom door with a creative space-themed display, showcasing their enthusiasm and teamwork.

As part of our school's Diversity Market, we proudly displayed our work in the hall. The children created pouches featuring the flags of their home countries, along with colourful masks and necklaces that celebrated their cultural backgrounds. They also enjoyed visiting other classes' displays, observing and discussing the different cultures and ethnicities represented within the Greenvale School community.

We were delighted to join a group at Greenvale Waters Road, for a sensory based WOWNOW story session. We enjoyed travelling to the other site and had a wonderful time participating in the live storytelling experience with the class.



Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class have had a fantastic year filled with learning, achievement and fun. Every student should be incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished this year.

Some of the many highlights have included weekly swimming sessions, learning to ride scooters, dressing up as Victorians, cooking every week, and working exceptionally hard towards their individual learning targets across all areas of the curriculum.

It has been wonderful to see the confidence, independence and enthusiasm of every student grow throughout the year. Sycamore Class have worked so hard and have certainly earned a well-deserved summer holiday! A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your kindness, encouragement and ongoing support throughout the year.

Romy and Michaela



Jack Petchey Celebrations

A few students from Cherry Class visited Disco bowl in Lewisham to celebrate receiving the Jack Petchey Award. They travelled from Greenvale School in the school car with Cherry Class staff members. The students enjoyed a fantastic game of bowling, showing great enthusiasm and skill. Afterwards, they shared pizza and juice for a snack. There was lots of laughter, smiles, and giggles throughout the day, and everyone had a wonderful time celebrating together.



Work experience at Abbotshall Community Centre

KS4 classes have visited Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre to take part in work experience this term. The students have enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities. They have been helping with the gardening: the students have helped resow the grass across the field, water the very thirsty plants and weeded some of the beds. They have ensured that the field is litter free with their litter pickers to create a clean, safe space for visitors and nature to enjoy. Some students have been able to support in the café, taking plates and cups back to the kitchen and cleaning the tables. This has been a fantastic experience to help our young people prepare for the world of work and enjoy sharing and supporting part of our local community.



Elm Class

Elm Class - Summer Term Highlights

Elm Class has had a wonderful summer term filled with exciting activities, learning opportunities, and memorable experiences.

We have enjoyed a fantastic range of enrichment activities, including our new and exciting MOVE Day, Panathlon 'mini Paralympic', the climbing wall, and Circo Rum Ba Ba - learning circus skills. Throughout these experiences, the students have loved learning new skills, working independently, participating with enthusiasm, and collaborating as part of a team.

This term, we have also placed a strong focus on developing our maths skills. The students have been learning new mathematical vocabulary, exploring different methods, and engaging in hands-on sensory maths lessons that have supported their understanding and confidence.

Looking back over the year, Elm Class has worked incredibly hard to develop new skills, build independence, and work collaboratively with others. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved.

Well done, Elm Class - what a fantastic year! We hope you all have a wonderful summer.



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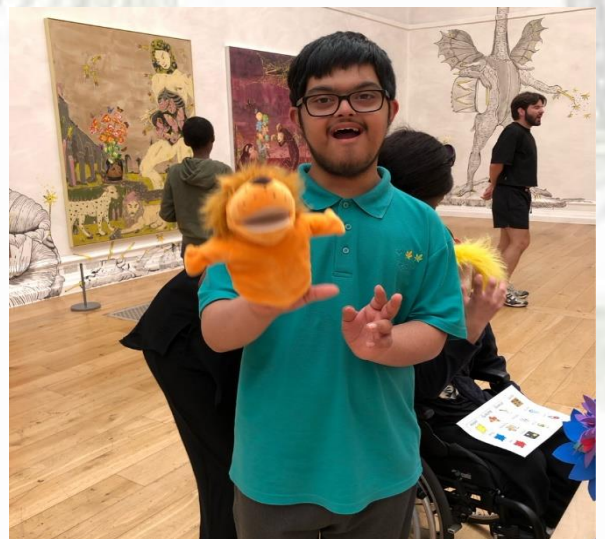
Create arts week 1-7th July

Each year the school takes part in Create arts week. This year's theme was connection, and every student created their own hand design to make a 'Greenvale Connection'

Every hand was connected to another and displayed in the hall.



As part of the Arts week, a group of KS3 students went to visit two exhibitions at the South London Gallery. The gallery ensures the exhibitions are accessible to all, providing sensory boxes and bags to accompany the art being displayed. Our students were very creative and engaged with the art.



From September we have a new catering company working with Greenvale to deliver students freshly cooked lunches



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to introduce ourselves as your new school catering provider.

From September 2026, Olive Dining Ltd will be providing freshly prepared school meals for your children and we are very much looking forward to becoming part of the school community.

At Olive Dining, we are passionate about creating healthy, delicious meals that children enjoy. Our menus are carefully planned to meet all Government school food standards, using fresh, seasonal ingredients wherever possible. We believe that lunchtime should be a positive and enjoyable part of the school day, encouraging children to try new foods while providing the nutrition they need to learn and thrive.

As we begin working with your school, we will be getting to know the students, staff and families so that we can provide the best possible dining experience. You can look forward to exciting, nutritious menus, themed food events and opportunities for children to share their feedback with us.

We understand how important it is that every child enjoys a nutritious lunch and our friendly catering team is committed to providing a welcoming service every day. We are also experienced in catering for a wide range of dietary requirements and food allergies, ensuring that every child can enjoy school meals safely.

We are excited to be joining your school and look forward to serving your children. Further information about our menus and the exciting plans we have for your school community will be shared before the start of the new academic year.

To find out more about Olive Dining and our approach to school catering, please visit our website:
<https://olivedining.co.uk/>

We look forward to meeting you and becoming part of your school community.

Yours faithfully,

The Olive Dining Team

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Dr Bike is a free bicycle safety check, adjustment & minor repair service please see attached schedule.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
04 th August	10.30 – 12.30	Mayo Park Nr. Cafe
04 th August	13.30 – 15.30	Honour Oak Park Nr. Train Station
05 th August	10.30 – 12.30	C4. Evelyn St Nr. Grove St Deptford
05 th August	13.30 – 15.30	Folkstone Gardens Nr. Café Deptford
06 th August	10.30 – 12.30	C10. Surrey Canal Rd / <u>Corner Senegal Rd</u>
10 th August	13.00 -15.00	<u>Glassmill Leisure Centre</u>
11 th August	10.30 – 12.30	Beckenham Place Park Nr. BMX Track
11 th August	13.30 – 15.30	Beckenham Place Park Nr. Courtyard Cafe
12 th August	10.30 – 12.00	<u>Ladywell Field Nr. Cafe</u>
12 th August	12.30 – 15.00	Lewisham Hospital Nr. Wellness <u>Gdn</u> (rear of car park)
13 th August	09.30 – 11.30	C22. Eddystone Rd Bridge Brockley
13 th August	12.00 -13.30	<u>Coulgate St. Brockley Nr. Train Station</u>
17 th August	10.30 – 12.30	Blackheath Pond. Prince of Wales Rd
17 th August	13.30 – 15.00	Deptford Church St. / Coffey St Deptford
18 th August	10.30 – 12.30	<u>Waterlink Way Bellingham Industrial Park.</u>
18 th August	13.30 -15.00	Hilly Fields Nr Cafe
19 th August	10.30 – 12.30	Manor House Gardens Nr. Cafe
19 th August	13.30 -15.00	Lewisham Hospital Nr car park entrance Main Rd.
20 th August	13.00 – 15.00	Forster <u>Park Nr. Cafe</u>

Dr Bike is a free bicycle safety check, adjustment & minor repair service

All sessions are weather dependant.

No pre-booking required

Times are approximate & may vary slightly dependant on previous location

Follow on [Instagram @DrBike_Lewisham](#)

Lewisham Council cannot be held responsible for any loss, theft, unlikely breakage or damage occurred during attempt to adjust or repair bicycle.

Lewisham Council Dr Bike schedule August 2026

A big, big thank you!!!! To all of you and your family and friends for supporting our fundraising campaign, we are very grateful for your support





Safeguarding

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and are looking forward to the Summer break.

Below are a couple of links to our website where you will find some information on E-Safety. Please take a look.

[Greenvale School - Keeping Safe Online](#) - Our web page with general information and links to other organisations.

[Greenvale School - Home](#) - At the bottom of this page you will find links to past E-safety newsletters.

Over the Summer Holidays, the school will be closed. If you need urgent support, please contact Children with Disabilities Lewisham. The link to their web page is below.

[Lewisham Council - Children with disabilities and complex needs](#)

In addition to this, below is a link to the Lewisham Council local offer webpage that focuses on health and wellbeing

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/children-and-young-people-service/local-offer/health-and-wellbeing>

Kind regards,

Aaron

Aaron Collins
Deputy Headteacher
Greenvale School



GREENVALE SCHOOL

Wishing everyone a happy and restful summer break!

First day of autumn term is:
Year 7 and Mayow road students ONLY - Friday 4th September
All Waters Road students - Monday 7th September