



CHRISTMAS AT THE GREGG



Dear Gregg Families,

The end of term has been filled with our favourite joyous array of festive activities. We started the season with our Christmas Fayre and it was wonderful to see so many Gregg families in amongst the shoppers. It was our most successful one to date, raising thousands of pounds for charity and worthy causes in school. Also for charity, we joined the Santa Fun Run in Winchester and erg-rowed to Lapland both for our school charity, Naomi House and Jack's Place.

We've donned Christmas jumpers, eaten a delicious Christmas dinner and our musicians performed at a magical seasonal concert, whilst our choir have been singing in the community, and to top it all off at our lovely Carol Service as well – a sign that Christmas is truly on its way.

Thank you to everyone who has supported their child and the school in these festivities – it takes our whole community coming together to make all these wonderful things happen.

If you would like to look back at all that we achieved in the last academic year, I would like to direct you to our Annual Report ([click here to read](#)) – make yourself comfortable with a cup of tea – it's a detailed, fascinating read.

I do hope that you and your families enjoy a happy and relaxing festive season; we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Sellers

Headteacher



MUSIC

The Music Department has had a busy festive season, kicking off December with the Winter Concert. Sixty students from all year groups entertained a packed hall of friends and family with a mix of festive and non-festive pieces. Performances included the school orchestra, jazz band, flute choir, rock band, and choir, alongside a number of talented soloists.

"The Christmas Concert was a great experience, for the students and visitors. We all felt so proud to show our music in the beautifully decorated school hall. I loved being able to make friends with older years, and how supportive everyone was. The preparation was also really fun, getting to see all the different groups acts. Overall it was amazing!" Evie R, year 7.

The choir have been extra busy this month, entertaining residents at Speedwell Court Care Home with a 45-minute set of Christmas classics. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the performance and sang along from start to finish! They also brought festive cheer to shoppers at Haskins Garden Centre during its late-night Christmas opening hours.

The term was rounded off with a beautiful Carol Service at St James' Church, featuring performances by the orchestra, flute choir, and choir, along with a lovely solo from Khile.

Well done to all our musicians this term, you have been fabulous!



CHRISTMAS TINS

If you have any large plastic tubs or tins of sweets left over from Christmas please think of our Food and Nutrition department when deciding how to recycle them.

Once the tubs or tins are empty, students can bring them to us, where we'll happily reuse them for lessons throughout the year.

Miss Gibbs, Head of Food and Nutrition, explains:

"More than 100 million tubs of chocolates, sweets and biscuits are sold in the UK each year, with Christmas accounting for around 40% of all sales. We'd love to help recycle these containers at The Gregg School and would really appreciate any donations."

Thank you for supporting this eco-friendly initiative!



UK BEBRAS



Key Stage 3 students participated in the UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge and the results are in!

Best in School:

Yr 7 - Megan C

Yr 8 - Sophia H

Gold:

Yr 7 - Megan C, Zachariah S, Bernard T-M

Yr 8 - Sophia H, Peter K, Lillie S, Bethany R

Yr 9 - Jack H, and Alissa O

Distinction:

Yr 7 - Clement D-C, Daniel H-F, Primrose H, Rhys W, James F, Elijah L, Ruby B, Alicia C-P, Miles D, Zac M, Summer E, Henry H, Iona W;

Yr 8 - Imogen B, Tam L, Jai N, Esme L, Rowan B, Sophie G, Charlotte C Jenson S, David D, Poppy W, Darcey A, Alfie C, India N-J, Anabelle G, Bayar S, Kian F-R, Max D, Ria S;

Yr 9 - Daniel G, Emilia I, Henry N, Harry W, Finlay M, Daniel M, Charlie M, Lottie P-L.

An outstanding effort has been made by everyone who participated. Well done!

Also, congratulations to Daniel H-F for completing his Bronze iDEA Award, developing his digital, enterprise, and employability skills through online challenges.

And if that isn't enough...to mark a decade of festive puzzles GCHQ have released their 2025 Christmas Challenge <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/news/gchq-christmas-challenge-2025>



Raspberry Pi
Foundation



MATHS LEADERBOARD

Huge congratulations to the students who topped the leaderboard on MathsWatch and DrFrost this month.

Dr Frost

Yr7 Bernard T

Yr8 Ria S

Yr9 Jack H

Yr10 Lexie P

Yr11 Jessica H

MathsWatch

Yr7 Jay C

Yr8 Ryan J

Yr9 Alissa O

Yr10 Khlie M

Yr11 Tobias C

YEAR 10 STATISTICS

Students studying Statistics independently in Year 10 have made great progress since committing to the course over the summer. To further support their learning, the department has been running booster sessions this December, focusing on some of the more challenging topics—starting with the Binomial Distribution.

Looking ahead, next term's booster sessions will cover:

Monday 12th January –
Standard Deviation

Monday 19th January –
Standardized Scores

Monday 2nd February –
Comparative Pie Charts &
Index Numbers

The department are extremely proud of the dedication shown by these students and look forward to continuing their success in the coming term.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

A Huge Thank You to Pell Frischmann!

We are incredibly grateful to the amazing volunteers from Pell Frischmann, a specialist advisory and technical consultancy working across the built and natural environments. A few months ago, they reached out to the school with a wonderful idea: to spend their company volunteering day helping in our listed gardens and grounds as a way to give back to the

community while working locally with Southampton City Council. Over two dedicated days, their teams worked tirelessly alongside our grounds staff and gardeners to plant an incredible 5,000 daffodil bulbs! We can't wait to see the gardens burst into a sea of bright yellow blooms in Spring 2026—it's going to be stunning!

Thank you, Team Pell Frischmann, for your hard work and generosity!



UK FEMINISTA

UK Feminista is a charity that aims to tackle the root causes of gender inequality. Their vision is to help create a society free from sexism and violence against women and girls. They do this by working closely with government policy makers and practitioners, and providing educational resources for schools. Back in September they launched a poster competition to celebrate 15 years since the charity started. The competition asked young people across the country to design a poster about what feminism means to them. They loved Eva's creative and colourful design and they have now printed it on their merchandise which is available to purchase on their website: <https://uk-feminista.teemill.com>

All proceeds go towards supporting the charity's mission.



SCIENCE

Our Science Department have decided that rather than doing a secret Santa this year they all chipped in to twin our toilet in Hart with one in Zambia. The toilet twinning scheme provides toilets in poorer countries. The photo of our 'twinning certificate' is below. Thought it could be used to inspire parents to do the same especially when trying to buy the gift for someone who has everything.



LEGO CLUB

Lego Club was full of festive cheer this week. We would be very grateful for any donations of spare Lego that you might have. Please send it into school and it will be put to good use by our club.

Come along and join us on a Tuesday lunchtime.



SPORTS NEWS

BOULDERING

What a Performance from Our Climbers!

Last week, we took 15 of our talented climbers to Brighton Boulder to compete in the Inter-Schools Competition. The pupils were absolutely amazing—showing not only great ability but also incredible enthusiasm. They were a true credit to The Gregg School.

Overall, the school finished 13th out of 22 schools, and we're thrilled to share that some of our individual performances were outstanding!



Elise, Rose, Jana, and Evie all placed in the Top 10 for U16 females—a fantastic achievement!

For full results and more details, please visit [Inter-Schools 2025/6 - boulderbrighton.com](https://www.boulderbrighton.com).



NETBALL

Great Result for Our Year 9 Netballers!

Despite the cold and rain, our Year 9 netball team delivered an outstanding performance. They finished 4th out of 10 teams, narrowly missing out on 3rd place by just one point. Two of their losses

were by the slimmest margin—only one goal!

There were stand out performances from Lottie and Harriett, and we were thrilled to see Lucia and Annabel play their first matches. The girls showed incredible determination and teamwork throughout. Well done to everyone involved!



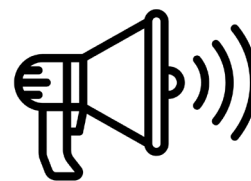
MOVEMBER RUN



"On the 8th of November, I took part in the annual 1 km Movember Run in Southampton Common. Many people dressed up and most wore fake moustache which are a symbol of the Movember movement. The run was challenging but fun. My brother and I raised 67 to support the Movember charity"

Well Alicia!

SHARE YOUR NEWS



We love celebrating the amazing things our students do outside of school.

Please send in any news that you would like us to share in our newsletter to us at:

marketing@thegreggschools.org

INDUSTRIAL CADETS

If you work in a stem industry you may be able to help our Industrial Cadets.

For the past nine years The Gregg School have entered one or two teams into the EDT Industrial Cadets competition.

Students pick a project, such as "My school is an Island" and "Theme Park for the Future", and they have to produce a report and PowerPoint presentation based on their research and findings.

The teams are sponsored and mentored by someone who works in a STEM industry, they advise on the research, reports and presentation,

as well as host a visit to their place of work for the team.

The Bronze Project sponsorship covers the team's place on the project and their Industrial Cadets accreditation at the end.

We have been mentored by Red Funnel and Leidos previously; however, this year we need a new company to support our very keen team of Year 8 students.

If you think you may be able to help, please email Mrs. Carrier for further information.

dc@thegreggschools.org



SANTA RUN

Thank you to everyone who supported our staff who ran in the Winchester Santa Fun Run. They raised two hundred and forty seven pounds for Naomi House and Jacks Place.



Bronze Industrial Cadets STUDENTS



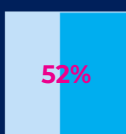
Thanks to our industry partnerships and trust funding, this year we have delivered 195 Bronze Project teams of up to six 12-14 year olds, totalling over 800 Bronze Industrial Cadets students who completed the programme across the UK.

% OF STUDENTS WHO RATED THEIR SKILLS AFTER THE BRONZE PROJECT AS 'VERY GOOD' OR 'EXCELLENT'

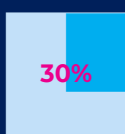
TEAMWORK: 89% CONFIDENCE: 79% COMMUNICATION: 82%

RESILIENCE: 82% PRESENTING: 76% LEADERSHIP: 70%

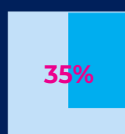
PROBLEM-SOLVING: 86%



...of students were female or non-binary



...of students were from minority ethnic backgrounds



...of engaged schools have higher than average FSM provision



On average, students rated their Industrial Cadets experience 4.4/5.

"It has really shown me the different career paths in STEM and has inspired me to become a civil engineer."

78% of students feel more confident and optimistic about their future and the opportunities available to them.

84% of students feel confident that anyone can have a career in STEM after completing the project.

91% of students rated their Bronze Industrial Cadets experience as 'very good' or 'excellent'.

58% of students feel more connected to employers.

73% of students feel they know more about different options available to them when they leave school.





Entrance Assessments

Year 9

For students currently in Year 9 who wish to join
The Gregg School, our Year 9 Assessment takes place on
Friday 9th January 2026

Year 6

Our senior school transitional entrance assessment for current
Year 6 wishing to join The Gregg School in Year 7 in
September 2026 takes place on
Saturday 24th January 2026

Open Mornings

The Gregg Prep - Thursday 24th February

The Gregg School - Thursday 12th March

9.30am-11.30am

Visitors are welcome to tour the school with our students,
talk to our teachers and visit the classrooms.

Please share with your friends and family!
Click here to book online.

FUTURE FROGS DATES

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY
PTA MEETING 16.00-17.00

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
VALENTINES SOCIAL 18:00-20:00

THURSDAY 21ST MAY
AFTERNOON TEA PICNIC 16:00- 17.30



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

We are delighted to share
that GoSport Activity Centre
will be joining us at The Gregg
School to deliver their Ofsted-
registered Holiday Activity
Camps throughout Easter,
Summer and Half-Term 2026.

These camps offer children
aged 5-15 (from Year 1)
the chance to enjoy a wide
range of outdoor and creative
activities in a safe, friendly
and engaging environment.
Sessions include archery,
climbing, bushcraft, STEM
challenges, cookery, LEGO
robotics, team sports,
axe-throwing and more —
all delivered by qualified and
DBS-checked instructors.

Bookings for all holiday
periods are now open.

www.gosportactivitycentre.co.uk/holidayactivitycamp/southampton



KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

Tuesday 6th January 2026
Start of term

Friday 9th January
Year 9 Entrance Assessment

Saturday 24th January
Year 6 Entrance Assessment

Wednesday 28th January,
FROGS PTA Meeting 4-5pm

Friday 2nd February,
KS3 Swimming Gala

Monday 9th February,
Wear Yellow Day and Cake Sale

Thursday 12th February,
FROGS Valentines Social

Friday 13th February,
Inset Day

16th February - 20th February,
Half Term



We'll end the year with these wonderful winter foxes drawn by some of our talented Year 8 artists.
Below left by Tam L and right by Emilia K.



Wishing you a peaceful and Joyous Christmas!

