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### Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and Volunteers,

**I am delighted to share that Glasshouses Community Primary School has been recognised as achieving Strong Standards in key areas** under Ofsted's new national inspection framework following our recent inspection on 19 May 2026.

The final report will be published on the Ofsted website in the coming days, and I am incredibly proud of what it says about our school community.

This inspection was carried out under Ofsted's new inspection framework, introduced nationally to provide a broader and more nuanced evaluation of school effectiveness. Rather than relying solely on a single overall judgement, the new framework recognises performance across a number of key areas, giving a richer and more balanced picture of a school's strengths and priorities.

**I am therefore pleased to share that Glasshouses was recognised as achieving Strong Standard in both:**

- **Attendance and Behaviour**
- **Personal Development and Wellbeing**

**All other areas were recognised as securely meeting national standards, with safeguarding fully meeting statutory requirements.**

The report celebrates so much of what makes Glasshouses such a special place.

Inspectors recognised our warm, nurturing and inclusive culture, the highly respectful relationships between staff and pupils, and the strong sense of belonging that exists across our school community.

They noted that pupils come to school prepared and eager to learn, demonstrating consistently high levels of kindness, courtesy and respect, with impeccable manners and genuine pride in their school.

I was particularly proud to see inspectors recognise that every pupil is a leader at Glasshouses and that our children are confident, articulate and actively engaged in both school life and the wider community.



This reflects the heart of our school vision:

**Believe. Achieve. Inspire.**

These are far more than words — they are the foundations of our culture.

We believe in every child and their unique potential.  
We support every child to achieve their very best.  
We inspire children to become confident, resilient and compassionate citizens.

The report also reflects the values we live by every day through **CHAMPS**, which shape our expectations, relationships and culture, helping every child to flourish both academically and personally.

I am especially proud that inspectors recognised the exceptional strength of our work in personal development, mental health and wellbeing, including the wide range of enrichment opportunities, leadership roles and support we provide to ensure every child feels valued, safe and included.

The report also acknowledges our strong attendance systems, high behavioural expectations, and the high-quality pastoral care that enables our pupils to thrive.

As with any inspection, the report also identifies areas for continued development, particularly in strengthening writing, deepening pupils' knowledge retention across the wider curriculum, and refining assessment so that gaps in learning are identified even more precisely.

We welcome this feedback.

At Glasshouses, we see school improvement as a continuous journey, not a destination. These next steps align closely with our existing priorities and will help us continue to strengthen the quality of education we provide.

I am also incredibly proud of the leadership at Glasshouses and across the federation. This report recognises the strength of leadership at all levels, including the clarity of vision, strong systems and unwavering commitment to inclusion that underpin our work.

As Executive Headteacher, I feel incredibly proud and privileged to lead Glasshouses Community Primary School. Leading this school is both a responsibility and a joy. I am deeply proud of the culture we have built together — one rooted in high expectations, belonging, opportunity and ambition for every child.

**This outcome is a reflection of collective effort.**

I would like to thank our exceptional staff team for their unwavering dedication, professionalism and care; our governors for their support and challenge; our families for their continued trust and partnership; and, most importantly, our wonderful pupils, who inspire us every single day.

I feel enormously proud to lead this wonderful school and to serve such a special community.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue our journey together.

Warmest wishes,

Miss Nicola Thornber  
Executive Headteacher