



Newsletter

14th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

For a lovely start to the week I enjoyed a steaming hot cup of hot chocolate with Jack from Cranes, who is their unsung hero.

This has been an exciting week for children in Year 2 across both sites. The school has been visited by a local firefighting crew, who have shown the children all around their fire engine, including squirting water from the hose and tooting the horn, and demonstrated their protective clothing and why they wear it. As well as being fun for the children, understanding fire safety is an important part of the curriculum. Don't be surprised if your children are reminding you to check the batteries on your smoke alarm this week.

On Wednesday I enjoyed a delicious roast dinner with a group of extremely well mannered children from Key Stage 2 at Derwent Road who were chosen by the Midday Supervisors for their exemplary behaviour at lunchtime. Cece, Delphi-Lilac, Ayo, Grayson, Eduardo, Mireya, Ethan and I talked about our favourite colours and computing lessons.

At Kestrel Way this week the children have enjoyed visiting the Book Fair, organised by our Reading Lead Mrs. Iley. It has been lovely to see the children browsing the books and talking about the different titles and which ones they would like to read. Thank you to those parents who have made purchases – the school receives a contribution towards books from the total spend.

The Senior Leadership Team has been conducting lesson evaluations this week, as part of our ongoing cycle of monitoring and scrutiny to quality assure the work going on in classrooms. At the moment we are looking at our Maths lessons, ensuring that the correct pedagogy is in evidence, and also how we are using Oracy to promote the children's learning.

This week we have writing from Freddie and Hannah from Reception at Kestrel Way and Derwent Road.

Friday is Children in Need, or "Pudsey Day". Thank you in advance for your generous donations towards this very worthy cause. Derwent Road raised £116.27 and Kestrel Way raised £122.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,
Head Teacher



Greenleas' Value of the Month for November is...

Co-operation

Co-operation is working together to achieve a common goal.

To help deepen your child's understanding of our value this month, you could discuss these questions: Can you name some things you do at school and at home that require co-operation? What makes working in groups fun? What can make it not fun? Why is it better when people co-operate?

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:
Amaya
Kestrel Way:
Seyon



Tidy Tortoise

Kestrel Way:
Plovers
Derwent Road:
Robins



Derwent Road

Join us for a Sleep Support Session with the school nurse.

Thursday 20th November
9:00 - 9:30am Phoenix Room

Click the icon to visit our school social media channels.



LO: To give meaning to my marks

Autumn 2 Patten's Pumpkin



plant
A L T
lovely flowers.
W U V F I

Freddie

LO: To give meaning to my marks

Autumn 2 Patten's Pumpkin



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G O P

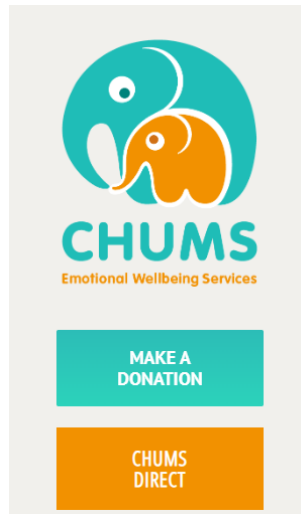
Hannah 11.11.25.

Year 2 had an exciting visit from the fire service this week, who taught the children all about how to stay safe around fire. The firefighters showed the class their fire engine, letting everyone take a look inside at the special equipment they use during emergencies. The highlight of the visit was having a go with the hose, where the children learned how firefighters control water to put out flames. Throughout the session, the team explained important safety rules—like testing smoke alarms, keeping away from matches, and knowing what to do if there's ever a fire at home. It was a fun, hands-on experience that helped the children understand the vital work firefighters do every day.



Virtual Psychoeducation Workshops

Dates/times and workshop details can be found at: <https://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service/#workshops> – Please note you will need to scroll to the bottom of the page to see the dates/times as well as the referral form. Families will need to clearly identify which workshop(s) they would like to sign up to within the referral form.



These workshops are designed as a starting point for families with children who have low level difficulties and may not have accessed support from mental health services. If parents are concerned that their child's problem is causing a moderate/severe impact on their life or they are presenting with risky behaviours (self-harm, suicidal ideations), then these series of workshops are unlikely to address these concerns. If this is the case we would recommend making a CHUMS referral on our website; <https://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service/#referral> for further support.

SEND

Coffee Afternoon

Focus: Healthy diet

Where: Greenleas Kestrel Way

When: Monday 17th November
2.30-3.30pm



The school nurse will be in attendance

DERWENT ROAD PTA PRESENTS

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
3.30 - 5.15



Christmas

MOVIE NIGHT

£8

This event will take place instead of the

Elf Workshop this year.

Save the date! Tickets will be available on the app and will include popcorn, biscuit, drink, festive colouring and a Christmas gift. Christmas movie titles will be announced shortly. More details to follow!

YOUR GUIDE TO PUPIL PREMIUM RECEPTION - YEAR 4

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is additional government funding provided to schools to support students from low income houses to reach their full educational potential. Schools receive this funding to support these pupils through tailored interventions, such as tutoring, enrichment activities, or wellbeing support, with the aim of closing the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their peers.

How does it help your child?

When your child is registered as Pupil Premium the following support may be available in school:

- Additional learning support in class or in small groups,
- Access to a nurture breakfast each morning,
- Priority booking for parent consultation meetings,
- Access to a private Speech Therapist,
- Support with sourcing uniform,
- Access to one free after-school club for a term,
- Financial support during the school holidays to help with food costs,
- Bespoke free events just for pupils and families such as breakfast book club, or trips to the local library.
- Support during holidays with Holiday Activity clubs with free trips to pantomimes, experiences such as being a zookeeper for the day all free of charge through Central Bedfordshire,

How to apply.

Central Bedfordshire now automatically check families eligibility for Free School Meals and will contact families directly. However if you have had a change in circumstances either financially or with the people living in your home you can call 0300 300 8000 to update them and check eligibility.

If you need any help then please call the school office or ask for Mrs Hawkins (Derwent Road) or Ms Bird (Kestrel Way) and they will all be more than happy to help you through the process.

Who is eligible?

Anyone who receives the following benefits qualify for Pupil Premium support in school:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit - if you applied on or after 1st April 2018 your annual household income must be less than £7,400 (after tax and not including any benefits you get).









**Kestrel Way PTA:
Advent Calendar Raffle 2025**

**TICKETS ON SALE VIA GATEWAY
APP FROM 3.11.25 TO 26.11.25**

1 TICKET	£1
5 TICKETS	£4.50
10 TICKETS	£8

**OVER 40
CALENDARS UP
FOR GRABS!**

DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON 27.11.25


Ptakw@greenleas.net

Advent calendar raffle


£1 for 1 entry
£4.50 for 5
£8 for 10

Enter on the school app (paper tickets will not be issued, every entry will be numbered and a random number generator will be used to select the winning entries.)

We have over 20 advent calendar's to win! Chocolate, toy and book calendars are up for grabs! Raffle will close on November 21st and winners announced November 27th.



DERWENT ROAD PTA



Central Bedfordshire Council
Road Safety Education Team
Email: RoadSafety.Education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Polite request

We realise that some parents/carers have no alternative but to drive their child/ren to school. Most drivers are respectful to the road markings and restrictions around the school proximity by parking away from the school and walking the short distance to reach their destination, which also enables children the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with parents on the way. This helps build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk when walking around their local community.

We all have a responsibility to ensure everyone is safe when going to and from school. We can do this by not:

- stopping in the middle of the road even for a few seconds to drop off children.
- blocking the road that emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access to
- parking on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- parking where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- sitting in the vehicle with the engine running
- parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction or where there are bollards in situ
- parking on the pavement, H bars, or across dropped kerbs and residents' driveways
- getting children out of the car on the road side where traffic is trying to pass

By following the polite request above you can make a huge difference to the congestion around schools, making it safer and less stressful for all.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Central Bedfordshire Council
Road Safety Education Team
Email: RoadSafety.Education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House, Monks Walk
Chicksands, Shefford
Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ

Telephone 0300 300 8000
Email customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Kestrel Way PTA

Volunteers needed

Kestrel Way PTA are looking for:

- New members to help us plan and take part in quarterly meetings
- Committee members for specific events, including Mother's Day and Father's Day events, where we need a team of people to review, research, plan and organise these to help give back to parents
- Volunteers- want to take part in events? Contact us by email or join our WhatsApp group

Can't commit to helping at the events? No problem, we are always looking for help with spreading information, assisting with uniform sales, helping with donations or sometimes the behind-the-scenes organisation.

Please contact ptakw@greenles.net if you can help in any way.

Thank you!



MAKE THEM HEAR YOU

BEDFORDSHIRE MUSIC CPD DAY



Be among the first to bring **Make Them Hear You** into your classroom!

This CPD will equip you to lead inclusive and diverse music lessons that inspire and empower your students. Explore our brand-new 8-lesson unit aimed at Year 5's, introducing opera and classical music of African and Asian heritage. Fully aligned to the National Curriculum, the unit addresses the lack of diverse representation in classical music education and is designed for non-specialist teachers.

Leave with a ready-to-teach programme and adaptable resources to bring **creativity, inclusivity and engagement** to your school from day one!



REGISTER NOW

ONLY 20 FREE PLACES SO REGISTER NOW!
& HALF-DAY TEACHER COVER AVAILABLE & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Thursday 20th
November
1-5pm

PUTNOE PRIMARY SCHOOL,
BEDFORD



NATE
HOLDER



JOHANNE
HUDSON-LETT

OFF ROAD OFF LIMITS E-SCOOTERS & E-BIKES



Bedfordshire Police is taking firm action against the illegal use of e-scooters and other e-vehicles in public places.

THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

These vehicles are not road legal unless part of an approved rental scheme - **there is currently no such scheme active in Bedfordshire.**

Privately owned e-scooters and e-bikes cannot be insured, making their use in public spaces illegal.

If you are caught riding an e-scooter, e-bike or any other offroad vehicle in a public road or any other public space, **your vehicle may be seized and destroyed.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REPORT NUISANCE VEHICLES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.BEDS.POLICE.UK



NOT MY CHILD

* PARENTS BOSS
* EXPLOITATION
* KNIFE CRIME
* COUNTY LINES

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS

JOIN US FOR AN EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES

WHY ATTEND?

- **HEAR REAL STORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- **RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- **EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- **SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can offer further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.

5:45PM - 9:15PM
WEDS 19 NOVEMBER 2025
CEDARS UPPER SCHOOL
LEIGHTON BUZZARD



Bedfordshire Police



UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfnc>.