



Newsletter

13th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent consultations this week. I hope you felt the meetings were informative and productive.

The unsung hero of Robins was Harry, who came and enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate with me in my office this week.

On Wednesday I was joined for roast dinner by children from KS1 and Reception at Kestrel Way. Riley, Rosie, Nojus, Archie, Dottie, Iris and I talked about the texture of jelly and whether we liked it, if we had any siblings that came to Greenleas, and what happens to wobbly teeth.

On Thursday I had high tea with children from Kestrel Way who had been nominated for the values of Trust and Caring. We munched on cucumber sticks and biscuits while we chatted about our plans for half term, and I thanked Oliver, Frankie, Harry T, Dironn, Theo and Lyra for being such fantastic role models for the school.

Also this week I also enjoyed high tea with children from Derwent Road who had been nominated for the values of Trust and Caring. Livvie, Vanessa, Henri, Albie, Caterina and I enjoyed a lovely chat over cake and cucumber.

This week we have a Hot Write from Joseph in Year 4 at Kestrel Way.

Please see the attached flyer about the petition to keep Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre open. Currently the plan is to close the old Leisure Centre in Linslade once the new facility is available in April. This will not significantly increase the capacity across the town – more information is in the petition, for you to make up your own mind.

Please note we will be closing slightly earlier on the last day of term at 1.15pm on Friday March 27th and Friday July 17th. We are giving advance notice so that you have time to make collection arrangements if needed, as there will be no After School Club. This change is to bring us in line with other local schools and the middle schools.

Also please be aware that for the next half term I will be spending the majority of my time at Kestrel Way during Miss Grossman's (DHT) cancer treatment. We are also sending her and her family our very best wishes during this difficult time.

With best wishes for the half term break.

Rebecca Clarke,

Head Teacher



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

Caring

Caring is not just about doing something. You can be caring with your thoughts and spend time with someone. You can be caring by giving someone a smile or a hug, especially when they really need it.

Sometimes, some people feel that caring means spending a lot of money that they maybe don't have. Homemade presents are cheaper and often appreciated more because you have been generous with your time and really thought about your gift.

Sometimes you might think that the person you want to share with already has a lot of things. Instead you could be caring and use your money to buy books for children in Africa, a goat for a poor family, donate some money to charity. All of these things are ways of showing that you care.

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:
Summer
Kestrel Way:
Victoria



Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:

Nightingales

Kestrel Way:

Plovers



Click the icon to visit our school social media channels.





Earthquakes

Earthquakes are sudden, violent, shaking of the ground caused by the release of a build-up of energy. Earthquakes happen when tectonic plates sift and grind against each other at fault lines. To know about lots of earthquake facts like how many earthquakes happen in two minutes. Read on to find out.

Preparation for an Earthquake

At school, people practice hiding under there table. Plastic is used for windows in Japan. When an earthquake happens do not run because trees or homes might fall. If your outside find a large open space. In the future, better technology will help people to know when an earthquake happens.

Location of Earthquakes

Lots of earthquakes in Japan are strong. The world is cracked in 7 pieces they are called tectonic plates. Earthquakes happen mainly in the ring of fire. The ring of fire is in the Pacific Ocean.

Facts about Earthquakes

Sometimes earthquakes are followed by a tsunami if it's near the sea. Every 30 second there is an earthquake in the world. Not to worry some are minor. The Richter scale is a scale that goes up to 9.9. The largest record on the Richter scale is in Chile on May 22nd 1960.

So, remember the crust is divided into 7 tectonic plates that constantly move. Sometimes when an earthquake happens find lots of space so you don't get hurt. If you are at school duck under a table.

Friday 27th February Pancake Party!



Join us at Derwent Road after school club for a Pancake Party, 3:30-5:30pm! We will be enjoying yummy pancakes and lots of other fun activities. Please book your sessions as usual via the app to secure a space.



Greenleas School is delighted to welcome author and illustrator

Yuval Zommer

to our school

12th March 2026

book

Book Leighton Buzzard
3 High Street Mews, LU7 1EA
fb/insta: @bookleightonbuzzard



'Bedtime stories are the best and healthiest way to settle your child'

Birth to 5 years

YOUR TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER SCREEN TIME

'Studies have shown that too much screen time can cause babies and toddlers to **learn fewer words** and have **slower language development**. Excessive use of screens is also being strongly linked to **behavioural difficulties** in very young children.'



0 - 24 months



2 - 5 year olds



Bigger is better



Watching lots of short videos is being linked to concentration difficulties in children.



Try a cuddle or a game



Phones, tablets and computers should not be in any child's bedroom overnight.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 NO screen time** between **birth - 24 months** except for video chatting with family and friends.
- 2 30 MINS screen time.** Children aged **2 - 5 years old** should not be on screens for more than **30 mins per day.**
- 3 BIGGER screens.** If your child is ready to **play a short game** then try to use a larger screen like a **tablet or computer screen.** These cause less visual strain than a phone.
- 4 AVOID** using a device to **settle your child** down. Evidence shows this makes their anger and frustration worse in later life. **Instead try a book, a game outdoors, or just a cuddle.**
- 5 *SLEEP HYGIENE.** Under **5s** should **not use a screen** for at least **2 HOURS BEFORE BEDTIME,** to aid their natural sleep pattern.

*'SLEEP HYGIENE' is a term used for healthy habits and behaviours that help support a good night's sleep.

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SCAN ME

Central Bedfordshire

Petition to Protect Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre

URGENT CALL

We're so close but we need you!



We urgently need
141 more signatures
to secure a full council debate

Deadline: 17 February 2026
SIGN • SHARE • ACT NOW

Every signature truly counts



Visit the Central Bedfordshire Council website

→ Search for Live E-Petitions

→ Protect Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre



Kestrel Way PTA

Mother's Day Surprise room

Children will have the chance to choose a gift for someone special this Mother's Day.

£5 per gift paid via the Gateway app

Payments will need to be made by Sunday 1st March for gifts to be chosen on Wednesday 11th March

Available to all year groups, including pre-school and pre-reception



DERWENT ROAD PTA

EASTER SHOW

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

3.30-5.30


£8 PER CHILD

Reception - year 4

We have invited a theatre company to bring their Easter show to school! This will be an event for children only, straight after school. The children will have a drink and snack in their classrooms, before the show in the hall. Collection will be from the hall, via the school reception. Any questions please email PTAfrogs@hotmail.com

Please inform us of any allergies your child has in the comment section when booking. Spaces are limited. Booking will close once we reach capacity.

Thank you for Your support

Greenleas PTA

Dear all, 30/01/2026

Easyfundraising.org.uk

The PTA have managed to sign up to the easyfundraising.org.uk website and create an account that all of you would be able to follow and support, should you wish.

What is it?

Over 8000 retailers have gathered together to support charities by providing a small amount of funds every time someone who is an easyfundraiser purchases items from a retailer via their site or app.

How it works...

You can either download their app or access their website. You can identify which charity you wish to support and then select the retailer you wish to use and continue shopping as usual.

You can sign up as either an individual or as a business who wishes to provide their support. There is no extra cost to yourself and the retailer will donate money based on your spendings, to the charity of your choice.


Where can I shop?

Over 8000 online retailers are involved. These include: Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, Sainsbury, Morrisons, Asda and more!

Want to know more? Don't hesitate to reach out 😊

PTA at Greenleas School, Kestrel Way

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