



Newsletter

27th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. I am looking forward to seeing all your wonderful World Book Day attire next Thursday March 6th. Children are invited to come to school either in their pyjamas or dressed as their favourite book character. This could be anyone from Science Fiction to a favourite Sporting Character as long as children can talk about the book and how and why this character has inspired them to read it. Outfits should be comfortable and practical (children will be playing outside as usual).

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

On Wednesday, Mrs Horne enjoyed lunch with Theo, Lyla, Poppy, Joshua, Nala, Orla and Freya from Key Stage 1 at Derwent Road. They chatted about their favourite foods, which included pizza and spaghetti bolognese.

This week we have a Hot Write from Dexter in Year 3 at Derwent Road.

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.

As previously mentioned, this 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 weekend.

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:
Reuben
Kestrel Way:
Zeenia



Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Eagles
Kestrel Way:
Pre-school



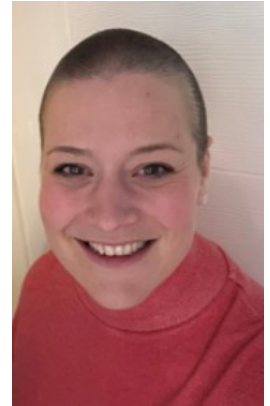
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Miss Grossman would like to pass on her sincere thanks for all the kind wishes and thoughtful gifts she has received. She has been particularly touched by the gifts for her son and passes on his thanks also.

As you know Miss Grossman is committed to supporting children, and despite her illness continues to have them as her focus. In a generous act Miss Grossman had her head shaved last night and has donated her hair to The Princess Trust.

We are proud of Miss Grossman and grateful to belong to such a caring and supportive Greenleas family.



Albie and The feather of Doom!



One morning, Albie woke up to a terrible surprise. There was a parrot's feather on his desk. The timing couldn't have been worse! He was supposed to go to the jungle the next day!

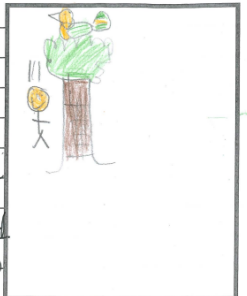
When dawn broke, Albie packed his bag. "Maybe I should put the feather in as well," he thought. However, at that exact moment lava poured out of the feather.


Petrified, he felt as if a magical wind was pushing him towards the feather. Albie walked towards the feather, picked it up, and put it in his bag. Then he went to school. When he arrived, he heard some people screaming.



"Help! Help!" they cried. Enthusiastically, Albie walked towards them and saw a parrot. He took a step, then a swarm of mosquitoes appeared. Albie ran to the trees, climbed up, and put the feather on the parrot.

Albie jumped down and combined with his friends. Then we saw a note that read: "His step-brother was better because of him."





Greenleas School is delighted to welcome author and illustrator

Yuval Zommer

to our school

12th March 2026

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World Book Day

MAIN MENU
Storytime Sausage & Mash with Gravy (Pork or Plant Sausage (Ve) (Free From*))
or
Bookworm Green Pesto Spaghetti with Herby Garlic Bread (v)

SERVED WITH
Page-Turning Peas and Chapter Carrots

DESSERT
Readers Rice Crispy Squares or Wordy Watermelon Wedge
(Jacket Potato & Cold Options available where applicable)

5TH OF MARCH

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Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. * Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan



'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.'

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.

0 - 24 months

30 mins
2 - 5 year olds

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

Bigger is better

Try a cuddle or a game

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

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

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BIG WALK AND WHEEL

16 - 27 March 2026

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust Headline sponsor SCHWALBE

We're taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026 challenge.

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 16 - 27 March.

- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- Help us win some fantastic prizes

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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.



Mother's Day Surprise Room Wednesday 11th March

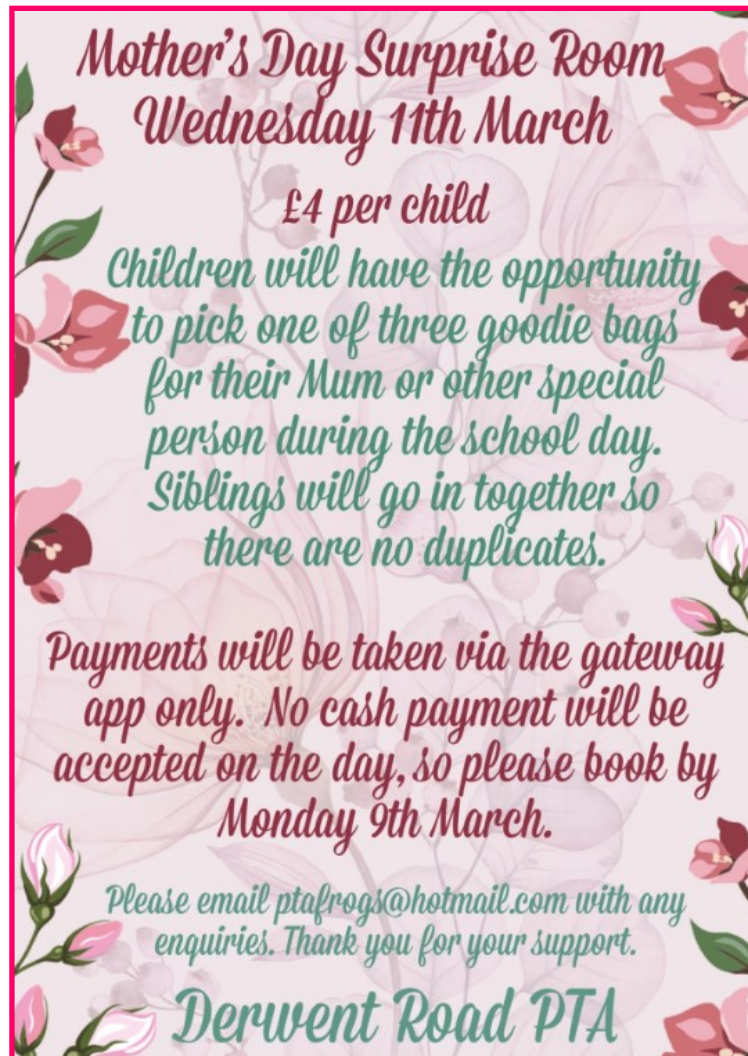
£4 per child

Children will have the opportunity to pick one of three goodie bags for their Mum or other special person during the school day. Siblings will go in together so there are no duplicates.

Payments will be taken via the gateway app only. No cash payment will be accepted on the day, so please book by Monday 9th March.

Please email ptafrogs@hotmail.com with any enquiries. Thank you for your support.

Derwent Road PTA



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*

