



Newsletter

28th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

Please can I make an appeal for new members to join our Parent Forum at both sites. Whilst we do have a couple of parents who have been part of this group who still remain, we could really do with some representation for children in the lower end of the school to make sure the voices of those parents are also heard. I understand that this is a busy time of year, and it may be difficult to speak to everyone and attend a meeting before the end of term, but do please consider giving some of your time from the New Year.

On Monday I enjoyed a delicious cup of hot chocolate with Ellie from Herons, who is their unsung hero.

On Wednesday I enjoyed lunch with children from Key Stage 1 at Derwent Road. Hudson, Tom, Lottie, Demi-Marie, Meya, Mollie, Rose and I enjoyed our packed lunches and school dinners, whilst we discussed what we liked to eat, what our cats had been up to, and where we were going on holiday.

Last weekend I paid a visit to the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints to enjoy the beautifully decorated trees to mark the start of the festive celebrations in town, including those from our own Early Years at both sites. The event was incredibly well attended. Perhaps I will see some of you on Friday at the Lights Switch On.

This week we have Hot Writes from Claudia and Sofia from Year 3 at Kestrel Way and Derwent Road.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,
Head Teacher

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

Peace

Peace means to have an inner contentment that can touch the lives of others. Dictionary meaning: freedom from disturbance; tranquillity.

- Peace is being quiet inside.
- Peace is having good feelings inside.
- Peace is when people get along and do not argue or hurt someone.
- Peace is having positive (optimistic) thoughts for myself and others.
- Peace begins within each one of us.

Question to discuss:

Why can't everybody live in peace? What words can you think of that relate to 'peace'?

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:
Grayson S
Kestrel Way:
Oliver



Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Eagles



Click the icon to visit our school social media channels.



Tuesday 18th November 2025

Hot write 2: Rags to Riches.

Emma was a ^{beautiful} girl she lived in a ^{poor} town were old people go but she wanted to be a movie star but she could not because ^{there was no internet} her mum and dad said it was nonsense so the ^{parents} said no!

She cried because she ^{red} ^{stories} but her mum and dad ^{to} ripped her books. suddenly her ^{parents} said we are moving to Hollywood in ^{the} year she saw woodpeckers in the trees.

Emma saw a farm. So she told her ^{parents} to stay there when they ^{settled} in Emma had to go to school her class mates were herendos!

But one day at class we were doing music. So she ^{sang} ^{beautifully} then the music teacher saw Emma so she would be famous so she did. So she lived happily ever after.

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Hot write 2: Rags to Riches.

Once ~~there~~ there was a girl called Bilinder. She lived in a village with her ^{love} mum. Bilinder wanted to be an artist one day. There was no art clubs where she lived. There was not a ^{single} club where she lived.

Bilinder ^{was} ^{to} very sad. She ^{really} wanted to go to an art club. ^{because} she's not very good at art. There's no art clubs ^{therefore} she's not getting better. One day she heard an advert on the radio. ^{it} said ~~there~~ there's lots of art clubs in New York ^{so} she asked her mum if they could move there.

In the morning, Bilinder and ~~her~~ her mum ~~could~~ catch the first flight ~~when~~ when she woke up. When she got there ~~there~~ the people said you haven't brought this house. People were very welcoming to her. ^{Mascara} ran down her cheeks and she wasn't happy.

Bilinder was all grown up and she earned some ~~money~~ money to buy a house. Also to get some art lessons. ^{People} said she should paint ^{pictures} pictures in them.

Bilinder was very happy and she lived. She loved her life. Bilinder was

Very famous one day.

After lunch, we boarded the coach with our friends and teachers, ready to go to Milton Keynes Theatre to see Mary Poppins the Musical. We were very excited and sang supercalifragilisticexpialidocious on the bus. When we arrived, we took our seats and waited for the performance to begin. We had a great view and once it started there was silence in the theatre. At the start of the show they introduced all of the characters. The first half of the show focused on meeting the wonderful Mary Poppins and learning about her eccentric personality. After a few more songs it was the interval. We had two packets of raisins! In the second half, they were singing supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and everyone joined in and started clapping! At the end of the show everyone was singing together and Mary Poppins came onto the stage flying! It was just magical!

'It was amazing – I would love to see it again!' (Anya).

'What an amazing show!' (Liesl)

5 Stars!

Reviewed by Elara, Arya, Isabelle, Anya and Liesl – Year 3.

(Miss Adams' Friday Writing Club)

Could You Be a School Governor at Greenleas Lower School?

Or do you know someone who could?

Greenleas Lower School is looking for new governors to join our friendly and committed Governing Board. This is a fantastic opportunity to support your child's school and help shape its future.

What does a governor do?

Governors play a vital role in:

- Supporting and challenging school leadership
- Helping set the school's strategic direction
- Ensuring the best outcomes for all pupils

Who can be a governor?

You don't need to be an education expert—just someone who cares about children's learning and well-being. We welcome:

- Parents and carers
- Grandparents
- Family members
- Friends or neighbours
- Anyone in the community with a passion for education

What's the commitment?

Governors attend meetings throughout the year and contribute their time, ideas, and experience. Full training and support are provided, and the role can fit around work and family life.

To apply, complete the [application form](#) (at the bottom of the 'Greenleas Governors' web page)

Application window: 21.11.2025-01.12.2025

Please email your application to office@greenleas.net



Freddie, Jamie and Emmie from Kestrel Way recently volunteered in -4°C temperatures to support the DENS charity sleepout event. DENS is a local homeless charity, and they represented JamVans by helping to hand out cardboard to participants ahead of the sponsored sleepout.

Despite the freezing conditions, they did a fantastic job and showed great commitment, teamwork and kindness throughout the evening. Their efforts reflect the Greenleas Values brilliantly, and we are very proud of them. Well done Freddie, Jamie and Emmie!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
3:30 - 5:15PM

Tickets are limited, so book as soon as you can! Each ticket costs £8 and includes a drink, popcorn, festive snack and Christmas gift.

Please note this event is for Reception - Year 4 only.



KESTREL WAY, PTA

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS AVAILABLE

FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND PRE-RECEPTION CHILDREN ONLY

£4.50

As these children are too young for our Elf Workshop, the PTA have put together some gift bags instead. These will contain an elf hat, craft activities, reindeer food and some little gifts. If you would like to order a bag please do so via the gateway app. Bags will be distributed around 11th December 2025.

Kestrel Way

A BIG Thank You for all the car donations. We now have enough of these 😊

The school are now in need of any

PRE-LOVED BUCKETS & SPADES PLEASE