



# Newsletter

6th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

On Monday we were audited for Safeguarding by Central Bedfordshire. This was a very rigorous process, which looked at our safeguarding practice in granular detail, from an in depth review of our Single Central Record, a policy and process check, to case sampling of our Child Protection records. We will receive a full and detailed report in due course, which will be shared with governors, but the Safeguarding team found the process to be very productive, with specific feedback to help us show and measure improvement.

Harpie, Liliana, Isabelle, Joshua, Jack and Ananya from KS2 at Kestrel Way joined me in the hall on Wednesday this week. Firstly, we mopped up a flood when one of the elegant but spindly water flutes fell over. Then we talked about whether we were dressing up for World Book Day and, if so, who we were going to be. We talked about the different dogs and cats that we owned, and the different countries that we owned them in.

Governors met for their 4<sup>th</sup> full board meeting of the year at Kestrel Way on Wednesday this week. Our revised behaviour policy is due for approval this month; we are currently trialling a more systematic approach, which we believe will be more transparent for parents, clearer to children, and improve consistency. Governors have agreed to extend the current policy until May, whilst this is under trial, at which point it will be communicated with you.

We all enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday, with a focus on poetry and an opportunity to “shop” for our books in school using our World Book Day vouchers.

The unsung hero of Doves was Alma, who came and enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate with me in my office today.

We have a Hot Write this week from Isaac in Year 2 at Kestrel Way.

Please note we will be closing slightly earlier on the last day of term at 1.15pm on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,  
Head Teacher



**Greenleas’ Value of the Month for March is...**

## Appreciation

To help deepen your child's understanding of our value this month, you could discuss these questions:

- Who do you appreciate?
- Why do we appreciate them?
- How do you show them you appreciate them?
- What do you have that you appreciate?

## Star of the Week

**Derwent Road:**  
Jacob M  
**Kestrel Way:**  
Evie L



## Tidy Tortoise

**Derwent Road:**  
Robins



Click the icon to visit our school social media channels.



LO- To write a 'tale of fear'

The frog who was afraid of getting lost - Fred was a frog who was afraid of getting lost.

Later on Fred heard his family croaking loudly.

First he met a bird herita he said it's okay to get lost because you can play with us.

Then a few hours after he saw a nice snake it's okay to get lost because you can have help with a friend.

Then back after he went

LO- To write a 'tale of fear'

taste sleep.

he was dreaming about all the fun things he could do the next day.

After that Fred over came his fear and he never got lost again. Fred jumped to a lily pad and met some new friends.

friends

By Isaac



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



You and your child are invited!

**PRE-RECEPTION DUCKS CLASS OPEN MORNING**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

9am - 10am

Ducks at Derwent Road is now open to book for children turning 4 between September 2026 and August 2027. We offer childcare from 7:30am to 5:30pm, with full access to our Before and After School Club.

Whether your little one loves stories, building, painting or making new friends, Ducks is the perfect place to begin their school adventure.



Greenleas School  
Telephone: 01525 371 735



# LLSSP EASTER HAF ACTIVITY CAMP

## Activity Programme

Action packed sports and enrichment activities including: Trampolining, Cooking, Glow Sports, plus many more delivered by our qualified staff.

**SCHOOL YEARS 4 - 10**



**ALL CHILDREN TO BE PROVIDED WITH A HOT MEAL**

Central  
Bedfordshire

7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

10am - 3.00pm

VANDYKE UPPER SCHOOL

Vandyke Road  
LU7 3DY

BOOK USING YOUR  
CHILDS UNIQUE HAF CODE



# 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

[www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk](http://www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk)

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*'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**: No screen time.
- 2 - 5 year olds**: **30 mins** screen time per day.

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

**Bigger is better**: Use larger screens like a tablet or computer screen.

**Try a cuddle or a game**: Avoid using a device to settle your child down.

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

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- NO screen time** between birth - 24 months except for video chatting with family and friends.
- 30 MINS screen time**. Children aged 2 - 5 years old should not be on screens for more than 30 mins per day.
- 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.
- 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.**
- 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.

Accepted by NHS England Mental Health Leads

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR SAFER SCREENS

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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 1<sup>st</sup> March for gifts to be chosen on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

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



# Mother's Day Surprise Room

## Wednesday 11th March

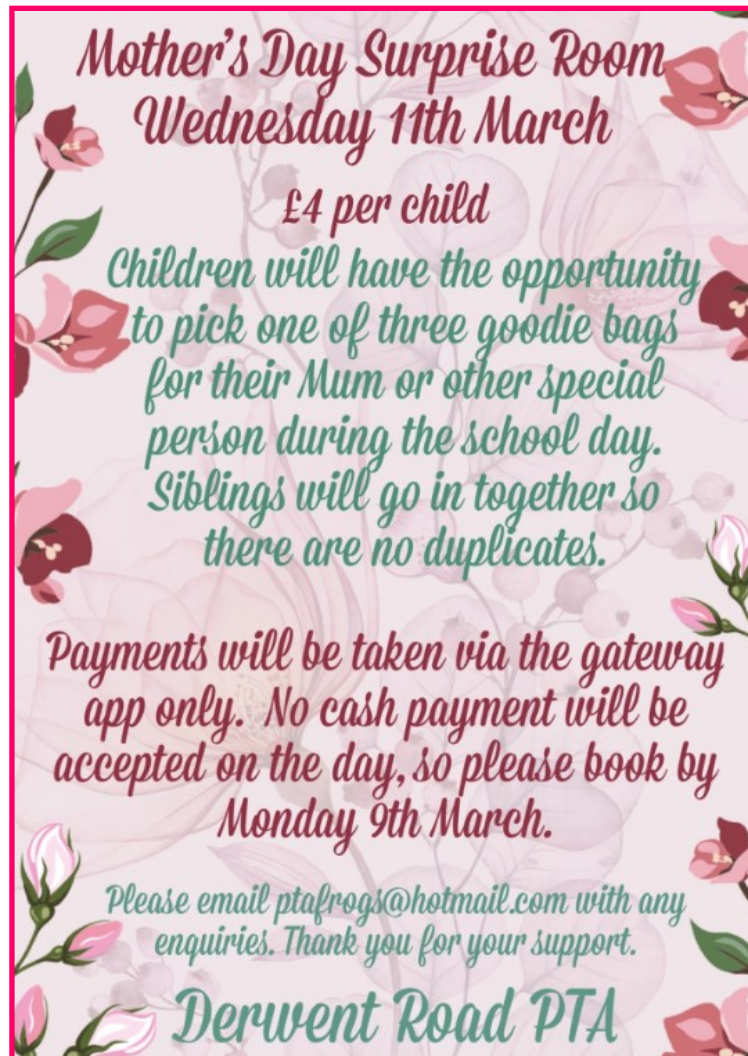
**£4 per child**

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 [ptafrags@hotmail.com](mailto:ptafrags@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 [PTAfrags@hotmail.com](mailto:PTAfrags@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*



DERWENT ROAD PTA

# EASTER TRAIL HUNT

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

3.30-4.30 IN AND AROUND THE PLAYGROUND

**THIS IS AN EVENT FOR ALL, FROM PRE-SCHOOL TO YEAR 4!**

JOIN US TO HUNT FOR EASTER CLUES HIDDEN IN AND AROUND THE PLAYGROUND AND WIN A EASTER TREAT! WE WILL ALSO HAVE AN ADOPT A TEDDY STALL!

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN EVENT TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD SO EVERY CHILD MUST HAVE THEIR ADULT PRESENT.

**PAY £3 FOR THE EASTER TRAIL ON OUR APP!**

**THE ADOPT A TEDDY WILL BE £1 ON THE DAY, CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED**

*Thank you for your support*





OVER 10,000 CHILDREN ATTENDED!

FILM NEGATIVE

### CHOOSE FROM

**FUTURE FOOTBALL**  
IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS WITH OUR FA COACHES; PLAYERS WILL FOCUS ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND FUN SMALL SIDED MATCHES AND TEAM CHALLENGES! WITH TOP EQUIPMENT LIKE TARGET NETS, SPEED RADAR, REBOUND WALLS, REBOUND NETS, FOOTBALL MANNEQUINS AND MORE! ALL ON A 3G FOOTBALL PITCH! ALSO CHANCE TO HAVE A GO ON OUR FOOTBALL INFLATABLES - DARTS, POOL, TARGET AND BOWLING!

**FUTURE SPORTS**  
FUN, SAFE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING; 60FT INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE, INFLATABLE WRECKING BALL CHALLENGE, LASER TAG, QUIDDITCH, SCOOTERS, STREET SURFING, GO-KARTS, ARCHERY, NERF WARS, BALL GAMES, INDOOR CURLING, TENNIS, TRI GOLF, KWIK CRICKET, ROUNDBERS, ATHLETICS, OUTDOOR & ADVENTURE AND MORE! WITH USE OF A LARGE FIELD, PLAYGROUND, 3G AND SPORTS HALL!

**FUTURE STARZ**  
CREATIVE, FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDING: STREET DANCE, CHEER DANCE, DISCO DANCE, MUSICAL DANCE, DRAMA, DAILY ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY, ARTS & CRAFTS, OUTDOOR NATURE EXPLORERS AND OUTDOOR YOGA, WITH THE USE OF A LARGE HALL AND LARGE FIELD!

Certificates TFG branded prizes  
Sports Star Awards 50+ACTIVITIES Daily prizes

- Please book online before your child's first day.
- Packed lunch, snacks and drinks are required.
- \*\*Please note: all TFG Camps are nut-free zones\*\*
- Sessions that are not attended are still charged unless 10 days notice is given.
- Booking is acceptance of our full terms and conditions found at [www.tfgcamps.com](http://www.tfgcamps.com)



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# EASTER CAMP

5-13 YEAR OLDS!

## 3 COURSES

### 50+ACTIVITIES

**Week 1**  
MON 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

**Week 2**  
TUES 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Times**  
8.30AM TO 4PM

**Day pass**  
**£27.50**

**8am drop £3**  
**5.30pm stay £6**

**TFG10 for 10% off!**  
(exp 20/3/26)

**CHOOSE FROM**

- FUTURE FOOTBALL**
- FUTURE SPORTS (MULTI SPORT)**
- FUTURE STARZ**

**Activities**

- ✓ 3G Pitch
- ✓ Sports Halls
- ✓ Qualified Coaches
- ✓ Ofsted registered
- ✓ Established 15 years

**Cedars Upper School**  
Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2AE

**Book online**  
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## Free Webinars for Parents & Carers



### Parents & Carers Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

Please note there are two parts to the parent events, and you will need to register for each independently. This session is suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This is an opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world.

If you think these events may be of interest to others, please forward this information on to them. For any questions, please email us at [cyberprotectersou@beds.police.uk](mailto:cyberprotectersou@beds.police.uk).

#### Parents Event - Pt1 - Introduction to Cyber Choices and Online Risks

This session will introduce you to the [Cyber Choices programme](#) and will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also receive an overview of:

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

These events are **free**, and you can book your tickets directly via:

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	14:00 – 15:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	13:00 – 14:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00 – 11:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	16:00 – 17:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00 – 12:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>

#### Parents Event - Pt2 - Tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family

This session will:

- Provide advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Help you to identify and protect your (and your children's) key accounts.
- Identify threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Highlight the benefits of family accounts.
- Identify parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaign.

These events are **free**, and you can book your tickets directly via:

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00 – 11:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	13:00 – 14:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00 – 11:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	16:00 – 17:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	16:00 – 17:00 - <a href="#">Link</a>