



Newsletter

13th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

This week saw the last and final Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher for this academic year, when Sophia from Starlings came and joined me as the unsung hero of her class (although she doesn't really like hot chocolate.)

On Tuesday 4 very excited classes of intrepid children headed to the Space Centre in Leicester to augment their curriculum learning about the Space Race. Children in Year

2 headed off bright and early up the motorway to learn about what it takes to put humans into space, visit the planetarium and enjoy the fascinating exhibits.

This week Mrs Horne enjoyed a delicious lunch at Derwent Road with George, Florence, Anaya, Lottie, Mona, Nate and Clara from Key Stage 2.

We have been lucky enough in school for our wonderful PTAs to host a "Mothers Day Surprise" room this week, to celebrate the special women in our lives. The children have been very excited to collect their gifts.

On Thursday we were visited by the Author Yuval Zommer, who shared some of his latest books with us and ran some assemblies and workshops for the children. We are very excited to be able to enjoy this so soon after World Book Day, and as part of our sustained focus on promoting a love of reading.

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.

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:
Cindy
Kestrel Way:
Sophie



Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Nightingales
Kestrel Way:
Goldfinches



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Safeguarding Matters

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

- ### 1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.
- ### 2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.
- ### 3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.
- ### 4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help, when children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.
- ### 5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.
- ### 6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING

Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.
- ### 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.
- ### 8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.
- ### 9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.
- ### 10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and COPPA can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

Meet Our Expert

Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed the way education establishments go about developing their workforce and managing compliance. Our three memberships help all phases and types of setting raise standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.

See full reference list on our website

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If you wish to report any safeguarding concerns, please contact the below staff members in the first instance:



Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Rebecca Clarke
Kestrel/Derwent



Derwent Road:
Sarah Horne



Derwent Road:
Bindia Sexton



Derwent Road/Kestrel Way:
Alexia Cook



Kestrel Way:
Amanada Wallace



Space Centre

Our Author Visit

Yesterday, Yuval Zommer came to visit our school. He told us a lot about his books. He told us about the Whale that sings in the Deep. I really enjoyed reading the books, it was all about a whale who sings as he journeys to the North of the Pacific and the different creatures he meets on the way. We drew a picture of the ocean with Yuval Zommer and he shared his ideas with us.

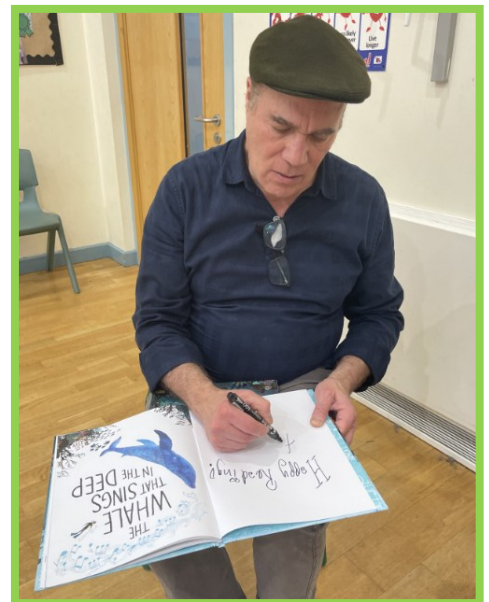
On World Book Day we studied Yuval Zommer's book called The Wild. We drew our own front covers, completed collages and completed drama activities from the story. Everyone dressed up in different costumes, they looked amazing! We got given book tokens to swap for a book at the book fayre. It was such a fun day!

(Sophie—Year 3)

Yesterday, Yuval Zommer came to visit our school. It was such an exciting assembly! He has written lots of books about animals and the world. Some people got a book called The Wild, others got a book called The Whale that sings in the Deep. Yuval showed most of his books in assembly, one of his books folds out and was taller than the teachers! My favourite book was The Wild because I like nature and The Wild has lots of animals in it.

On World Book Day we got to draw pictures of The Wild and some people got to be in a video sharing our favourite books for the school website. I came as Willy Wonka as I love Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Then we got to share our books with Wren Class. Next, we had a special World Book Day lunch. After that, we got to choose a book to take home and make our own bookmarks, it was a great day!

(James—Year 3)



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*



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



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 cyberprotectorsou@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 th March	14:00 – 15:00 - Link
Thursday 7 th May	13:00 – 14:00 - Link
Monday 6 th July	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Wednesday 23 rd September	16:00 – 17:00 - Link
Tuesday 10 th November	11:00 – 12:00 - Link

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 th March	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Thursday 14 th May	13:00 – 14:00 - Link
Monday 13 th July	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Wednesday 30 th September	16:00 – 17:00 - Link
Tuesday 17 th November	16:00 – 17:00 - Link

Happy Easter!
25th of March

MAIN MENU

Spring Roast Chicken
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& Onion Stuffing
& Gravy
or
Shepherdess Pie (Ve)
or
Veggie Bangers
& Gravy (Free From*)

SERVED WITH

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Honey Roasted Vegetables
Steamed Cabbage

DESSERT

Carrot Cake
or
Shortbread



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
EASTER
EGGSTRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY
20TH MARCH

3:30-5:30PM

Join us for Easter crafts,
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Hop onto the app to book your
Playclub sessions as usual. Be quick
as spaces will fill up fast!

AUTISM & EATING DISORDERS
PARENT/CARER WEBINAR
With Emily Nuttall

When?

- 18th March 2026
- 11:00am - 12:30pm
- Microsoft Teams

The session will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams. A joining link will be sent out.

£5
Per Person
+ booking fee

Emily Nuttall has lived experience of autism and anorexia, which informs her work and perspective.

Emily works for the Guernsey Eating Disorder Team and collaborates with local charities and services. She also works with specialist organisations including the Maudsley Hospital and King's College London to help improve services and understanding for autistic patients with eating disorders.

Emily will be sharing her own experiences but will also be talking about:

- How to spot signs of disordered eating
- How it may present in boys
- How to get help
- How to support your child through treatment

To book your place:
Click below or scan the QR code to book!
<https://tinyurl.com/y7u2s8s6>

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