



# Newsletter

27th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

The last week of the Spring Term has been filled with celebrations. Here are the highlights:

On Tuesday I was captivated by the Year 3 performance of The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse at Derwent Road, which Kingfishers and Kestrels performed for parents and carers in the Hall. The children sang beautifully, and had learned a great deal of dialogue. After the show we had a Q and A session ahead of next year's residential trip to PGL in Bawdsey for parents.

On Tuesday I also enjoyed a tempting High Tea in my office with the Values Champions from Derwent Road, who have embraced the value of Appreciation this half term and been role models to others. Over cakes, party rings and cucumber sticks I chatted with Hannah, Nala, Tom, Dayo, Cody and Eddie about the rivalry between Newcastle and Sunderland, and Easter Egg Hunts.

On Wednesday I was equally thrilled by my second experience of The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse performed by Cranes and Herons at Kestrel Way. The heart warming story was acted and sung with enthusiasm and teamwork, and we all had a lump in our throats at the end. Another Bawdsey Q and A session then followed on.

On Wednesday, Mrs Horne enjoyed a tasty lunch with Fearne, Jasper, Jesse, Marley, Evie and Poppy at Derwent Road. They chatted about their favourite animals and what they are all up to over the Easter holidays.

Today I enjoyed High Tea in my office with the Values Champions, Jack, Promise and Nova from Kestrel Way. We chatted about our plans for the Easter holidays, which included going in our friend's hot tub and visiting Great Yarmouth in a caravan. We also invited a new type of squash called Borange Chorange.

Our Hot Writes this week are from Chloe and Oscar from Year 4 at Derwent Road and Kestrel Way.

We also bid farewell to Mrs Dimmock from Swallows who is relocating over the Easter Holidays.

I should like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic break over the upcoming holidays and an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend over Easter. Don't forget to put your clock forward, and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the Summer Term on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

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:**  
Ivy K  
**Kestrel Way:**  
Victoria A



### Tidy Tortoise

**Derwent Road:**  
Kingfishers  
**Kestrel Way:**  
Goldfinches



Click the icon to visit our school social media channels.



# Safeguarding Matters

## Teaching young children about consent

### USE CLEAR, SIMPLE LANGUAGE



Use phrases like “your body belongs to you, it’s ok to say no”

### MODEL CONSENT EVERYDAY

Ask permission before hugging (or other situations) and show that you respect their answer.



**NO**



### THE IMPORTANCE OF 'NO'

Explain that when someone says “no”, it must be respected.

### USE BOOKS OR OTHER MEDIA

Use situations in story books or TV shows to discuss good and bad examples of consent.



THE ENLIGHTENED PARENT

## Working Together to Tackle Violence and Exploitation

**FREE**  
community event

Keeping people safe is something we all share responsibility for.

Join local organisations and national charity Faz Amnesty for a community event focused on raising awareness about violence and exploitation.

The day will highlight how different agencies work together to prevent harm, support those at risk, and protect our community.

There will also be a knife crime amnesty, giving you a safe and anonymous way to hand in weapons. It's a simple step that can help reduce harm and make our community safer for everyone.

Family-friendly activities will also be available, with entertainment for children and young people.



Tuesday 7 April

Leighton Buzzard High Street

9am 3pm



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

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Hot Write 5

# SAVE OUR RAINFORESTS

3.26 What do you imagine when you picture earth's rainforests? Clear streams flowing across soft floors? A biodiverse world of life? Well, you couldn't be more wrong! Forests are our lungs of the earth and we need to respect that. Rainforests cover only 6% of earth's land area but holds over 50% of the world's biodiversity. If we chop the Amazon Rainforests oxygen levels would decrease. This is a dreadful, drastic and disrespectful. Rainforests hold 80% of life. If this rainforest becomes extinct our Earth's life level would shrink to only 20%. The Amazon Rainforest is the largest rainforest on Earth covering about 5.5 million square km. Jane Goodall (a zoologist) says that "Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference. Losing rainforests could lead to more frequent droughts and wildfires worldwide. Only a fool would think that this is okay. Does why?"

Dreadful Deforestation  
One football pitch worth of trees is cut down every second. That is 70m wide and 120m long. If this continues the Amazon Rainforest could look like a dry savanna as early as 2050.

We have to stop this now! Picture this. You are just minding your own business and having a nice time in your home when these hoodlums come rampaging and rattling through your forest with chokling chainsaws and mowing machines and chop your whole house down. Then you are stranded without a home. Well, this is what is happening to our exotic species. We can turn this around. We can fix this.

## A Fearful Future

Do you want a <sup>biodiverse</sup> future full of life? Then save our rainforests. Approximately 20% of the Amazon Rainforest has already been destroyed and by 2030 it could be 27%. This is AWFUL! We can clearly see that we need to do something. For example you could eat less meat, quit buy <sup>any</sup> palm oil, <sup>stop</sup> deforestation and so much more. If we let these crucial things like climate change and deforestation happen then we will have to live in flats or even ~~underground~~ UNDERGROUND! We have to do something now!

## Crucial Climate Change

J.K. Rowling (author) says that "The magic of the rainforests is something we must cherish and protect." That is really very true indeed. Climate change is catastrophic and we must <sup>stop</sup> it <sup>now</sup> or you know ~~see~~ what will happen. Flat time! 80% of cancer cures are in the rainforest. If we cut it all down then more people will die from cancer and our own species will start to shrink. We can do this! Join us <sup>right now!</sup>

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

LO: Hot write the target: use <sup>language</sup> inverted to persuade. Our rainforests

What <sup>these last</sup> Why are you destroying rainforests? Is this <sup>less</sup> carrying on we will lose medicine and then we get more and more poorly. Animals can also come extinct. ACT NOW!

Animals are <sup>dying</sup> strong because we are losing oxygen from trees that are being chopped down. Only a fool would think that this is okay. Most importantly we are subsiding from the loss of oxygen.

other way no more animal shelter  
Plants and animals homes are getting destroyed and some can't survive in other places. I'm sure you agree that animals can't live this way. Everyone knows that animals are dying this way.

Ingredients in trees  
Many plants also have ingredients for medicine so if trees keep getting cut down we will soon run out of medicine! Surely the best thing to do is to change the way we live. Without a doubt more and more animals will

It is clear that animals are dying because of deforestation. This cannot continue because we are running out of oxygen! Why are you doing this? This means dead animals, dead humans who live in the rainforest and dead plants. 70% of the rainforest is dying. From this in my opinion I am subsiding. These savanna rainforests are getting chopped down just for fuel. This also means green grey rainforests!





Central Bedfordshire



### Learn to Ride Cycle Training Course

Cycle4Life is pleased to offer a free place on a Learn to ride cycle course to any Leighton Buzzard school Yr 4s who cannot ride a bike yet and have not taken part in a course at school (limited spaces available).

#### About the course

The 1 hour course seeks to instil confidence and ability in independent starting and riding, encouraging beginners to balance, then pedal. Sessions are very interactive and enjoyable, and each child is able to achieve their own best level.

The session will take place on **Saturday 28th March at Linslade Lower School, Leopold Rd, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2QU** (Time TBC)

#### Course requirements

- A well-maintained and suitable sized bike. (Please check your child's bike using our bike check guide) Hire bikes available upon request.
- Any stabilisers to be removed in advance.
- Dress for the weather.

#### HOW TO SIGN UP - LEARN TO RIDE TRAINING

To book a place use the QR/link provided below to fill in the online form.



Easter Learn To Ride

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/worth-poll-tap>

Course co-ordinator: [dan@cycle4life.org](mailto:dan@cycle4life.org)



## Leighton-Linslade Town Council

### NEWSLETTER

[www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/council\\_events/](http://www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/council_events/)

#### Market Event for Families Tuesday 31st March 10am - 1pm

Our next Market Event for Families is all about transport! We'll be joined by the The Play Bus, have transport themed art and craft, balloons and maybe even a fire engine! (if available). It's all FREE.

When: Tuesday 31st March, 10am - 1pm  
Location: High Street, Leighton Buzzard



#### Guided Children's Trail Walk

Join us for a free guided walk around the Children's Trail to look for bears, kittens, frogs and giants. Everyone gets a goody bag at the end.  
Meet: Library, Lake Street  
When: Thurs 2nd April, 10am



#### Hoppy Easter

The Easter Bunny has been pinning pictures of Easter eggs to the fairy doors in Parson's Close Rec. Hop into town and see if you can spot them all.

28th March - 7th April

#### Town Mayor's Spring Fair

Pages Park, Leighton Buzzard  
Saturday 25th April  
11am - 2pm (first hour for SEND)

Join us for a day of family fun. A lively outdoor event full of community spirit and entertainment, all to raise funds for Freddie and Friends!

Free entry, with a small charge for some activities.



## LLSSP EASTER HAF ACTIVITY CAMP

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



**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**

Session 1:  
Mini Tennis  
Age 4-11 years  
12-2pm  
£48 4 day week

# EASTER TENNIS CAMP 2026

Session 2:  
Yellow Ball  
Age 12-18 years  
2-5pm  
£72 4 day week



Week 1

30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL



Week 2

7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**10% Discount AVAILABLE for SIBLINGS and Members**

#### Includes:

- Fun Tennis Games
- LTA qualified coaches
- Age 4-18 years old
- Tennis Coaching Drills
- Tuck Shop available
- All abilities welcome

To book visit:

[www.clubspark.ita.org.uk/linslade/tennis-club/Coaching/Camps](http://www.clubspark.ita.org.uk/linslade/tennis-club/Coaching/Camps)

Linslade Tennis Club  
Mentmore Road, LU7 2NY

For more information contact Head Coach Sara Bamford 07561-571578

**After School Clubs Summer Term 1 2026: Dance, Future Sports & Football**

TFG will be running a choice of 5 after school clubs during the Summer Term 1 2026 at **Greenleas Kestrel Way**.

**Future Sports (Multi Sport - Yr. 1 & 2 Mon / Year 3 & 4 Fri)** – Different activities each week including; chasing games, handball, archery, UniHoc, outdoor dodgeball and more! *(Held outside on the school field or playground each week; in the event of bad weather we will host indoor activities inside).* **Please pack suitable outdoor clothing; joggers, jumper, trainers, coat.**

**Football (Yr. 1 & 2 Tue / Year 3 & 4 Wed)** – Fun dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending games, matches and more! *(Held outside on the school field or playground each week; in the event of bad weather we will host indoor activities inside).* **Please pack suitable outdoor clothing; joggers, jumper, trainers, coat. Shin pads must be worn (football boots are optional but trainers are required each week).**

**Dance (Yr. 2-4) Thursday** – Different themed dance activities each week including; street dance, cheer, group dances and performances! **Takes place inside wear comfortable clothing and trainers.**

**Mon: Multi Sports Yr 1 & 2**  
Where: Greenleas Kestrel Way  
Who for: Year 1 & 2 (15 spaces)  
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Dates: Mon 13 Apr – 18 May (5wks)  
Cost: £27.50 –book online tfgcamps.com

**Tuesday: Football Yr 1 & 2**  
Where: Greenleas Kestrel Way  
Who for: Year 1 & 2 (15 spaces)  
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Dates: Tue 14 Apr – Tue 19 May (5wks)  
Cost: £33.00 –book online tfgcamps.com

**Wed: Football Yr 3, & 4**  
Where: Greenleas Kestrel Way  
Who for: Year 3 & 4 (15 spaces)  
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Dates: Wed 15 Apr – Wed 20 May (6wks)  
Cost: £33.00 – book online tfgcamps.com

**Thu: Dance Yr 2-4**  
Where: Greenleas Kestrel Way  
Who for: Year 2, 3 & 4 (18 spaces)  
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Dates: Thurs 16 Apr – Thurs 21 May (6wks)  
Cost: £33.00 –book online tfgcamps.com

**Fri: Multi Sports Yr 3 & 4**  
Where: Greenleas Kestrel Way  
Who for: Year 3 & 4 (15 spaces)  
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Dates: Fri 17 Apr – Fri 22 May (6wks)  
Cost: £33.00 –book online tfgcamps.com

**How to Book**

Please visit [www.tfgcamps.com](http://www.tfgcamps.com) to book. With our system you can create a 'parent account' allowing you to manage all your bookings and payments online. You will have the option of making payments via credit/debit card.

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**After School Clubs Summer Term 1 2026: Dance, Future Sports & Football**

TFG will be running a choice of 4 after school clubs during 'Summer Term 1' 2026 at **Greenleas Derwent Road**

**Future Sports (Multi Sport - Yr. 1, 2, 3 & 4 Mon)**– Different activities each week including; chasing games, handball, archery, UniHoc, outdoor dodgeball and more! *(Held outside on the school field or playground each week; in the event of bad weather we will host indoor activities inside).* **Please pack suitable outdoor clothing; joggers, jumper, trainers, coat.**

**Football (Yr. 1 & 2 Tue / Year 3 & 4 Thu)** – Fun dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending games, matches and more! *(Held outside on the school field or playground each week; in the event of bad weather we will host indoor activities inside).* **Please pack suitable outdoor clothing; joggers, jumper, trainers, coat. Shin pads must be worn (football boots are optional but trainers are required each week).**

**Dance (Yr. 1-4) Wednesday** – Different themed dance activities each week including; street dance, cheer, group dances and performances! **Takes place inside wear comfortable clothing and trainers.**

**Mon: Multi Sports Yr 1, 2, 3, 4**  
Where: Greenleas Derwent Road  
Who for: Year 1 & 2 (15 spaces)  
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Dates: Mon 13 Apr – Mon 18 May (5wks)  
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Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Dates: Tue 14 Apr – Tue 19 May (6wks)  
Cost: £33.00 –book online tfgcamps.com

**Wed: Dance Yr 1-4**  
Where: Greenleas Derwent Road  
Who for: Year 1,2, 3 & 4 (15 spaces)  
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Dates: Wed 15 Apr – Wed 20 May (6wks)  
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**COMPETITION**



We are looking for ways to improve Road Safety messaging to parents and we believe that promoting responsible road behaviour starts at an early age. This competition hopes to encourage the youngest members of our communities to recognise the importance of road safety.

To help with this we are holding a road safety competition for the children to design a safety message.

We hope that by getting the children involved in such important messaging will improve the safety for all the community, especially outside the school gates.

The message we would like the design to be on is

**Wear Your Seatbelt**

All pupils are welcome to enter this competition and design a poster/poem/song/newsletter/video (anything they want)

1. Your full name, class and school must be on your design
2. All entries must be handed to your class teacher or the school office or If it is a digital design, email us at [roadsafety.education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety.education@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)
3. Closing date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026
4. One winner per school will win a goodie bag, with an overall winner to receive a gift voucher and goodie bag, plus their design to be promoted across the county

We look forward to seeing your designs. Good Luck!

