



Newsletter

12th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

It's been a week of celebrations at both sites this week, with two High Teas to recognise our values champions who have been living out our values of Peace and Co-Operation.

At Derwent Road on Tuesday we celebrated Zidane and Joshua for Co-Operation, Maddie, Olive and Rainey for Peace and Gracie was our wild card for Respect.

At Kestrel Way on Thursday This week we celebrated with Reception and Key Stage 1 who have been voted by their classmates for showing the value of Peace or Co-Operation. Ayaaz, Callie, Nova, Olive and Mila all joined me

for cucumber, cupcakes and party rings, as did Elizabeth who had won the wild card draw for Responsibility.

The PTAs at both sites have been working incredibly hard to put on festive events for the children to enjoy, and of course raise much appreciated funds for the school. At Derwent Road last week the children enjoyed a Christmas Movie in class with their friends raising £1090, while at Kestrel Way the children attended an Elf Workshop after school yesterday, where they enjoyed festive crafts.

This week was the turn of Key Stage 2 at Derwent Road to have lunch with me in the hall. George, Sofia, Sadie, Eddie, Luca, James, Rosie and I chatted about whether we liked sprouts (opinion was definitely divided on this), whether we had ever stayed in a hotel and how often, and how many brothers and sisters we had. We also chatted about different groups of friends, inside and outside of school.

This week we have Hot Writes from Poppy and Ayla from Year 1 at Derwent Road and Kestrel Way.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at our Christmas performances as we enter the final week of the Autumn Term.

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:
Mona
Kestrel Way:
Ayla



Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Kestrels
Kestrel Way:
Plovers



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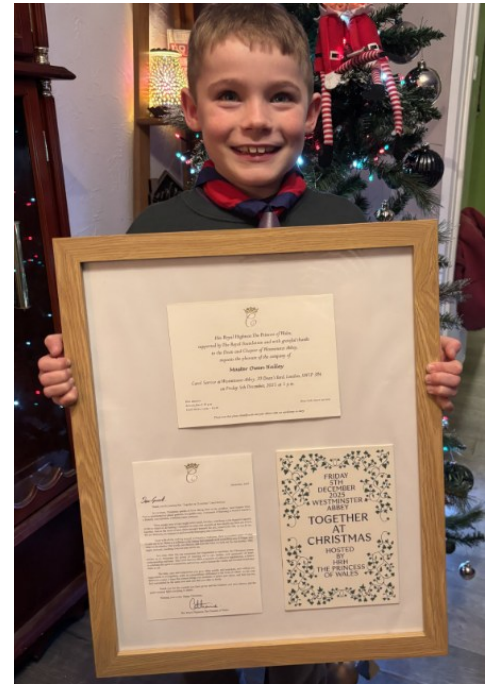
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A big thank you to Tesco, Leighton Buzzard for providing the oranges
for our Christingles this year!

TESCO

Owen from Kestrel Way went on a royal outing to HRH Princess of Wales carol service with Church Riverside Cubs last week.. They were also invited to GB News Studios to rest their legs ahead of the service. The cubs have also featured on their news channel talking about the flood that damaged the scout hut on Hockliffe Road. They got to offer practical support at the service with the important job of lighting the congregations candles. Owen showed impeccable behaviour throughout the day and had the opportunity to see Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and Downing Street - where he asked the police lots of questions about their job! And finally Westminster Abbey of course!



James from Kestrel Way presented the man of the match award at last weeks Milton Keynes Lightning ice hockey game v Bristol Pitbulls. The award went to Illia Kirenchuck and Milton Keynes Lightning won 8-3!

Miss Adams' Year 3 Writing Club Report on The Elf Workshop

Written by: Liesl, Elara, Anya, Arya and Isabelle

On Thursday 11th December, straight after school, we got into groups in our classrooms and some parent volunteers came in and helped us to complete different crafts. We all went around in a carousel so we could complete all of the activities. The activities included making melting snowman biscuits, reindeer food, scratch art, decorating paper bags, making a Christmas wreath and decorating wooden baubles. After a few activities it was time for us to have a snack. Before we went home we were given a certificate and 2 chocolate coins! Santa also came to visit and arrived with two gifts which were Colourbrain and 6 Second Scribbles, we can't wait to play them!

'My favourite activity was making the snowman biscuits.' (Elara)

'My favourite activity was making reindeer food as I love reindeers!' (Anya)

'I enjoyed making the wreaths as they looked really pretty and I enjoyed sticking on the different tissue paper.' (Liesl)

'I liked making the baubles as I found it calming and they looked really good!' (Arya)

'I liked the scratch art as my favourite picture was the present and I wrote my name in bubble letters!' (Isabelle)

Thank you to all of the parent volunteers and teachers for their help and support. We had so much fun, we would love to do it again next year! Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!



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Spring term 2026



Bonjour!

December 2025

Would you like to give your child a head start in a Foreign language?

Research shows that learning a new language at a young age is effective. It also improves children's cognitive ability, which has a positive impact on other areas of the curriculum.

As a qualified teacher and native speaker, I am delighted to run the after school French club at Greenleas Lower School, Derwent Road on Mondays.

In these small 30-minute classes, pupils enjoy learning the language and much more through stories, songs, games and role-plays.



Next term, classes will run from **12th January** through to **23rd March 2026** (10 weeks).

Classes remain at £5.80 a week and the children are required to have an activity book that comes with a media app. The book lasts at least one full school year.

I send regular emails to tell you what we have been doing in class and what the children could practise at home.

If you would like your child to join, please register them online using:
www.clubenrolment.com/ABLlaughton - select Greenleas Lower School Derwent Road

When making payment, please put your child's name and GR as a reference.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or visit www.lejolieronde.co.uk if you would like any further information or if you have any questions.

I leave you with two of my favourite quotes:

- To have another language is to possess another soul - Charlenagne
- Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom - Roger Bacon

Merçi beaucoup,

Aurilia Laughton

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