



Newsletter

19th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,
As usual at Greenleas we have been celebrating the season to the max this week, with events and festivities right until the very last day of term.

On Tuesday I watched the Derwent Road Reception dress rehearsal of the Sleepy Shepherd, followed by the performance to parents and carers at Kestrel Way in the afternoon. The children at both sites showed great confidence and stage presence during their show. On

Tuesday evening I headed down to St. Barnabas Church for the Derwent Road traditional Christingle performance, where we were joined by Father Bernard and the wider Greenleas Community including former staff and students.

On Wednesday I sang along with the Kestrel Way Year 1 dress rehearsal of Born in a Barn in the morning, then joined the parents and carers at Derwent Road in the afternoon for their performance. I was very impressed with how well the children remembered their lines and made their voices heard.

On Thursday the whole school joined me for the dress rehearsal of Derwent Road Year 2's production, Christmas with the Aliens followed by the performance to parents and carers in the afternoon at Kestrel Way. The songs were very catchy and the children had clearly enjoyed learning and singing them. In the evening I went along to Hockcliffe Street Baptist Church where children from Kestrel Way Key Stage 2 put on their traditional carol concert and Christingle service and we raised the roof with the chorus of Oh Come All Ye Faithful.

This week we have writing from Olivia and Jack in Reception at Kestrel Way and Derwent Road.

As I write this I am looking forward to Christmas lunch Vicar of Dibley Style on both sites, which the children will be enjoying later, as well as finishing off the week with their Christmas parties. It only remains for me to wish you all a wonderful Christmas, and all the very best for the coming New Year 2026.

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:
Maisie
Kestrel Way:
Jacob



Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:

The Roost

Kestrel Way:

Ospreys



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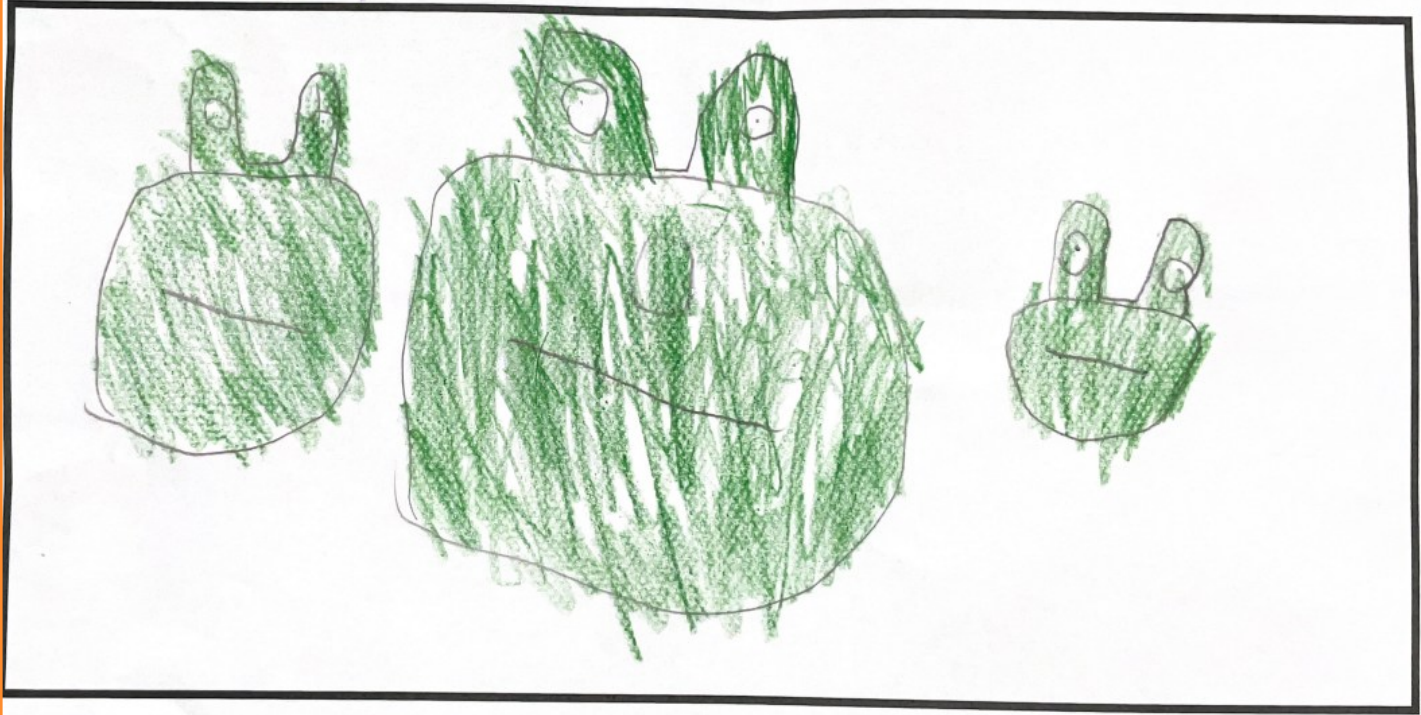


LO: To identify the characters in a story

Autumn 2 – Alan's Big Scary Teeth

My Character

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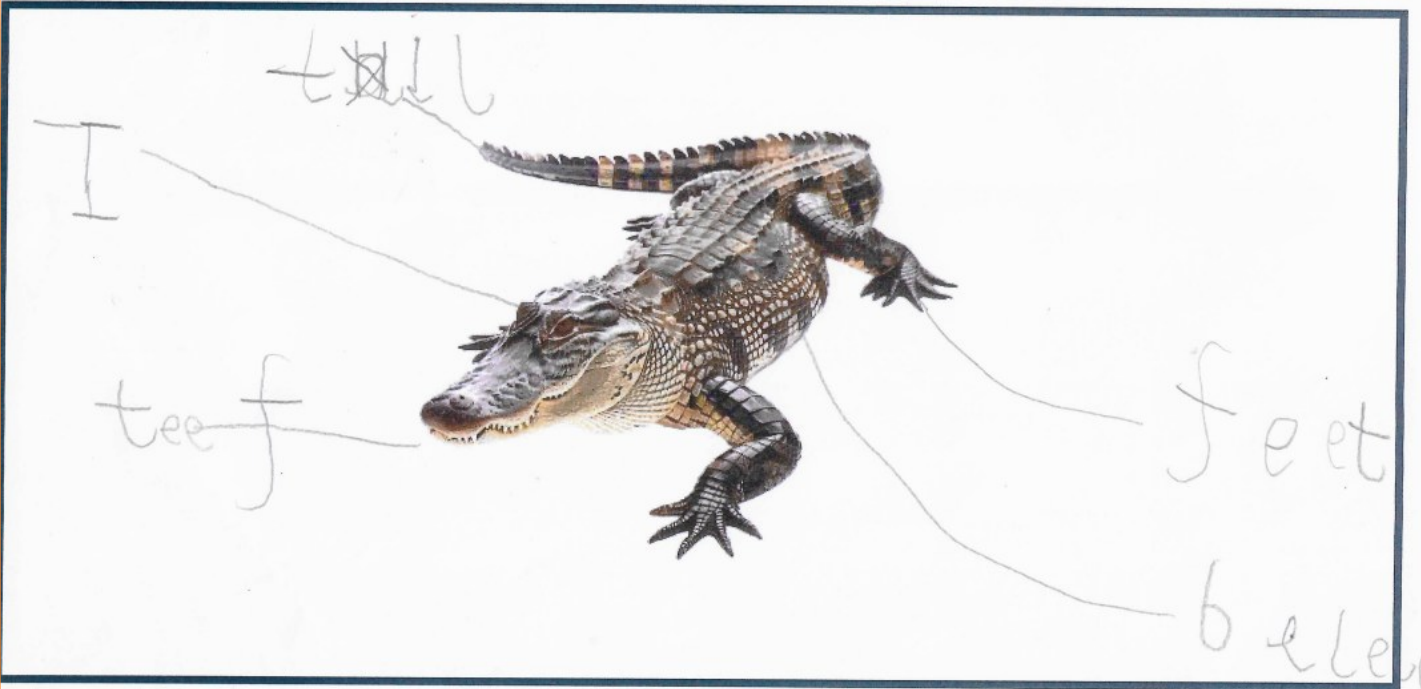
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LO: To label parts of an alligator

Autumn 2 – Alan's Big Scary Teeth

My Alligator







Congratulations to Fearne at Derwent Road for her excellent entry for the MP's annual Christmas Card Competition.

This is one of the final designs picked to accompany the winning image on Alex Mayer's Christmas card for 2025.

Well done Fearne!

Christmas Production Reviews

Written by Liesl, Anya, Arya, Isabelle and Elara

Reception – The Sleepy Shepherd

Our youngest children at Greenleas, performed their very first Christmas production called The Sleepy Shepherd. All of the children sang really well and joined in. They had worked really hard to learn their lines and all of the actions. Song 4, Walking to Bethlehem was brilliant as Mary, Joseph and the donkey walked around the hall. Well done to all of Reception! 10/10

Year 1 – Born in a Barn

Year 1's production was called Born in a Barn. The children spoke confidently and said their lines loudly. We were very surprised that there were mice, cows, sheep, camels, owls and cats at the birth of Jesus! They wore terrific costumes and all did a great job singing and dancing. We particularly enjoyed Mrs Kerrin's role and she did a great job as a rooster! 10/10

Year 2 – Christmas with the Aliens

Year 2 performed really loudly and with confidence, we really enjoyed their production! The alien and wise men solos were fantastic, even though the children were nervous. We liked that there were aliens in the production as they were really funny. We really enjoyed the songs, Well I Never, We Three Kings and the angel dance. Well done! 10/10

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are reaching out to ask if you might have any **spare mobile phone technology** tucked away at home that you would be willing to donate to the school.

We are looking for devices that are:

- **Functioning and of good quality**, as they will be repurposed to be used as cameras only.
- **Wiped of all personal data** before donation.

Once donated, the phones will be serviced and repurposed by our ICT provider. To ensure safeguarding, please note that:

- The devices will be used **solely as cameras** for school purposes.
- They will be **branded with the school logo** so they are clearly identifiable as school equipment.
- No personal data or phone functionality will remain on the devices.

To help ensure reliability, we would ideally ask for devices that are **no more than three years old** and have **sufficient storage capacity** (as they will be used mainly for photos and videos).

If you do have a suitable device that you would be happy to donate, please bring it into school at your convenience. Your support would be greatly appreciated and will help us make the most of available resources for the children.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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

TFG will be running a choice of 4 after school clubs during Spring 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 12 Jan – Mon 9 Feb (5wks)
Cost: £27.50 – book online tfgcamps.com

Tuesday: Football Yr 1 & 2
Where: Greenleas Derwent Road
Who for: Year 1 & 2 (15 spaces)
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Dates: Tue 13 Jan – Tue 10 Feb (5wks)
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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 14 Jan – Wed 11 Feb (5wks)
Cost: £27.50 – book online tfgcamps.com

Thursday: Football Yr 3, & 4
Where: Greenleas Derwent Road
Who for: Year 3 & 4 (15 spaces)
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Dates: Thu 15 Jan – Thu 12 Feb (5wks)
Cost: £27.50 – book online tfgcamps.com

How to Book

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

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

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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.

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Where: Greenleas Kestrel Way
Who for: Year 1 & 2 (15 spaces)
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Who for: Year 1 & 2 (15 spaces)
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
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Wed: Football Yr 3, & 4
Where: Greenleas Kestrel Way
Who for: Year 3 & 4 (15 spaces)
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Dates: Wed 14 Jan – Wed 11 Feb (5wks)
Cost: £27.50 – book online tfgcamps.com

Thu: Dance Yr 2-4
Where: Greenleas Kestrel Way
Who for: Year 2, 3 & 4 (15 spaces)
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Dates: Thu 15 Jan – Thu 12 Feb (5wks)
Cost: £27.50 – 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 16 Jan – Fri 13 Feb (5wks)
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MORNING MINI TENNIS CLUB SPRING TERM (School Hall)

MONDAY MORNINGS – GREENLEAS KESTREL WAY

Monday 12th January to Mon. 23rd March 2026 (exc. Half-Term)

| Day/Time | School year | No. of weeks | Cost | Tick box |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|------|----------|
| Mon. 8-8.45am | All Years | 10 | £70 | |

Child's Name..... D.O.B. School Year

Medical Conditions (if any) Contact Tel. No.

Parents Name and Address

E-mail address.....

Please e-mail or text Debbie and attach completed form to either paulhobday@tiscali.co.uk or 07956048006

Payment to Mrs D. Hobday by bank transfer, Lloyds TSB, 30-14-71, 14488160.

Please add GREENLEAS plus your child's name/s as the reference.

All equipment provided, please arrive wearing sports clothing or PE kit and bring a water bottle.

Greenleas Kestrel Way

MINI TENNIS CLUB SPRING TERM

Monday mornings

Come along and join in with the **FUN!**



Coach Debbie Hobday

(LTA Accredited Level 4 Coach – Linslade Tennis Club)

Starts Monday 12th January 2026

Central Bedfordshire

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Polite request

We realise that some parents/carers have no alternative but to drive their child/ren to school. Most drivers are respectful to the road markings and restrictions around the school proximity by parking away from the school and walking the short distance to reach their destination, which also enables children the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with parents on the way. This helps build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk when walking around their local community.

We all have a responsibility to ensure everyone is safe when going to and from school. We can do this by not:

- stopping in the middle of the road even for a few seconds to drop off children.
- blocking the road that emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access to
- parking on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- parking where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- sitting in the vehicle with the engine running
- parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction or where there are bollards in situ
- parking on the pavement, H bars, or across dropped kerbs and residents' driveways
- getting children out of the car on the road side where traffic is trying to pass

By following the polite request above you can make a huge difference to the congestion around schools, making it safer and less stressful for all.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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