



Newsletter

22nd May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

If you haven't done so already, please take a look at our school Instagram this week and enjoy the array of talents that children from Year 2 to Year 4 shared with the whole school this week. We enjoyed acts from magic tricks to gymnastics, while the children were a very appreciative audience.

This half term our values have been Hope and Perseverance. I had the pleasure of enjoying High Tea with the values champions from both sites this week.

At Derwent Road I celebrated with Jude, Erin, Rose, Lottie, Sophia and Niam. We chatted about what we were doing in the holidays, which included getting ready for the World Cup and watching an important football match, taking care of our pets which included a dog and a fish with the same name, and visiting Mead Open Farm.

At Kestrel Way I celebrated with Tommy, Rio, Bonnie, Zoey, Mason and Matthew. We chatted about our plans over half term, several of which involved different parts of the coast in different countries, some of us had birthday celebrations to organise and some of us were taking the ducklings home from Pre-Reception. We also compared who had ever broken any bones, and Miss Jones was definitely the winner.

On Wednesday I enjoyed lunch in the hall with children from KS1 at Derwent Road. Olive and McKenzie were super helpful, making sure all the children remembered to come so that they plus Hudson, Vanessa, Zidane and Rainey could go and collect our lunch together. Over lunch we talked about how many of our teeth had fallen out so far (I had the most) and how much we all loved water slides. The rapids at Center Parcs were a firm favourite with everyone, but apparently there are some excellent slides in Shetland that I need to try out.

Our pieces of writing this week are from Ada and Betsy from Year 3 at Derwent Road and Kestrel Way.

I would like to share with parents and carers that I will be taking part in the Milton Keynes edition of the Race for Life on Sunday June 7th in support of Cancer Research and all those members of our school community and beyond whose lives have been impacted by cancer. If you would like to make a donation to this very worthwhile cause, my fundraising page can be found [here](#). For those who have made donations already—many thanks!

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday Weekend and half term, see you all back in school on Monday 1st June.

Rebecca Clarke,

Head Teacher

Greenleas' Value of the Month for May is...

Hope

Hope is a feeling that something you want is likely to happen; hope is a wish in your heart of good things to come. To help deepen our children's understanding of our value of hope this month, here are some questions you could discuss with your child at home:

- What do you hope for yourself and why? How can you make your hopes and dreams come true? What steps will you need to take?
- What hopes do you have for the people you love? What hopes do you have for the world?

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:
Andrei
Kestrel Way:
Immy



Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Puffins
Kestrel Way:
Preschool



Safeguarding Matters

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS IN BEDFORDSHIRE

Spot the signs, understand what may be happening, and explore ways to support your child.



GOING MISSING

Skipping school, staying out late, or staying out overnight may mean your child is at risk of exploitation. If your child goes missing, you should call 101 to report it to the police.



NEW FRIENDS

Unfamiliar people coming to your home, chatting online with older or unknown people, or gaming online with unknown people.



CLEAR CHANGES

New friends you have never seen before; changes in clothing style, music taste, or language; being more angry or more quiet than usual.



NEW ITEMS

They may come home with new clothes, expensive trainers, money, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, or food that they shouldn't be able to afford.



PHONE ACTIVITY

Messages from "new friends" or people you don't know, being secretive about their phone, or having more than one phone are all abnormal behaviours.



HEALTH ISSUES

Bruises or injuries they can't explain; changes in mental health; feeling scared to go outside/go to school; refusing to talk about what's going on

[The Keeping Your Child Safe from Violence Guidance Booklet can be found here.](#)

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



Dorothy Smith
Safeguarding
Governor

HW6

Monday 11th May 2026

Hot Write 6 - Conquering the ~~was~~ monster tale.

Once there was a girl called Hope. ^{She} ^{drawing} She loved ~~drawing~~ ^{drawing} ~~pic~~ ^{pic} pictures of ~~creachers~~ ^{creachers}. There ~~is~~ ^{was} a ~~creacher~~ ^{creacher} who was ~~destroring~~ ^{destroring} houses there ~~fore~~ ^{fore} she asked her ~~mum~~ ^{mum} ~~mum~~ ^{mum} if she could ~~op~~ ^{op} ~~deceat~~ ^{deceat} it. She said "of course." ~~Off~~ ^{Off} she went ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~ser~~ ^{ser} searching for ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~creacher~~ ^{monster}.

1 month later, Hope saw 2 big feet. ^{The} ^{creacher} stomped extremely loud. She was ~~terrified~~ ^{terrified}. The ~~gret~~ ^{gret} ~~creacher~~ ^{creacher} stepped closer and closer to hope. It was a giant!

The giant ^{picked} ^{Hope} picked up Hope and ~~pickes~~ ^{picks} her up. ~~She~~ ^{he} ~~and~~ ^{swang} swings her this way and that way. Round and round. Making Hope ~~be~~ ^{be} extremely dizzy. She couldn't see very well. ~~She~~ ^{she} Hope fell down and ~~he~~ ^{he} hurt her head.

The giant ~~axerdantarily~~ ^{axerdantarily} told Hope that his ~~alberjee~~ ^{allergy} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~straberrys~~ ^{straberrys} therefore she went and got some from her lunch box. She ~~thros~~ ^{thros} them at the giant's eyes. ^{The} ^{giant} He ~~poofed~~ ^{poofed} up and floated away ~~and~~ ^{and} said "no ~~f~~ ^f can't be ~~defected~~ ^{defected} this ~~wasent~~ ^{wasent} ~~soposed~~ ^{soposed} to hapen!"

When Hope got home she told her mum. "The giant has been ~~ded~~ ^{defected}!" She won ~~10~~ ¹⁰ ~~00000000000000000000~~ ⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰. The government said. "Even I can't do that your a hero!"

THE END

Thursday 14th May 2026

To write a Hot Write 6 - Conquering a Monster.

Zoy and the mighty sea dragon

A girl called Zoy was strong tall and very ~~snarf~~ ^{snarf} she was going to warrior training ~~and~~ ^{and} but before she went training she ~~stoped~~ ^{stoped} ~~stoped~~ ^{stoped} at ~~a~~ ^a Tesco's and got some crisps. ~~and~~ ^{and} One of the shop keepers said "Where are you going?" "To warrior training!" ~~she~~ ^{she} said "Warrior Training! be careful people have been saying there is something there!"

She went to warrior training but suddenly they heard a sound Zoy went to go ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~see~~ ^{see} what it ~~was~~ ^{was}. She ~~looked~~ ^{looked} around for a little bit and there ~~was~~ ^{was} it was a sea ~~to~~ ^{to} SEA DRAGON! ~~it~~ ^{it} was ~~crushng~~ ^{crushng} all the houses and breathing out water.

The monster splashed water everywhere ~~the~~ ^{the} monster got a big wave ~~through~~ ^{through} and splashed it at her she got flung ~~every~~ ^{every} ~~where~~ ^{where} ~~toast~~ ^{toast} and ~~tinned~~ ^{tinned} the ~~ships~~ ^{ships} ~~died~~ ^{died} ~~on~~ ^{on} she thought it was all ~~ser~~ ^{ser} over but no

Science Week



SAFETY IN THE SUN

As we enjoy the warmer weather, it is timely to remind everyone about protecting your child against the harmful effects of the sun.

Please apply sunscreen at home—there are several brands available that last for the whole day. Any sunscreen sent in to school will be returned as it will not be applied here. Please also provide a named water bottle so your child can stay hydrated.

Provide a named, brimmed hat or cap to protect against heatstroke, and to offer shade to the face and eyes. This is preferable to sunglasses. On hot and sunny days, children without hats will not be allowed to play out in direct sunlight, so please ensure your child has a hat in school. This is also important for PE.

Named sunglasses may be worn, offering UV protection, but not fashion sunglasses. These should be named and are the responsibility of the child. They must be removed for PE unless they are prescription sunglasses or worn for medical reasons. Children may be asked to remove their sunglasses if deemed appropriate for health and safety reasons by a member of staff.

Where possible, please can you avoid sunscreen products with nuts/nut oils. This may be labelled as *prunus amygdalus dulcis* (sweet almond).



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Fire & Rescue Service

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important water safety message – please read

As the school holidays approach and the weather becomes warmer, we want to share some vital information about water safety. Many young people enjoy spending time near rivers, lakes, and other open water, but these environments can be very dangerous—even for strong swimmers. This message is supported by Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and local partners, including the Police, the East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST), RLSS and local authorities, who often respond to water-related incidents during the summer.

Open water areas may look inviting, but they can hide serious hazards such as:

- **Cold water shock** – sudden immersion can cause gasping, panic and breathing difficulties
- **Hidden dangers** – weeds, debris, strong currents and sudden changes in depth
- **Risk of injury** – jumping or diving into unknown water can cause serious harm

Emergency Advice

If someone is in trouble in the water:

- **Do not enter the water yourself**

Phone – Float – Throw

If you see someone struggling in the water, remember **Phone – Float – Throw**. It is a simple way to act quickly while keeping everyone safe.

- **Phone** – call 999. Ask for the Fire Service for inland water (rivers, lakes, canals) or the Coastguard at the coast.
- **Float** – Encourage the person to float on their back with their ears in the water, relax their breathing, and call for help. Once they feel calmer, encourage them to swim to safety if they can.
- **Throw** – help them to float in the water by throwing something that floats (a lifebuoy, throwline, football, or even a bottle) and encourage them to hold on. Keep talking to them until help arrives.

More information about water safety is available on the **Respect the Water** website:

www.respectthewater.com and the Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service website: www.bedsfire.gov.uk

The RLSS **water Safety Code video** is also easy to understand for young people

Please take a moment to talk with your child about these key messages to help keep them safe and ensure everyone enjoys the warmer months.

Kind Regards

Stacey Moore
Community Safety Officer
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

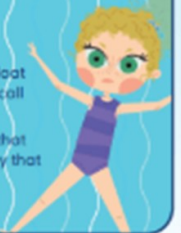
CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



After School Clubs Summer Term 2 2026: Dance, Future Sports & Football

TFG will be running a choice of 5 after school clubs during the Summer Term 2 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 1st June – 13th July (7wks)
Cost: £38.50 – 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 3rd June – Wed 15th July (7wks)
Cost: £38.50 – 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 5th June – Fri 10th July (6wks)
Cost: £33.00 – book online tfgcamps.com

How to Book

Please visit 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 2 2026: Dance, Future Sports & Football

TFG will be running a choice of 4 after school clubs during 'Summer Term 2' 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, 3 & 4 (15 spaces)
Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Dates: Mon 1st June – Mon 13th July (7wks)
Cost: £38.50 – 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 3rd June – Wed 15th July (7wks)
Cost: £38.50 – 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 4th June – Thurs 16th July (7wks)
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INFLATABLE5K
Thank You for Your Support!



Thank you to everyone who supported Isla and me in completing our Inflatable 5K charity run. We received many generous donations, for which we are hugely grateful!

Isla did brilliantly with her running, on what was a very hot day. She scaled all 30 obstacles on route and we completed the 5k course together, with a time of 41:46!

We ran to raise funds for Greenleas Derwent Road PTA. We have been able to raise an amazing:

£665

Thank you so much!

Anyone still wishing to donate, can do so at the following link:

www.justgiving.com/page/josh-isa6



Kestrel Way PTA

Father's Day Surprise Room

Children will have the chance to choose a gift for someone special this Father's Day

£5 per gift paid via the Arbor app, just change the quantity if you wish to purchase more than one

Payments will need to be made by Friday 5th June for gifts to be chosen on Monday 15th June

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



FATHERS DAY SURPRISE ROOM

MONDAY 15TH JUNE £4



Children will have the opportunity to pick a gift for their Dad or other special person during the school day. Siblings will go in together so there are no duplicates.



Payments will be taken via the school app only. No cash payment will be accepted on the day, so please book by **Friday 12th June**



Any questions please email ptafrogs@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support
Derwent Road PTA