



Newsletter

9th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,
Happy New Year 2026!

It's been a quiet return to school this week after all the excitement of the festive period. The children all seem happy to settle back into their routines despite the colder weather. Hopefully, we will not be too severely impacted by Storm Goretti.

Staff were busy on the training day completing some statutory online training, as well as team specific training for staff in different phases and the SEND team. We all completed some of our Voice 21 Oracy training on supporting Listening and Responding effectively, and setting expectations for talk. This forms part of our journey towards achieving our Centre of Excellence status for Oracy, and Governors joined us for a learning walk on Thursday at Kestrel Way to see this in practice, alongside our other key priority, Embedding a Reading for Pleasure Culture. There will be a similar walk at Derwent Road for governors next Tuesday.

It was lovely to hear the children singing in assembly on Tuesday and Thursday, and the choir has resumed at both sites. We will be celebrating hot chocolate and lunch with the Head Teacher from next week.

This week we have Hot Writes from Veronica and Benjamin in Year 4 at Kestrel Way and Derwent Road.

I hope you enjoyed our frequent posts on social media over the school holidays. Please do share with family and friends.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,
Head Teacher

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

Trust

Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them.

Talk to your children about:

- People who you know that are trustworthy.
- Practical ways that we can show others that we are trustworthy

Why it is important to be able to trust others when working together as a team "Trusting someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you".

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:
Jesse F
Kestrel Way:
Emma G



Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Eagles
Kestrel Way:
Wrens



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Wednesday 7th January

LO: - Hot write. Losing tale

"Come on Pearl we need to go to the supermarket" exclaimed grandma as she put her shoes on. Pearl put on her coat and grabbed her fluffy, cute teddy bear with glistening, crystal eyes. Before following out the door with Grandma. 5 minutes later. They reached the supermarket. "Stay near the supermarket so I can see you" explained Grandma. Pearl was fiddling with her fingers until she spots a mysterious bookshop. Curiously, Pearl approached the missing bricks and the chains on the building.

Pearl opened the door and what an amazing it was! She put her coat on the coat rack and looked around. There was an old desk with a black chair and lots of books. Pearl looked and looked until one book caught her eye. The embossed title read: Gem Goblins. Just as she was about to open the book, Pearl noticed her teddy bear was gone.

Before she could worry about her teddy bear, Pearl saw an old man sitting in the corner. "Don't open that book!" exclaimed the man. Pearl ignored the man's warning and opened the book.

Pearl landed in a new world with different people, land and cities. She landed on a rocky mountain where she could hear black and grey

people screaming. Cathy music filled the air and lots of mines all around her. She saw a castle and there was a party. Inside was a big disco with two tables. One with lots of games and the other with a bundle of good games to play.

"Hi! in Gemrump what's your name?" asked Gemrump.

"Hi! in Pearl" replied Pearl.

"Stay for the party!"

Pearl nodded although she was sad about her teddy bear. They played games, ate party food and danced. As soon as people stopped screaming, she thanked Gemrump for a fabulous party. Gemrump smiled shyly and gave her the teddy bear. Pearl's mouth dropped in surprise!

Pearl opened the book once more and appeared at the bookshop. The man hadn't moved a muscle. "Outside Grandma walked out the supermarket Pearl ran out the bookshop with worry. "Grandma can't go back again?" asked Pearl. "Well see, anything's possible!" replied Grandma.

Tuesday 6 January 2026

Hot write 3: A losing tale

Target: To use a variety of genres

"I need to post a letter Joseph, don't forget your glasses!" Granddad called from up the stairs. He had been calling with what seemed like ^{CEN} ^{with} ^{scam} ^{scam} to use his green and blue glasses. When Granddad went into the post office, Joe noticed a peculiar building. He decided to go in. Joe noticed a lift and walked in. There was a purple button so he pressed it.

Slowly, he

He slowly poked his head in and put his glasses on the side. To his astonishment, the place was dimly lit, smoky and very. Someone was exploring when he saw a strange looking metal cage and chairs. To his surprise, he found an amulet changing colour. Joe had held it. "I would like to know that" if I was your son. "I just turned his back and there it was. There was a big portal. So he jumped into it."

* his glasses had disappeared
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Joe found himself on what seemed to be a trampoline. Only it was the ground. He was literally standing on a trampoline ground. He was so shocked. Right in front of him was a lead table filled with all anyone could ever wish. Big machines and miracles. People danced.

Y's!

"Hi! I'm Bruce Rump. Who are you?"
"I'm Joseph."
"Can you stay for the party? It's Bruce Rump's 216th birthday." Said Bruce Rump.
"Sorry said Joe although he still missed his glasses."

Joe stayed until the disco store light. When it was time to go, Bruce Rump gave the glasses back. Joe's mouth fell in astonishment. "So, he had to go," he chucked the amulet and went back. When he got back, said, "Granddad can we come back tomorrow?" Granddad replied back with "well see, anything's possible."

School road safety

This term the school council will continue to monitor the parking outside Greenleas school, Derwent road. Green 'mindful of parking' tickets will be given to any cars parked outside the school. Persistent offenders will be given a red ticket. This is an area that the children have raised themselves as a concern and therefore an important role for the council members to address.

As a reminder to all parent/carers, parking outside of the school is restricted.

Yellow Zigzag – no cars, including disabled blue badges holders are permitted to stop/wait/drop or park here.



Double yellow lines – no parking/waiting/dropping is permitted here unless you are a blue badge holder which is clearly displayed in your window.



Single yellow lines – parking is restricted during specific times shown on nearby signs, outside Greenleas School there is no parking/dropping/waiting during the times of 8am to 9:30am and again 2:30pm to 4:30pm.



Please help us to keep everyone safe along with other road users.

Thank you

Greenleas School Council

This week Miss Adams' Friday writing club conducted interviews in different year groups to find out what different classes were learning this half-term.

Reception- In Reception we are learning about numbers 1-10, rockets and the story How to Catch a Star.

Year 1 - In Year 1 we are learning different sounds in our phonics lessons and exploring the story of The Magic Lamp. Did you know a big lamp turned up in our classroom? We think it belongs to a genie!

Year 2 - In science we are learning about living things and food chains, we have also had some fun circle times to help us learn about emotions and friendships.

Year 3 - We are very excited to have started our swimming lessons. It is so much fun!

Year 4- We have been learning about green screens and using a lite box in computing. Our topic is the Anglo Saxons!

NEW YEAR NEW APPROACH

I WILL TRY TO...

Walk whenever possible.

Drop my children away from the school so they can walk.

Turn my engine off when sat in my vehicle waiting.

Put my phone on do not disturb mode whilst driving.

Read the road earlier and give way to help ease the traffic flow.

Not speed.

Not park dangerously! Avoid parking on the kerb, yellow lines or zig zags. I will try to park away from entrances or driveways.

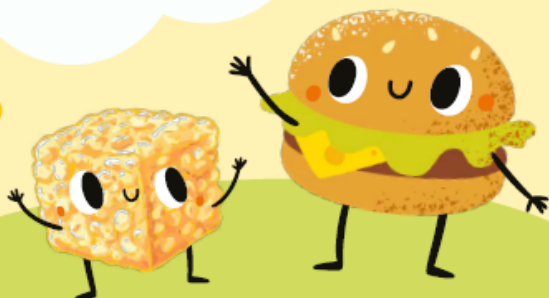


Bedfordshire Road Safety Partnership
Working together to reduce road casualties



**BURGER DAY
JAN 15TH**

**A bun-derful day!
Yummy burgers
and a sweet treat**



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JAN 15TH**

MAIN MENU

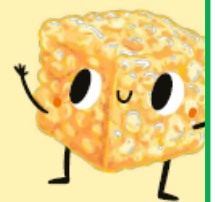
Breaded Chicken Burger
or
Beef Burger
or
Plant Grill (Ve) (Free From*)
or
Jacket Potato
with Various Toppings
or
Roll with Various Fillings

SERVED WITH

Baked Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw

DESSERT

Golden Krispie Cake



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