



Newsletter

12th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

This week has been a sporting one for our Reception children at Kestrel Way, who have enjoyed their Sports Day out on the field, visited by parents and carers. The children took part in timed team events involving balancing and throwing, as well as more traditional races in lanes towards the finish line.

Congratulations to Luca, Paige, George, Oscar, James, Isobel, Ethan and Betsy, who were chosen to represent Greenleas at Wimbledon this year. Thank you to everyone who made an application; all entries this year were brilliant.

Reception children at Derwent Road headed off bright and early at 7.30 am this morning for their visit to the seaside at Southend. The coach was literally buzzing with excitement as the children waited for it to close the doors and head for the coast. They were looking forward to a day of adventures on the pier and on the sand.

This week I had lunch with Elijah, Mary, Seyon, Elyssa, Connor and Harry from Reception and KS1 at Kestrel Way. We talked about our favourite event at Sports Day which was overwhelmingly the running races.

Please note, in light of the expected heat wave next week with temperatures anticipated to be in the mid 30s during the afternoon, we are holding all Sports days in the morning as follows:

Derwent Road

Reception Sports Day on Monday 22nd June at 9:30am

KS1 Sports Day on Tuesday 23rd at 9:30am (no change)

KS2 Sports Day on Tuesday 30th June at 9:30am

Kestrel Way

KS1 Sports Day on Wednesday 24th June at 9:30am (no change)

KS2 Sports Day on Thursday 25th June at 9:30am

Please take care to keep yourselves hydrated if you are coming to watch. Neither site has very much natural shade so we recommend you wear a hat and sunglasses and apply sunblock.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,

Head Teacher

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

HUMILITY

Humility is freedom from pride or arrogance, a modest opinion of one's self importance.

"Humility is the solid foundation for all virtues."

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:

Rose

Kestrel Way:

Zach



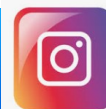
Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:

Swans

Kestrel Way:

Hawks



Safeguarding Matters

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to take an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops – the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

- 1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE**
The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'strong random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.
- 2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS**
When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.
- 3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER**
A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.
- 4. BACK UP YOUR DATA**
Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.
- 5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)**
Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.
- 6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY**
Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task harder.
- 7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS**
Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.
- 8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH**
Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.
- 9. CHECK FOR BREACHES**
You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.
- 10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS**
Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart home' appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.
- 11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED**
Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.
- 12. STAY SCEPTICAL**
Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.

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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
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SAFETY IN THE SUN

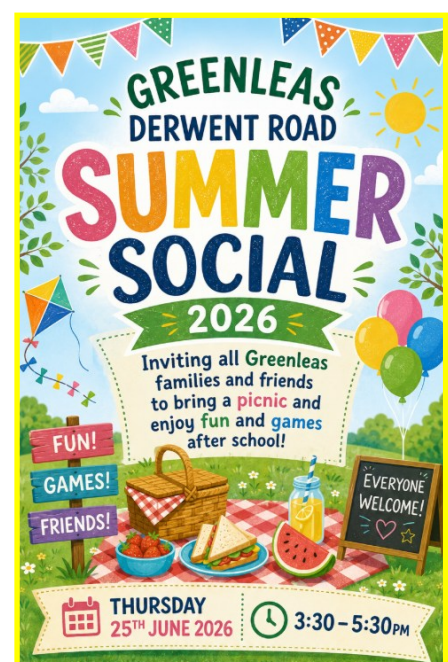
As we enjoy the warmer weather, it is timely to remind everyone about protecting your child against the harmful effects of the sun.

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).



On Monday 22nd June, the Bedfordshire Violence and Exploitation Prevention Partnership (VEPP) will be hosting an “Educate the Parents” online session. This session is designed to help parents and carers recognise the signs of exploitation, as well as provide guidance, advice and support.

Each session includes guest speakers, and this week will feature Jamie, a parent who will speak openly and honestly about her experiences after her child became involved in gang violence. Her insight offers a powerful and real perspective on the risks facing young people and the importance of early awareness.

We would be grateful if you could share this opportunity with parents and carers who may benefit from attending.

Session details:

Monday 22nd June 11am - 12pm

Online via Microsoft Teams

Join here: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/319862796168048?p=ruHI4mSKUZ4iFyJwhe>

READ to the BEAT

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is an annual challenge run jointly by The Reading Agency and public libraries. This year the challenge is **Read to the Beat**, all about being musical and ties in with the National Year of Reading 2026.

It runs **Friday 17th July to Saturday 5th September 2026**.

Children are encouraged to read whatever they choose for the challenge, recognising the importance of reading for pleasure in increasing empathy and improving well-being, as well as in children's educational success. The theme this year is all about music! Children will be able to find books linked to their favourite creative arts, and access activities at the library.

The Challenge

- Children must be members of the library service. **Join the library** [here](#) or go to your local library.
- The challenge invites children to read six library books or more during the summer holidays.
- Children can borrow books or read our e-books, magazines and audiobooks available on our BorrowBox and PressReader app. [More about e-resources](#)
- Families can sign up for the challenge at any library, at any stage in the summer from Friday 17th July.
- Children are awarded a certificate and a medal for reading 6 books.
- Children completing the challenge (6 books) will be entered into a lucky dip at their library for the chance to win a £40 voucher for The Works to buy arts, crafts and books.

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- Learning to read? Select from beginning to read or short chapter books
- Booklists with lots of ideas available on our Virtual Library [Books and Reading - Children and Teenagers Pages](#)
- Some children (especially boys) prefer non-fiction. Dinosaurs, transport and space are particularly popular.
- Enjoy stories through audiobooks. Free to borrow on CD or download with BorrowBox.

All libraries will have **activities** for children available throughout the summer.

All libraries offer a **Treasure Hunt** to children when they complete the reading challenge



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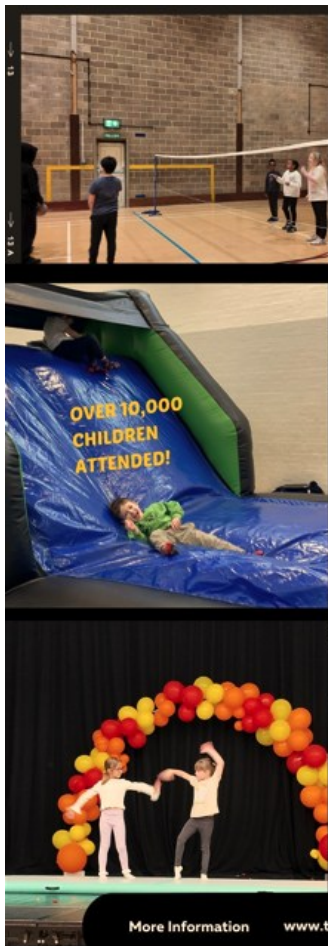


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