



Newsletter

26th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

It has been another warm week, but we were pleased to hold our KS1 Sports Day at Derwent Road, where the children performed brilliantly despite the high temperatures. Next week, we look forward to our KS1 and KS2 Sports Days at Kestrel Way, as well as the KS2 Sports Day at Derwent Road, with the forecast suggesting slightly cooler conditions.

We are looking forward to supporting children through their transition to their next year groups next week. Children in Year 4 will be spending Wednesday and Thursday at their assigned middle school, while everybody else will be spending the mornings in their new class. Year 4 children should be taken to their new school, while children in Year 3 and below should be dropped at their regular classroom door as usual.

This week I had lunch with KS2 at Derwent Road. We chatted about how to stay cool in the heat (not easy, none of us had a perfect solution), the England football - or lack thereof, as a lot of people had a power cut on Wednesday evening - and our favourite foods and whether we had pets and/or siblings. Then we all peeled ourselves off the chairs.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,
Head Teacher

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

HUMILITY

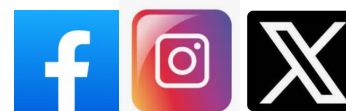
Humility is freedom from
pride or arrogance, a
modest opinion of one's self
importance.

"Humility is the solid
foundation for all virtues."

Tidy Tortoise

Kestrel Way:

Ospreys



Safeguarding Matters

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS
These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING
Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS
If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert
Clare Godwin (aka. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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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).

Hi to all our Greenleas families,

Many of you will not be aware that my husband is a track marshal with the Silverstone Marshals Team and last year an incident occurred where a fellow Marshal was injured during a race weekend.

Lee watched helplessly across the track, as the air ambulance took off from the circuit.

As a way of helping, Lee decided to run 1000km over the year to raise money for the air ambulance service. Without them, our friend would not be here or back fiercely waving their flags.

Any support or donations would really mean the world to Lee, not only does money he raises go to the Air Ambulance service, it also the national Children's air ambulance.

And if you see Lee please cheer him along.

[Link here to donate.](#)

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Gemma and Lee

Derwent Road PTA

SUMMER DISCO

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

EARLY DISCO 5.30 – 6.30
LATE DISCO 6.45 – 7.45

Join us for music, dancing and fun to start the countdown to the summer holidays!

Every child must be supervised by an adult. The early disco will have quieter music and lights on in the hall. There will also be a quiet colouring room available at both discos. Tickets £1.50 each

BAR
SNACKS
LUCKY DIP
FACEGEMS

Purchase your tickets on the Arbor school app. Every child and adult attending must purchase a ticket.

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Libraries

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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.

Struggle with reading?

We can help!

- ❖ For dyslexia, we have collections of shorter books, with special fonts and paper – and great stories.
- ❖ The BorrowBox app has special accessibility features, which allow customers to select font, background and font size.
- ❖ Picture books aren't just for toddlers! Libraries have collections of older picture books for young readers.
- ❖ Get hooked on graphic novels (comic style books).
- ❖ 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

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP 2026

Session 1:
Mini Tennis
Age 4-11 years
12-2pm
£60 for 5 day week

Session 2:
Yellow Ball
Age 12-18 years
2-5pm
£90 for 5 day week

Week 1
3rd - 7th AUGUST

Week 2
10th - 14th AUGUST

Week 3
17th - 21st AUGUST

10% Discount AVAILABLE for SIBLINGS and Members

Includes:

- Fun Tennis Games
- Tennis Coaching Drills
- LTA qualified coaches
- Tuck Shop available
- Age 4-18 years old
- All abilities welcome

To book visit:
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