



Newsletter

3rd July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

Finally this week we have been able to celebrate our sporting prowess at Greenleas by holding our KS2 Sports Day at Derwent Road, and both KS1 and KS2 at Kestrel Way. With support from our Young Leaders from Linslade and Cedars, the children competed in their houses in a range of field and track events, from which all the points were combined with

an overall winner at each site.

Thank you for your flexibility last week as we navigated the sweltering temperatures. We understand that many of you need to work, and for this reason we remained open, whilst at the same time recognised that some of you would prefer to take your children home which we were also able to accommodate.

On Friday I enjoyed a tasty lunch with Shay, Adam, Jordan, Victoria, Oscar and Cody from KS2 at Kestrel Way. The Year 4 children told me all about their adventures at Middle School, whilst Year 3 talked about their siblings, going to the seaside and how they enjoy listening to music.

We also had our annual "move up" days this week, which for the first time took place across 2 mornings rather than just 1. The children spent those mornings with their new teacher doing transition activities, before returning to their more familiar classrooms for the afternoon.

Our lucky Year 3 winners are off to Wimbledon and Court 2 at the weekend to see the stars of the tennis world with Mrs Wallace and Miss Jones. We are looking forward to hearing all about the strawberries and cream when they return.

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

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,
Head Teacher



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

Enthusiasm

A feeling of energetic interest in a subject or activity and an eagerness to be involved in it.

To help deepen our children's understanding of our value of **enthusiasm** this month, here are some questions you could discuss with your children at home: What does enthusiasm look like? What are you enthusiastic about? How does being enthusiastic help your learning?

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:

Albie

Kestrel Way:

Jamie



Tidy Tortoise

Kestrel Way:

Pre-school

Derwent Road:

Robins



Safeguarding Matters



A child means everyone under the age of 18.



Children need the right help at the right time to address risks



Remember 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.



We are all responsible for the welfare of children and keeping the environment safe, whatever our job.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.



What do I need to do?



ALWAYS ACT

in the best interests of the child. Never promise confidentiality.



KNOW HOW

to identify children who may benefit from early help.



KNOW THE DIFFERENT

types of abuse and neglect, so that you can identify children who may be in need of help or protection.



Know what to do if a child tells you they are being abused or neglected.



Know who the Designated Safeguarding Lead is and talk to them as soon as you are concerned.



Everyone must read: Keeping Children Safe in Education Part One and Annex A, Child Protection policy, Staff behaviour policy



Any staff member can make a referral to children's social care, but they should inform the designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible.



If a teacher finds Female Genital Mutilation appears to have been carried out on a girl under the age of 18, the teacher must report this to the police.



All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decisions should be recorded in writing.

Staff Behaviour



If you are concerned about the behaviour of any staff member, you should speak to the headteacher. Concerns about the headteacher should be referred to the Chair of Governors.

Whistleblowing



If you're worried about poor or unsafe safeguarding practices, or potential failures in the school, talk to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, any senior leader, or the Chair of Governors. If you feel unable to talk someone in school, you can call the NSPCC whistleblowing helpline on 0800 028 0285 or email: help@nspcc.org.uk.

For consultancy, training and advice, go to www.safeguardinginschools.co.uk

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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

Wednesday 10th June 2026
To write a recount

On Tuesday morning, we got to school with a smile on our face. Meanwhile there would be something unexpected for us. Mr Devoy told us to keep our stuff where they are. Then Mr Devoy did the register then told us we were going to Broadwell Abbey. He explained about safety and what we would be doing for the day. Then we got on the coach. It wasn't just any coach it was a double decker. We got on the top of the coach. When we arrived, we got out the coach and started walking to the entrance. We opened the door then walked in to sit down. After we were silent, they told us what we would be doing. We would do some fun activities with the class.

Firstly, we did our army activity. The man told us if we knew some facts about romans as well as he showed some us some roman weapons. The sword was called a gladius and the shield was a scutum. He also showed us how roman army marched. They did right first then left next. We marched on the spot first then started moving forwards. He also showed us how to throw a roman javelin. We threw some at 2 two shields. After that, we went to the next activity.

Next we did the banquet. There was a lady who told us about the rules. We each had a role. I was the mistress of the house and my job was to greet all the guests. There was a show with Ari and Carolyn. Ari won the fight we all cheered for her. Our chips then gave us our food. It was delicious. Then we tidied up and left for the next activity.

After that, we did archaeology. We got to look at objects we never seen before. We got a look in boxes for roman stuff then we switched boxes every time it can remember a few

things from the box. There was a makeup set, a nail cleaner and a sharp dagger. I had a lot of fun in that activity. I was so interested in it. After that we tidied up and got ready for the next activity, lunch.

After we finished eating, we went to next activity. It was mosaics. We sat down on the floor with silence. Then they told some questions for us to answer. Then they told us what a mosaic was.

Thursday 11th June 2026

To write a recount

Have you ever wondered what ^{did} Romans ^{Year 3} class went to Broadwell Abbey to see what it feels like to be a Roman. We did a visit in K-10. ^{The date was} that was the only day we could. We went there to learn more about Romans.

When we got to school, Mrs. Day (our teacher) told us that we were going to stay as a class. We got our water bottles, lunch and our things to go. I sat in the middle of the coach.

Once we got there, we were greeted with a warm introduction of what we were going to do. ^{Today} our first activity was being archaeologists. We looked at a skeleton with things in the wrong place. ^{Some} ^{after looking at} we looked at roman objects and had to find out what they were for. My favourite object was the body scrubber.

After we did mosaics and we learnt about them. ^{Also} ^{the} ^{look} ^{and} ^{the} ^{activity} was a good. We had to be to make mosaics but only 5 or 6. Then after we could make our own. ^{the} ^{activity} was a good.

After lunch, we did some soldier training. We did two things as soldier training and throwing a javelin. After some serious training we learnt about soldier training. I liked the training because we learned together. I couldn't even hit the target when throwing the javelin.

I liked this day very much more than normal school. My favourite activity was the mosaics. I liked that we got to make our own. ^{the} ^{activity} was a good.

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).



Derwent Road PTA

SUMMER DISCO

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

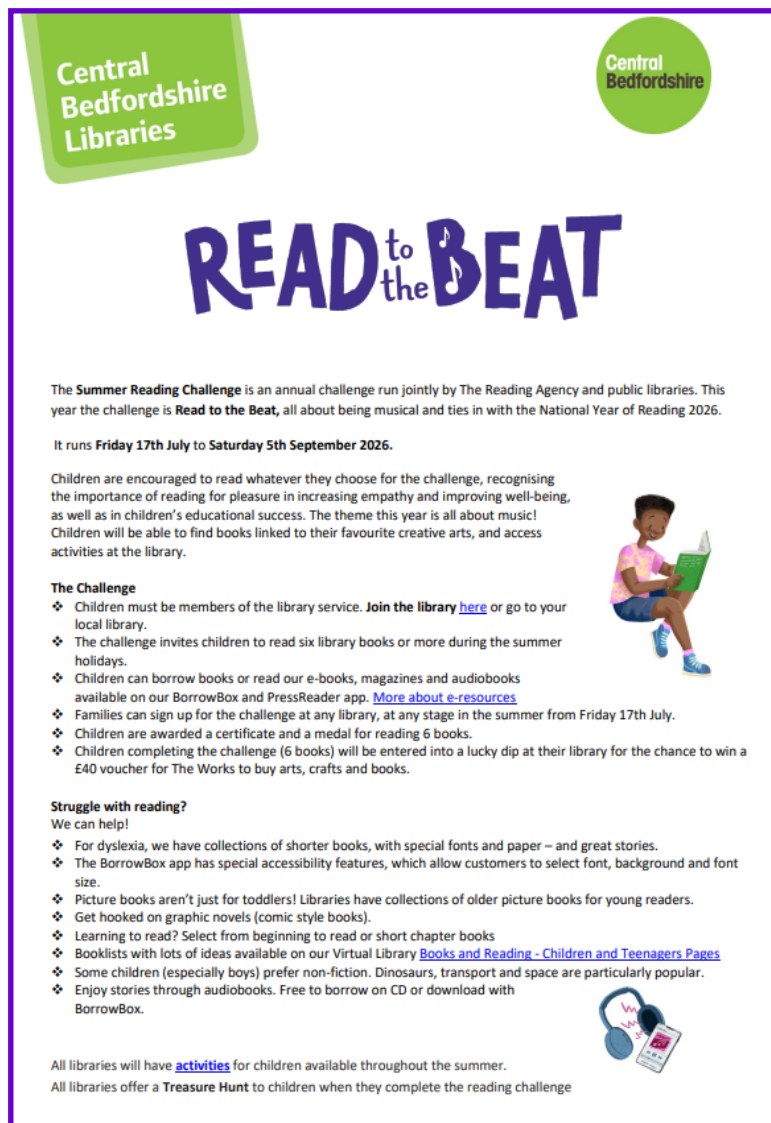
EARLY DISCO 5.30 – 6.30
LATE DISCO 6.45 – 7.45

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.



Central Bedfordshire Libraries

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



ONLINE TRAINING AND EVENTS AUTUMN TERM

SAVE THE DATE

29TH
SEPT
2026

ADD-vance Tips and Tools for Positive Behaviour
29/09/2026
12:00 pm - 1:30pm



2ND AND
9TH OCT
2026

PDA Society - PDA for Parent Carers
(2 sessions- Need to attend both)
02/10/2026 and 09/10/2026
9:30 am -12:15 pm



21ST
OCT
2026

Biggleswade Roadshow (Inperson)
21/10/26 10:00 am-12:00 pm
No booking needed, free to drop in and talk to range of professionals



Booking Details

Details about how to book coming soon. Remember to join SNAP PCF and to check your emails for updates.

ADD-vance

Add -vance sessions are recorded and available to watch for 7 days after to those booked/attending the session.



FREE

www.snappcf.org.uk

SAVE
The DATE

ONLINE TRAINING AND EVENTS AUTUMN TERM

SAVE THE DATE

12TH
OCT
2026

ADD-vance Supporting Dads
06/07/2026
7:00 pm - 8:30pm



12TH
NOV
2026

ADD-vance Understanding ADHD for Parent/Carers of Girls
29/09/2026
12:00 pm - 1:30pm



27TH
NOV
2026

British Dyslexia Association (BDA): Supporting your child with dyslexia: A practical guide for parent carers
09/10/2026
12:00am -2:00 pm



Booking Details

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

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP 2026

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

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Includes:

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- Tennis Coaching Drills
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Linslade Tennis Club
Mentmore Road, LU7 2NY

For more information contact Head Coach Sara Bamford 07561-571578

Central Bedfordshire

Leighton
Linslade
SCHOOL
GAMES

VANDYKE UPPER SCHOOL

LLSSP HAF CAMP

A COOKING & ACTIVITY CAMP FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-14

Join us this summer for a fun-filled HAF camp with the Leighton Linslade School Sports Partnership. Children will enjoy an exciting day of cooking, baking, and being active with lots of games and sports. Each day, they will cook their own lunch and bake something delicious to take home!

FREE

This camp is **FREE** for children eligible for **benefits-related free school meals**.

AGES
8-14

DATES
• 22ND JULY
• 29TH JULY
• 5TH AUGUST

TIME
10AM-3PM

VENUE
Vandyke Upper School



BOOK HERE!



WEDS 22ND JULY



LUNCH
Pasta Salad



TAKE HOME
Chocolate Chip Cookies

WEDS 29TH JULY



LUNCH
Pizzas with selection of toppings
Carrot and cucumber sticks



TAKE HOME
Chocolate Chip Cookies

WEDS 5TH AUGUST



LUNCH
Chicken Nuggets made with courgettes topped with French fries
Carrot and cucumber sticks



TAKE HOME
Fruity Muffins

Your School Uniform

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Official School
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Order before **July 21st** and get 15% off with
code: **FRESH26**



Trusted Quality



School Approved



Great Value

LEIGHTON BUZZARD CHILDREN'S
CENTRE

School Uniform Event

On the Leighton Buzzard Market
High street, Leighton Buzzard

Pre loved branded uniform, PE kits, shoes,
Trousers, skirts, dresses and much more

*If you are in need of school uniform for the new school
year, come along to the market and pick up some
FREE school uniform.*

*Recycle, reuse and stop it all going to landfill.
Open to everyone.*

Tuesday 28th July 2026

10.00am to 3.00pm



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Council

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