Newsletter

17th July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

As we head into the Summer holidays, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the past year. Together we have created another memorable year for children, helped them to grow and taught them new things.

On Tuesday I had high tea with the values champions from Derwent Road. These children had either been voted by their classmates for living the values of humility or enthusiasm, or won the Wild Card for nominations sent in from home. While munching on cucumber and party rings we discussed our plans for the Summer holidays. Poppy, Ivy, Poppy, Luca, Dylan and I all agreed that the food in Italy was amazing, particularly all the different flavours of ice cream available in the gelaterias.

On Wednesday I had lunch with Zach, Oscar, Lorenzo, Pranav, Sienna and Mia from Kestrel Way in KS1. While we were queuing up for our lunch we talked about which classes we were going to be in next year and which teacher we were going to have. Back at the table we talked about our plans for the summer which included sleepovers, trips to Tenerife and looking after small relatives. The children were all pleased to run off and play outside in the cooler temperatures.

At Kestrel Way on Thursday I enjoyed High Tea with several children from across the school who had been voted for showing the values. Melih, Jack, Riley, Emi and I enjoyed a small feast while we chatted about what we were doing over the Summer. We discussed the trials of getting to sleep in a tent with noisy neighbours. I also had an opportunity to show the children my growing collection of 3D printed fidgets (my latest hobby) which they all enjoyed.

Our Hot Write this week is from Patrick in Year 1 at Kestrel Way.

Please use the break (if you get one) to relax, recharge and rest. School will be ready and waiting for you in September, with another year of care and learning to look forward to.

Also, as quick update before I sign off, Miss Grossman is now recovering well from her post-chemo surgery. Only radiotherapy left to go. I will of course pass on your best wishes to her.

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:
Ariella
Kestrel Way:
Willow

Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Ducks



Safeguarding Matters

Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

Schools out for summer!



It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please contact us if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

Skips Educational

Web: www.skipssafetnet.org
Email: info@skips.com
Tel: +44 121 227 1941

142 Newton Road
Great Barr
Birmingham B43 6BT

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with

Home Office
BUILDING A SAFE, JUST AND TOLERANT SOCIETY

West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit

west midlands police and crime commissioner

Skips

Keeping children safe online

www.skipssafetynet.org

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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Kasim and the angry shake

Kasim walked to schod. His mum told him about the angry snake Who lived in the hot and dusdy desert. Kasim walked and walked with a j-j j-j. He ran in the hot and dusky desert. He saw a pile of glittering roobys. Kasim took six and ran. Suddenly Kasim herd slithering. Kasim screemed and droped the roobys.

He ran with j-j j-j. finaly Kasim came home. And his mum told him off for goaing into the desert. Kasim never vertid the desert again.

Hot Write	Narrative – A Warning Tale	w/c 8.6.26	
I have...	Steps to Success		
said my sentences out loud		used my phonics to spell	
used finger spaces		read my work	
used some capital letters		used my feedback from last week	
used some full stops		used capital letters and full stops in most of my sentences	

Teacher Assessment	
Composed sentences orally and in writing	
Used finger spaces	
To form letters correctly and sit them on the line	
Punctuated some sentences with capital letters and full stops.	
Used phonics knowledge to spell words	
Acted on feedback from previous writing	





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 amgydalus dulcis (sweet almond).



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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.

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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.
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- 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
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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

La Jolie Ronde

Autumn term 2026



Bonjour!

July 2026

Would you like to give your child a head start in a Foreign language?

Research shows that learning a new language at a young age is effective. It also improves children's cognitive ability, which has a positive impact on other areas of the curriculum.

As a qualified teacher and native speaker, I am delighted to run the after school French club at Greenleas Lower School, Derwent Road.

In these small 30-minute classes, pupils enjoy learning the language and much more through stories, songs, games and role-plays.



Next term, classes will run from **7th September through to 30th November 2026 (12 weeks).**

Classes are £5.90 a week and the children are required to have an activity book that comes with a media app. The book lasts at least one full school year.

I send regular emails to tell you what we have been doing in class and what the children could practise at home.

If you would like your child to join , please register them online using:
www.clubenrolment.com/ABLaughton - select Greenleas Lower School Derwent Road

When making payment, please put your child's name and GR as a reference.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or visit www.lajolieronde.co.uk if you would like any further information or if you have any questions.
I leave you with two of my favourite quotes:

- To have another language is to possess another soul - Charlemagne
- Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom - Roger Bacon

Merci beaucoup,

Aurélie Laughton

Email: ab.laughton@gmail.com

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Leighton-Linslade Town Council

NEWSLETTER

www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/council_events/

Market Event for Families
every Tuesday in the holiday

Come to the Market every Tuesday morning in August for FREE crafts, activities, face paint and balloons.

When: Tuesdays 10am - 1pm
Dates: 4 Aug | 11 Aug | 18 Aug | 25 Aug
Location: High Street, Leighton Buzzard



Canal Festival!
Saturday 25th July

Join us at Tiddenfoot Waterside Park for Canal Festival!

music
food
crafts
forest school
canal boats

LINSLADE CANAL FESTIVAL

When: 11am - 5pm

What's On in August

Parson's Close Rec

Yoga 9.45am and Tai Chi 2pm on the bandstand - every Saturday.



Guided Curiosity Spotter Trail Walk



Date: Thursday 30th July
Time: 10am (duration 40mins)
Meet: Market Cross

There's a new Curiosity Spotter trail, for children who love a time-travel adventure. Join this free, guided walk and discover some unusual objects from the past.

Leighton-Linslade CURIOSITY SPOTTER



Central Bedfordshire Council
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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Helpful Support Links for Families

- The Integrated Front Door (IFD) – Provides resources and support for families ensuring they have access to the right services - 0300 300 8585
- Children's Centres - The centre staff can offer support and advise on breast feeding, parenting, choosing childcare, FREE 2-year funded pre-school places, introducing solid food, toilet training, oral health, training/education, home safety, food parcels plus much more.
  Flitwick Children's Centre 0300 300 8111
  Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre 0300 300 8880
- Local Offer - If you have a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), then think of the Local Offer as all of the services and support available to them and you as a parent or carer. Our Local Offer website contains information about education, health and care services, voluntary agencies, leisure activities and support groups
  Central Bedfordshire SEND Local Offer
- Family Information Directory - The role of our service is to help families get the most out of the information and services available in the community and online. You can use our comprehensive Family Information Directory to find services, support groups, activities, events and more.
  Family Information Directory
- Domestic Abuse – If you are a survivor or current victim of domestic abuse, or are worried about your behaviour there are a number of support service available to you. Children's Centres can also offer support.
  Home | Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership
- CAMHS - Is a multi-agency specialist mental health service for children and young people with complex, severe or persistent emotional, behavioural or developmental needs. They provide assessment and treatment for children and young adults up to the age of 18.
  North Bedfordshire - 01234 893301 North Bedfordshire CAMHS
  South Bedfordshire - 01525 638613/01525 638614 CAMHS (South Bedfordshire & Luton)

Mental Health Drop-In Service

CAMHS Bedfordshire's Community Access Service (CAS)

Supporting Your Child's Mental Health

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICE.

If you or your child is experiencing a mental health crisis, please contact **NHS on 111 option 2**, for the mental health crisis line (all ages). In an emergency, you can also attend your local A&E.

Our community drop-in service provides young people and their families/carers with direct access to a CAMHS clinician. During your drop-in appointment, you will have a brief conversation with a CAMHS clinician to discuss your concerns. The clinician will offer advice and help you understand the most appropriate next steps and available support.

This service is for young people experiencing concerns about their mental health, and parents, carers, or family members who are worried about a young person's emotional wellbeing or mental health.

Please scan the QR code or CLICK HERE to request a space at our drop-in, or contact our clinic on 01582 707635 to leave your contact details, and we will return your call.

You can access the CAMHS Drop-In Service at the following venues:

Dunstable
67 High Street North
Dunstable
LU6 1JF

Biggleswade Youth Centre
(On the Biggleswade Academy school grounds)
Mead End
Biggleswade
SG18 8JU

Arlesey Youth Centre
High Street
Arlesey
SG15 6SJ

Flitwick Community Football Centre
Ampthill Road
Bedford
MK45 1BA

Whichello's Wharf
The Elms
Stoke Road
Leighton Buzzard
LU7 2TD

We care
We respect
We are inclusive

NHS
East London
NHS Foundation Trust

Milton Keynes FilmClub

BEDFORDSHIRE FILM CLUB

HAF Summer Holiday Club

Starts 30th July Sandy Youth Club

Lights, Camera... Action!

Create and star in your own short films inspired by comedy, game shows, and creative challenges using professional cameras and green screen technology.

Included:

- Healthy lunch
- Drinks & snacks
- Professional filming equipment
- Props & costumes



Suitable For Children Ages 6–14

Universal & SEND Sessions Available

More Information Available on HolidayActivities

HAF & Paid spaces available

To reserve, use each child's unique HAF code and book through the **HolidayActivities** or email **youngfilmmakers.mk@gmail.com.**

Kellogg's Football Camps are back this **Summer!**



Buy a pack & claim a free day



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scan ▸ claim ▸ book

© 2026 Kellanova. All rights reserved. *18+. Gift only. Purchase a promotional pack & claim your free day (5 free days for Celtic only) at an available Football Camp for your child aged 7 – 14 (with limited clubs offering places for children ages 5 – 15) between either 01/04/26 – 14/05/26 ("Promo Period 1") or 15/05/26 – 27/08/26 ("Promo Period 2"). To claim: scan the QR code or visit be.topgift.com & register/sign into your Kellogg's account, enter the last 4 digits of the barcode & your postcode to view available camp places & request your code. Codes for valid claims will be issued within 48 hours. Claims for Selected Clubs must be completed by the claim dates stated above or the place will be forfeited & reallocated in Promo Period 2. At least 27,500 places will be available throughout GB across Promo Period 1. Weekly release of 1575 codes across 10 selected Clubs in Promo Period 1 only; for all other Clubs, all codes will be released on 01/04/26. Each weekly release for selected clubs in Promo Period 1 & number of places available in Promo Period 2 are subject to availability. Promo Period 2 will only include unused or undarmed codes from Promo Period 1. Offer only available whilst places last & may be limited geographically depending on Club location & availability. Football Camp dates available throughout July & August 2026, with limited clubs offering dates in June & September 2026. Max 2 claims per household & max 2 camp places per child. Offer does not include travel & other expenses. Selected Clubs include (may be subject to change): Bristol City, Cardiff City, Celtic, Exeter City, Manchester City, Portsmouth, Reading, Rangers, Swansea City & Watford.

INFORMATION@MKDONSCOMMUNITYTRUST.COM

Greenleas Kestrel Way

MINI TENNIS CLUB AUTUMN TERM

Monday mornings in the hall

Come along and join in with the FUN!



Coach Debbie Hobday
(LTA Accredited Level 4 Coach – Linslade Tennis Club)
Starts Monday 7th September 2026

(Application can be found on the Clubs page on the Greenleas Website)

TACTIC YOUTH CENTRE

FREE SUMMER PROGRAMME 2026

Fun. Friends. New Skills. All Summer Long!



A SUMMER OF ACTIVITIES, CREATIVITY AND FUN!

GET IN TOUCH

01525 373838

tactic@leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk

TACTIC Youth Centre
17 Hockcliffe St
Leighton Buzzard

FOLLOW US!
Keep up to date with all our latest news, events and more.
@TACTICLeightonBuzzard

FOR 12-19 YEARS

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

SUMMER PROGRAMME 2026

WEEK 1

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	INFO	TIME	VENUE
TUES	21st July	Henna tattoos	Henna hand painting	2pm - 4pm	TACTIC
WED	22nd July	Gladiator challenge	Inflatable to Astral Park	10 - 4pm	Astral Park
THURS	23rd July	Yoga Session	Led by a qualified Yoga instructor	2pm - 3:30pm	The NEST above Elite training North St

WEEK 2

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	INFO	TIME	VENUE
TUES	28th July	Sports Carousel	Table tennis, footie etc	2pm - 4pm	Parsons Rec
WED	29th July	Kama's workshop	Nobody tells you this	10:00 - 4:00pm	TACTIC
THURS	30th July	Yoga Session	Led by a qualified Yoga instructor	2 - 3:30pm	The NEST above Elite training North St

WEEK 3

TUES	4th August	Football shoots out inflatable	Inflatable at Astral Park	10 - 4pm	Parsons Rec
WED	5th August	Vision and Vogue	Fashion Project	10 - 4pm	TACTIC
THURS	6th August	Yoga Session	Led by a qualified Yoga instructor	2pm - 3:30pm	The NEST above Elite training North St

WEEK 4

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	INFO	TIME	VENUE
TUES	11th August	Henna round 2	Henna hand painting	2pm - 4pm	TACTIC
WED	12th August	Canvas Painting	Spray painting boards	10 - 4pm	TACTIC
THURS	13th August	Yoga Session	Led by a qualified Yoga instructor	2pm - 3:30pm	The NEST above Elite training North St

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
All activities are for young people aged 12-19.
Some activities may be subject to change.
Please contact us for more details.

FREE ALL EQUIPMENT INCLUDED

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

The Children's Society



Central Bedfordshire

HEALTHY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

STAY ACTIVE, EAT WELL, HAVE FUN

There's lots to do this Summer in Central Beds Youth Clubs.
Sessions are at Biggleswade, Sandy & Leighton Buzzard for children and young people aged 10-16 years.
Sports, cooking, gaming, music, arts & crafts and much more, all SEND inclusive - everyone can join the fun!
You will also get a healthy lunch and snacks each day you attend





Free for families eligible for free school meals



Scan the QR code for more details and book your place

Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre - School Uniform Event

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



Central Bedfordshire Council

For more information please contact us
Phone- 0300 300 8880
Email- lbcc@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk