



Newsletter

4th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

Welcome back to Greenleas for the academic year 2026-27. We have enjoyed welcoming the children into school after the Summer break and settling them back into their routines. We have also been glad to see Miss Grossman back in school on a phased return to work. She still has some outstanding treatment to complete, but we will be seeing more of her as the year progresses.

Next Thursday we will be welcoming our Member of Parliament, Alex Mayer to Derwent Road for a tour and a Q&A with the children. She is very interested to hear about our non-logo uniform options, and the work the children have been doing to promote sustainable travel.

I would also like to invite you to our "Starting the New School Year" sessions on Wednesday 16th September at 3.45pm, 4.45pm and 6pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the class teacher, and learn new information about how to support their child as they move into their new year group, or start school for the first time. This not a drop-in session, so please be punctual. **Please let the class teacher know which session you plan to attend by signing up via your child's Google Classroom. Sessions with low numbers may be consolidated or cancelled to make best use of time.** Any children who come along will need to be supervised.

I'd also like to remind parents and carers to park considerately when visiting the school site. Please leave driveways and junctions free, and respect the yellow zig zag lines outside the school which are for the children's safety. The school car park is for staff use and Blue Badge holders.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,
Head Teacher

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

Respect

Respect is thinking about yourself and others in a positive way. Respect is thinking and acting in a way that shows others you care about their feelings.

To help deepen our children's understanding of our value of Respect this month, here are some questions you could discuss with your child at home: How can we show respect to others? To ourselves? To property?



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

Transfer to Starting School 2027

Central Bedfordshire



Beaundesert Lower School, Lewis Turner, AGE 8

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

They will start school in September 2027, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2027.

Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form by downloading it from our website or by contacting School Admissions @ admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk ☎ 0300 300 8000

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Transfer to Junior/ Middle 2027

Central Bedfordshire



Southcott Lower School, Harvey Turnbull, AGE 9

Is your child due to start Junior/Middle School in September 2027?

Then you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2027.

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CLUB DAY EVERYONE WELCOME!



**SUN 6TH
SEPT
2026**



Get ready for a day packed with fun and fantastic hockey action at Leighton Buzzard Hockey Club! Whether you're a seasoned player or a curious newcomer, Club Day has something for everyone.

10:00 - 10:45 - NEW & BACK TO HOCKEY
11:00 - 11:45 - FLYERZ (YES WE CAN)
11:00 - 11:45 - WALKING HOCKEY
12:00 - 14:00 - YOUTH 7-A-SIDE
14:00 - 16:00 - ADULT 7-A-SIDE

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO

✉ clubday@lbhc.org.uk

f [leightonbuzzardhockey](https://www.facebook.com/leightonbuzzardhockey)

🌐 lbhc.org.uk

Central Bedfordshire Community Access Service

Upcoming Events

Online Workshops for Parents & Caregivers
Click on each to sign up or scan the QR code!

**OCTOBER
8**

Promoting Positive Body Image for Young People (11 Years +)

4-5 PM



**NOVEMBER
24**

Managing "Big Feelings" (5-11 years)

12-1 PM



**DECEMBER
3**

Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing in Children and Young People

12-1 PM



**DECEMBER
7**

Managing your Child's Overwhelm during the Holidays

4-5 PM



We care
We respect
We are inclusive

NHS
East London
NHS Foundation Trust