



Newsletter

8th October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

Thank you for your contributions so far to our annual Harvest Food drive. We are starting to see a growing mountain of tinned food ready to hand over to Leighton Linslade helpers' Food Bank. Please continue to bring in your donations if you would like to do so.

Today I had lunch with children from Key Stage 2 at Derwent Road who were all very excited and busy trying to make one another laugh with the result that Emily, Ada, Freddie, William, Chloe, Leo C, Darren and I were the last people eating in the lunch hall when everybody else had gone! Over our roast dinner and sandwiches, we chatted about the strangest place we had ever been stuck (in field where the mud sucked our wellies off) and how it was tricky when we had to turn the living room into a kitchen because we were having work done.

This week I had hot chocolate with the unsung hero of Hawks, Rebecca. We had a lovely chat in my office about our shared hobbies (3D printing), and also where to buy Bubble Tea and 3D printed dragons in Leighton Buzzard. Rebecca told me all about her trip to Sardinia in the Summer, and what she likes to do when she is on holiday.

This week's writing is from Anya from Year 4 at Kestrel Way.

The recruitment process has commenced for my successor. Governors have been meeting to scope out the role, advertise and then shortlist suitable candidates. The plan is to hold an assessment day before we break up for the Christmas holidays so that there is enough time for notice to be given etc.

Rebecca Clarke,
Head Teacher

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

Unity

The state of being united or joined as a whole.

"We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We stand together, until the end."

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:
Florence
Kestrel Way:
Lavi



Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Kingfishers
Kestrel Way:
Hawks



Safeguarding Matters

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

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

bbfc **PEGI**

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

U Universal, suitable for all ages	PG Parental Guidance required	12 Suitable for people aged 12 and over	12A Suitable for people aged 12 and over, provided they are accompanied by an adult
15 Suitable for people aged 15 and over	18 Suitable for people aged 18 and over	R18 Adult content only available in specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers	

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

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LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info

www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter: @natonlinesafety Facebook: /NationalOnlineSafety

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release 06/02/19

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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This week Tilly, Monroe, Mia, Jasper and Conall from Year 3 have interviewed children across the school to find out what they have been learning about. In Reception the children have been learning to write their letters and exploring different stories. In Year 1 they are learning about the United Kingdom and exploring the different countries. In Year 2 they are practicing their times tables and looking forward to using TT Rockstars. They have also been enjoying the Class Reader (George's Marvelous Medicine). They have been painting different animals in the style of Tinga Tinga. In Year 4 they have been learning some tricky maths – subtracting with renaming! It has been a very busy week!

HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

5TH - 15TH OCTOBER

We are collecting non-perishable food items to support families in our local area.

PLEASE DONATE:

- ♥ Tins
- ♥ Pasta
- ♥ Rice
- ♥ Sauces
- ♥ and other non-perishable food items



Please send any donations in with your child.



Linslade helpers will collect all items on **16TH OCTOBER.**

Any items are appreciated and will help families in the local area.

PEDAL MORE



POLLUTE LESS



Take a step (or pedal) in the right direction and join Cycle to School Week, 05-09 October 2026!

More cycles means fewer cars. Which means cleaner air, less traffic, and a happier town.
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CYCLE TO



SCHOOL WEEK

2026

Transfer to Starting School 2027

Central Bedfordshire



Beadesert 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.

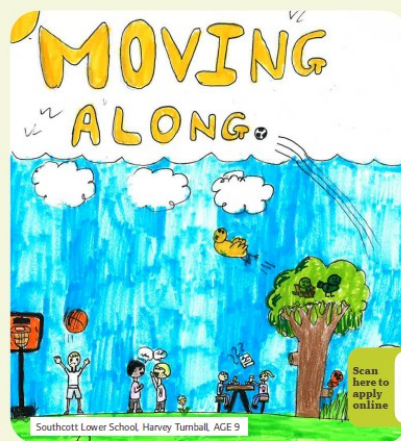
Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

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

A great place to live and work.

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.

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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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

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East London
NHS Foundation Trust

CHUMS YOUNG PEOPLE & PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

Our online workshops are designed as a starting point for families with children who have low level difficulties. These are one-off 2-hour sessions conducted virtually via Microsoft teams. Please note these workshops do not support moderate/severe difficulties and will not address risky behaviours (self-harm, suicidal ideations).

ANXIETY WORKSHOPS

11+ ANXIETY
10/9/26 @ 4PM - 6PM
(For young people aged 11+, parents also welcome to attend)

This single psychoeducation session explores emotional development in children, emotional regulation, and focuses on anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

PARENT ANXIETY
21/9/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM
(For parents of young people aged 5 - 11 years old)

One-off workshop exploring emotional development in children, emotional regulation, psychoeducation around anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

SLEEP WORKSHOPS

UNDER 12'S SLEEP
11/9/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM
(For parents of young people aged 4 - 12 years old)

One-off workshop which focuses on why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, possible causes of sleep difficulties and learning strategies to overcome sleep problems.

OVER 12'S SLEEP
16/10/26 @ 3PM - 5PM
(For young people aged 13+, parents also welcome to attend)

One-off workshop which explores why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, sleep hygiene tips and strategies for managing worries at night.

RESILIENCY WORKSHOP
6/10/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM
(For parents of young people aged 5 - 11 years old)

This single session explores relevant child development including and provides psychoeducation on mental health vs mental health problems, emotional regulation, anxiety and low mood. You will leave with a greater understanding of your child's needs and armed with strategies to build their resilience.

EXAM STRESS WORKSHOP
22/10/26 @ 4PM - 6PM
(For young people aged 12+ and parents)

One off workshop which equips teenagers with an understanding of exam stress, strategies for managing exam stress, revision tips and self-care. The workshop also offers parental tips for supporting their adolescent's exam stress.

BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP
9/11/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM
(For parents of young people aged 5-11 years old)

A one-off workshop that covers the following topics: Emotional development in children, emotional regulation, common behaviour difficulties and strategies to promote positive behaviours.

SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOPS

TEENAGE SELF-ESTEEM
26/11/26 @ 4PM - 6PM
(For young people aged 13+, parents also welcome to attend)

One off workshop which equips teenagers with an understanding of self-esteem and tools to build confidence through thought challenging, relaxation and activities to celebrate strengths and successes. Workshop also offers parental tips for building self-esteem in adolescence.

PARENT SELF-ESTEEM
9/12/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM
15/1/27 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM
(For parents of young people aged 5 - 12 years old)

One off workshop which equips parents with an understanding of self-esteem and ways to promote high self-esteem through parenting style and collaborative activities to try at home with their young person.



GREENLEAS SCHOOL KESTREL WAY ART CLUB!

A friendly club where children make, build and create wonderful artwork to take home and treasure.

Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm

4th November – 9th December 2026 (6 sessions)

Open to children in Years 2 – 4

£52.50 – including all materials

Bookings open Friday 16th October at 7pm.

Please visit: www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft

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GREENLEAS SCHOOL DERWENT ROAD ART CLUB!

A friendly club where children make, build and create wonderful artwork to take home and treasure.

Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm

3rd November – 8th December 2026 (6 sessions)

Open to children in Years 2 – 4

£52.50 – including all materials

Bookings open Friday 16th October at 7pm.

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**Inspectors need to hear
about:**

- Education support
- Health services
- Social care support
- Communication with families
- Outcomes for children and young people with SEND

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work without your
feedback**





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4PM

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8.00AM DROP
5.30PM STAY

Day pass

£28.50

Week pass

£135

8am drop £3
5.30pm stay £6

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CREATIVE, FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDING: STREET DANCE, CHEER DANCE, DISCO DANCE, MUSICAL DANCE, DRAMA, DAILY ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY, ARTS & CRAFTS, OUTDOOR NATURE EXPLORERS AND OUTDOOR YOGA. WITH THE USE OF A LARGE HALL AND LARGE FIELD!

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DERWENT ROAD PTA NOTICEBOARD

PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO

16TH OCTOBER 2026

EARLY: 5 – 6PM/LATE: 6:15 – 7:15PM

£1.50 PER TICKET

Come and join us for a spooky time! Dancing, snacks, lucky dip and a quiet room with colouring will be available (not forgetting the bar for the adults!) Fancy dress is optional – please no masks or weapons.

Tickets are available on Arbor School Shop and will close once we reach full capacity.

All children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults and children need to purchase a ticket in advance. Every adult attending must be accompanying a child.

This event is exclusively for children currently enrolled at Greenleas. We kindly ask that for the safety of children attending, that older siblings or children that are no longer at Greenleas, do not join for this event. Thank you for understanding.

WE CANNOT RUN THIS EVENT IF WE DO NOT GET ENOUGH HELPERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE LET YOUR CLASS REP KNOW OR EMAIL US AT: PTAFROGS@HOTMAIL.COM

PTA ADVENT CALENDAR RAFFLE

DONATIONS needed!

We're collecting advent calendar donations for this year's PTA Advent Calendar Raffle and would love your help!

We're looking for any unwanted or spare advent calendars (donations new or unused) from any brand.

Thank you!

Your support makes a big difference!

Please hand in any donations at the **OFFICE**

Please email the PTA at: ptafrogs@hotmail.com with any company contact details.



KESTREL WAY PTA NOTICEBOARD



GREENLEAS KESTREL WAY PTA Help make our Christmas Raffle amazing!

A local prize can make a big difference to our children.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW • FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2026

Could your business donate a prize for the Greenleas Kestrel Way PTA Christmas Raffle? Every gift helps us raise funds for the children and gives our school and wider community something exciting to win. This is Greenleas first main raffle for several years, so I'd love to be able to set it off with a bang!

Prize ideas

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| ✓ Service or gift vouchers for your company | ✓ Hampers, Gift sets or a bottle of Whiskey |
| ✓ Products you make or sell | ✓ Experiences or activities |
| ✓ Amazon, John Lewis or Tesco gift voucher | ✓ Advent Calendars (the kids love them!) |

Every donation, large or small, makes a difference!

We are being organised and compiling our prize list early. Therefore we would kindly ask if you donate a voucher with an expiry date, could you date it as close to the draw on 27th November as possible, giving the lucky winner plenty of time to use it. Remember a £20 voucher for your business, will hugely encourage people to come in and spend more!

Could you be our headline sponsor?

We are looking for one local business to donate a standout prize, such as a games console, annual zoo membership, high-value voucher or even a cash prize. This can be a tax deductible expense too! WIN WIN!!!

In return, your company name and branding would feature prominently on PTA raffle correspondence and publicity shared throughout the school community.

Think this could be you? Please do let us know, we'd be eager to discuss.

Where the money goes

Every penny raised goes back into the school community, funding extra-curricular activities, resources and opportunities that enhance the children's learning and enjoyment.

If you can donate a prize or would like to discuss sponsorship, please email ptakw@greenleas.net or call myself on the number below. We would be delighted to hear from you and will thank prize donors in our PTA publicity within school comms and via Social Media.

Thank you for helping make this first raffle a fantastic success for our children!

Kind regards,
Kathi – Vice Chair, 07850 089749
Greenleas Kestrel Way PTA
Kestrel Way, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 4WZ

Greenleas PTA

HALLOWEEN SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 16th October

★ Kestrel Way site only ★

Years R, 1 & 2 4.15pm - 5.15pm	Years 3 & 4 5.30pm - 6.30pm
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£6.50
To be paid on Arbor
by Friday 9th October

Snacks, drinks and
a treat to take home
included!

Fancy dress,
glitter, or casual
(no masks or props allowed)

LET'S DANCE!

Discos can be loud, children are welcome to bring ear defenders
to help them adjust