Newsletter

16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

Parent consultations are coming up next week as we approach the end of the half term. I hope you have seen the letter sent out earlier to book an appointment with your child's class teacher so you can find out how they have been settling in.

On Tuesday I enjoyed a warming cup of hot chocolate with Alex who is the unsung hero of Falcons. We chatted about (amongst other things) the different kinds of noodles there are to enjoy including instant (preferred by Alex) and ramen (preferred by me). Alex has been to a noodle museum whilst on holiday, and I am hoping to visit one next year.

As part of our Greenleas tradition, we have celebrated Harvest at both sites with a visit from Father Bernard from St. Barnabas church. Children in Years 3 and 4 recited some seasonal poems in front of the whole school, and there was also a performance from the choir who have been giving up their lunchtimes to rehearse. Thank you to everyone who has donated food items for our Food Drive. Contributions will be given to the local Food Bank via Leighton Linslade helpers.

On Wednesday I had lunch at Kestrel Way with the children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who had been modelling positive behaviour at lunch time. Lohanny, Nia, Lyra, Blake, Nikolas, Evie and I were all having school dinner, and we chatted about birthdays, party bags and whether we were having a good day. We agreed we all were.

Our Halloween festivities will be in full force today at both sites so dust of your child's dancing shoes and don't forget to buy a ticket from the PTA for our discos. These hugely popular events provide supplementary funds for the school, so your support is greatly appreciated.

With best wishes for the weekend.

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:
Louisa
Kestrel Way:
Mila

Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:

Puffins

Kestrel Way:

Goldfinches

Safeguarding Matters

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

Beaudesert 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.

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Transfer to Junior/ Middle 2027

Southcott Lower School, Harvey Turnbull, AGE 9

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GET IN TOUCH

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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

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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.

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Improves fine motor skills, creativity, confidence and practical problem solving

Lots of support and encouragement from our friendly professional tutors

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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ART CLUB!

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Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm

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

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Bookings open Friday 16th October at 7pm.

Please visit: www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft

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Please complete the Parent & Carer Survey

- ✅ Quick and easy to complete
- ✅ Share your experiences
- ✅ Help improve SEND services
- ✅ Make your voice heard to Ofsted

Please give us just 3 minutes of your time, scan the QR code or click on the link below and complete our survey.

THANK YOU!

SNAP PCF – OFSTED Ready Survey

SCAN ME

Inspectors need to hear about:

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

We cannot do this work without your feedback

CLICK HERE!

DERWENT ROAD PTA NOTICEBOARD

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.

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

Thank you!

Your support makes a big difference!

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

The PTA has lots of SECOND HAND UNIFORM AVAILABLE!

It's in boxes in the school office (at the main entrance), sorted by size.

Feel free to come and have a look through the boxes when the office is open, at pick up or drop off time.

There are suggested donation amounts on the price list.

You can pay cash donations by using the envelopes provided and popping into the PTA letterbox on the opposite wall. Or the office have a card machine.

All money raised goes to the PTA.

Thank you for your support!

If you have any uniform you no longer need and would like to donate, please pop it in the donations box by the uniform sale.

If you have a large quantity of items, please email PTAfrogs@hotmail.com to let us know you will be dropping them in and when.

— GREENLEAS SCHOOL PTA —

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

- ✓ Service or gift vouchers for your company
- ✓ Products you make or sell
- ✓ Amazon, John Lewis or Tesco gift voucher
- ✓ Hampers, Gift sets or a bottle of Whiskey
- ✓ Experiences or activities
- ✓ Advent Calanders (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