Newsletter

23rd October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

Thank you to those of you who booked appointments and attended parent consultations this week. This is a valuable opportunity to find out how your child is settling into their class this year and if they are happy in school. If you forgot to book, missed your appointment or were otherwise unable to attend we will be in touch to ensure we have a chance to speak with you.

This week I enjoyed a celebratory High Tea with our Values Champions from both sites who have been voted by their classmates for showing the values of Respect and/or Unity or been nominated from home. At Derwent Road, Eliza, Luna and I chatted about birthdays (mermaid and Peppa Pig themed) and the recent Halloween disco. At Kestrel Way, Sebastian, Josh, Arlo, Daisy, Claudia and Nyah joined me in my office to celebrate.

On Wednesday I had lunch with the children from Reception and KS1 at Derwent Road. Lillia, Ada, Margot, Zachary, Grayson, Max, Ayla and I enjoyed a hot lunch or a packed lunch whilst we discussed dressing up for Halloween, wet play and our plans for half term.

I also had a cup of hot chocolate with Ospreys' unsung hero, Jordan.

This week we have writing from Amelia and Mollie from Sandpipers and Swallows year 2 classes.

With best wishes for the weekend and upcoming half term. Don't forget to put your clock back an hour this weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,

Head Teacher

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

Unity

The state of being united or joined as a whole.

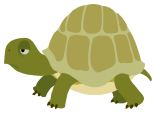
"We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We stand together, until the end."

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:
Joshua
Kestrel Way:
Mila

Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Kingfishers
Kestrel Way:
Goldfinches





Safeguarding Matters

Follow Childnet's top tips to help keep you and your friends safe online.

Childnet

S is for safe

Keep your own and others' personal information safe and don't share it with people you only know online. This includes your full name, passwords, address, school and contact details.

Remember personal information can be found in pictures and videos you share. Make sure not to show your face or anybody else's face.

M is for meet

Be careful with people you only know online. Tell a trusted adult straight away if they ever ask:

- To meet up,
- For personal information about you,
- For photos or videos of you,
- For you to livestream or video chat with them.

A is for accept

Think carefully before you click on links, pop-ups, or adverts, as you don't know where they may lead.

It's safest not to accept friend, follower, message or trade requests from people you don't know.

R is for reliable

Not everything you see online can be trusted. Things can be out of date, edited or fake! If something online seems too good to be true, it probably isn't true. Check your facts in several different places and talk to someone about what you have found if you're not sure.

T is for tell

If anything or anyone online makes you feel upset, worried or confused, tell a trusted adult. There are lots of people who will be able to help, like family members, carers, school staff or club leaders.

Think: who are your trusted adults?

Remember to always be SMART with a heart by being kind, respectful and thinking about other people online.

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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



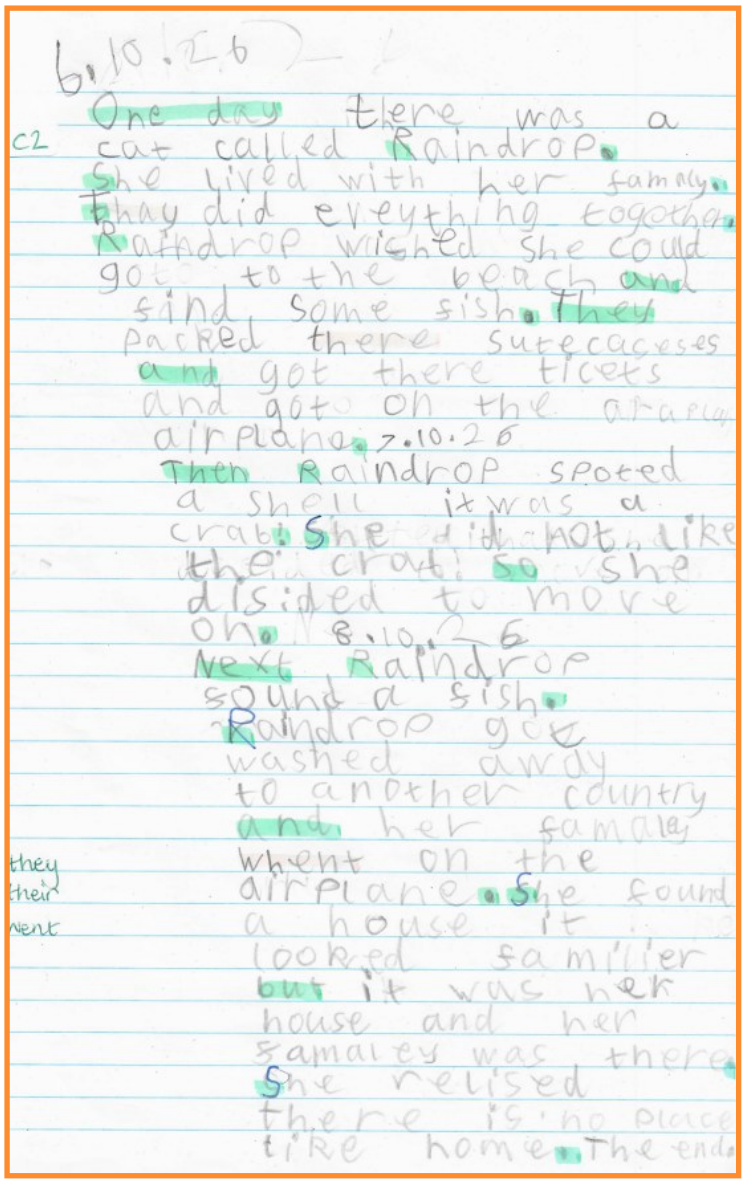
Kestrel Way:

Amanada Wallace



Dorothy Smith

Safeguarding Governor



6.10.26

C2 One day there was a cat called Raindrop. She lived with her famaly. thay did eveything together. Raindrop wished she could got to the beach and find some fish. They packed there sutecaseses and got there ticets and got on the airplane. 7.10.26 Then Raindrop spoted a shell it was a crab. She did not like the crab so she disided to move on. 8.10.26 Next Raindrop found a fish. Raindrop got washed away to another country and her famaley whent on the airplane. She found a house it looked familier but it was her house and her famaley was there. She relised there is no place like home. The end.

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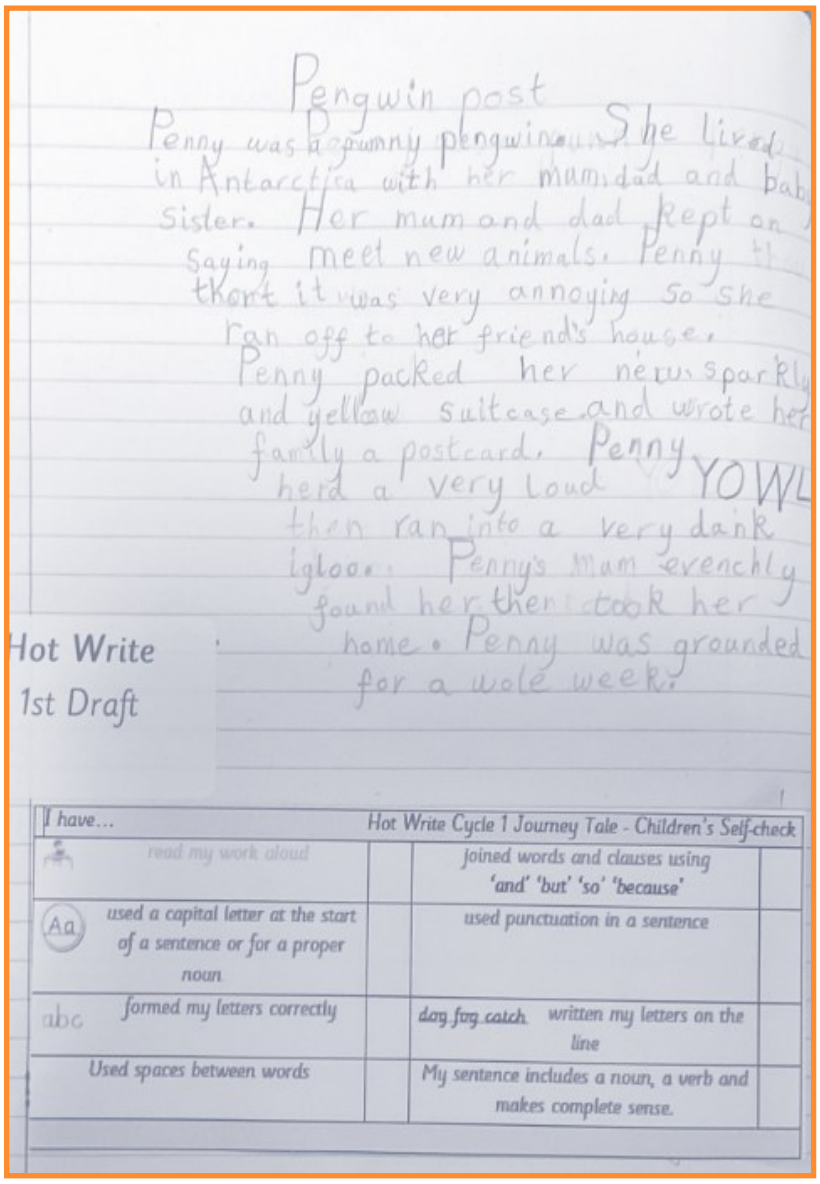

Pengwin post

Penny was a funny pengwin. She lived in Antarctica with her mum, dad and baby sister. Her mum and dad kept on saying meet new animals. Penny thort it was very annoying so she ran off to her friend's house. Penny packed her new sparkly and yellow suitcase and wrote her family a postcard. Penny herd a very loud YOWL then ran into a very dank igloo. Penny's mum evenchly found her then took her home. Penny was grounded for a wole week.

Hot Write
1st Draft

I have...		Hot Write Cycle 1 Journey Tale - Children's Self-check	
read my work aloud		joined words and clauses using 'and' 'but' 'so' 'because'	
Aa used a capital letter at the start of a sentence or for a proper noun		used punctuation in a sentence	
abc formed my letters correctly		dog fog catch written my letters on the line	
Used spaces between words		My sentence includes a noun, a verb and makes complete sense.	



Kestrel Way House Points Winners - Turing



Derwent Road House Points Winners - Baines

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After School Clubs Autumn Term 2 2026: Dance, Future Sports & Football

TFG will be running a choice of 4 after school clubs during 'Autumn Term 2' 2026 at **Greenleas Derwent Road**

Future Sports (Multi Sport - Yr. 1, 2, 3 & 4 Mon)– Different activities each week including; chasing games, handball, archery, UniHoc, outdoor dodgeball and more! *(Held outside on the school field or playground each week; in the event of bad weather we will host indoor activities inside).* ***Please pack suitable outdoor clothing; joggers, jumper, trainers, coat.***

Football (Yr. 1 & 2 Tue / Year 3 & 4 Thu) – Fun dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending games, matches and more! *(Held outside on the school field or playground each week; in the event of bad weather we will host indoor activities inside).* ***Please pack suitable outdoor clothing; joggers, jumper, trainers, coat. Shin pads must be worn (football boots are optional but trainers are required each week).***

Dance (Yr. 1-4) Wednesday – Different themed dance activities each week including: street dance, cheer, group dances and performances! ***Takes place inside wear comfortable clothing and trainers.***

Mon: Multi Sports Yr 1, 2, 3, 4 Where: Greenleas Derwent Road Who for: Year 1 & 2 (15 spaces) Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm Dates: Mon 2nd Nov– Mon 14th Dec (7wks) Cost: £38.50 –book online tfgcamps.com	**Tuesday: Football Yr 1 & 2** Where: Greenleas Derwent Road Who for: Year 1 & 2 (15 spaces) Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm Dates: Tue 3rd Nov– Tue 15th Dec (7wks) Cost: £38.50 –book online tfgcamps.com
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How to Book

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TFG will be running a choice of 5 after school clubs during the Autumn Term 2 2026 at **Greenleas Kestrel Way.**

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Dance (Yr. 2-4) Thursday – Different themed dance activities each week including: street dance, cheer, group dances and performances! ***Takes place inside wear comfortable clothing and trainers.***

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Transfer to Starting School 2027

Central Bedfordshire



Beaudesert Lower School, Lewis Turner, AGE 8

Scan here to apply

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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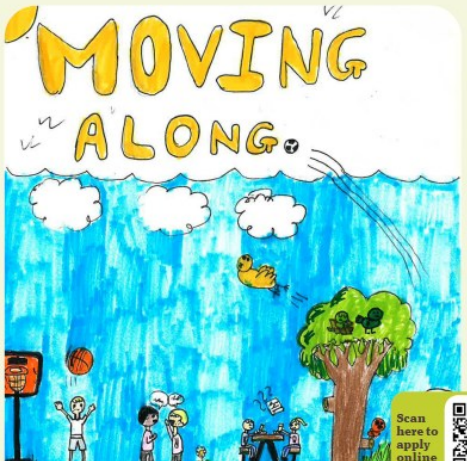
Transfer to Junior/ Middle 2027

Central Bedfordshire



Southcott Lower School, Harvey Turnball, AGE 9

Scan here to apply online

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

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SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Help us to accurately reflect what life is like navigating SEND in Central Bedfordshire in readiness for an imminent OFSTED and CQC SEND Inspection.

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

CLICK HERE!

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

A big thank you to all the families of Greenleas School who donated items as part of our Harvest Festival.

Leighton Linslade Helpers has asked us to share that the donations were over-whelming generous and very much appreciated.

LEIGHTON LINSLADE HELPERS

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

Leighton-Linslade Town Council NEWSLETTER

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

Market Event for Families
Tuesday 27th Oct 10am - 1pm

A frightfully-fun family experience!

Join us for some FREE spooky Halloween fun at Leighton Buzzard Market this half term.

Fancy dress encouraged!

We'll have creepy crafts, a trick-or-treat trail, balloons, special guests and more! Just pop along between 10am and 1pm and find us on our market stall.

Trick or Treat Trail

As part of our family market event you can enjoy a quick spotter trail on the Market. Find all 6 knitted characters and claim your treat. Pick up the trail sheet from our stall.

Raven and Broomstick

Did you know there's a museum of curiosities in town? Take a walk down Peacock Alley and see what you can find.

Halloween Market
Sunday 25th Oct 11am - 4pm
(may not be suitable for very young children)

What's On at the Library Theatre

Here's something to do in town this half term. Visit your own local cinema! On floor 3 of the Library. Call the box office or book online: 0300 300 8125

Shaun the Sheep - The Beast of Mossy Bottom
Mon 26th Oct - 2pm

Three Little Pigs family theatre
Weds 28th Oct - 2pm

Sense and Sensibility
Thur 29th Oct - 7.30pm

Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre

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FAMILY MEET

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For local families with additonal needs and disabilities

Sunday 22nd November 10am - 12 pm
The Picture House - Leighton Buzzard

Breakfast Sandwich included, Sensory toys and games available and TVs will be on



£8 per family
£5 one parent/one child





Contact us via message or info@freddieandfriends.org if you would like any more info

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Half Term SEND Session

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Tuesday 27th October
10am - 12pm

Sensory, Soft Play, Bouncy Castle, Games and Art & craft activities





£5 for 1 child
£2 per sibling



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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

Ask about the HELP Promise

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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 12+, 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.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONS

Parent/carer group for supporting emotional dysregulation

NHS East London NHS Foundation Trust

Who is this intervention for?

Supporting Your Child's Emotions is an early intervention approach to supporting parents/carers to further their understanding of their child's emotions and how this relates to behaviour. Alongside this, the group aims to help parents/carers develop strategies to support children to work on their self-regulation skills and can be particularly helpful for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

How can this help parents and carers?

This intervention can support parents/carers of children experiencing emotional overwhelm to feel more confident in implementing strategies that feel meaningful and personal to their child.

What age range is this intervention suitable for?

This intervention can be helpful for children aged 5+. This intervention can be helpful for older children but would be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking developmental age into account.

How many sessions do I need to attend?

This intervention consists of 7 face-to-face group sessions, plus a review.

What will I learn in each session?

Session	Content
1	Understanding triggers for emotional dysregulation
2	The spoon theory, double empathy gap, emotional regulation skills
3	The proactive approach
4	Emotional literacy, skills and independence building
5	Increasing predictability and sensory considerations
6	Management of dysregulation and navigating the "cool down" period
7	Making a plan and keeping it going
Review	Reviewing progress and considering next steps

Contact Details

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Community Access Services

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The Elms
Stoke Road
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Help Children Thrive Through Play!

Join our FREE **Introduction to Playwork** course starting in November 2026

Central Bedfordshire great prospects

In partnership with Central Bedfordshire Council's Wraparound Childcare Team, Bedfordshire Employment and Skills Academy brings you this fantastic opportunity to build knowledge, skills, and confidence to really thrive as a playworker by completing our **Introduction to Playwork** course.

What does the course cover?
Whether you're new to playwork or looking to strengthen your existing knowledge, this practical and engaging course will introduce you to the key principles, theories, and skills needed to support children's play in a safe, inclusive, and enriching environment.

Who is it suitable for?
Practitioners working in breakfast or after-school clubs.

How is it completed?
You'll attend four 2.5-hour taught sessions and fully participate in all activities.

What are the entry requirements?
You must be at least 19 years old and live or work in Central Bedfordshire or Bedford Borough.

Location
Flitwick. The venue will be confirmed once you have reserved your free space.

Course dates
The course will run on Thursdays, 9.30am - 12pm

- Session 1: 5 November 2026
- Session 2: 12 November 2026
- Session 3: 19 November 2026
- Session 4: 26 November 2026

Cost – FREE*
**Subject to funding eligibility.*

To register your interest, or for information, advice and guidance, please contact us
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/BESA-contact-us

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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





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 —