Newsletter

6th November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. Please remember to provide a warm and named coat and sturdy shoes for your child, even if you travel to school by car. The children play and learn outside every day in all year groups, so gloves, hats and scarves are essential items as the colder weather approaches.

Thank you to all those parents who have taken the trouble to send us their kind wishes after our Lockdown at Kestrel Way on Wednesday. I was so proud of the children, staff and parents who remained calm and took care of each other throughout.

For a lovely start to the week I enjoyed a steaming hot cup of hot chocolate with Jack from Kestrels who is their unsung hero. We chatted about the recent holiday he enjoyed over half term, and the story he is writing about saving the school from a dinosaur invasion.

On Wednesday I enjoyed lunch with children from KS2 Kestrel Way in the hall. Lillian, Amy, Carla, Zach, Hanna, Oliver and I chatted about our trick or treat experiences over Halloween, our love of lego, the correct way to eat Skips and whether or not we had ever tried or even liked banana bread.

Next week we will be observing the Act of Remembrance in a special assembly at 11 am on Wednesday morning. We have a limited supply of Remembrance poppies to buy in school. There will also be a Book Fair visiting Kestrel Way from Wednesday.

Mrs Cook has been busy showing prospective Head Teacher applicants around the two sites in anticipation of the assessment day in December. Shortlisting will begin once the application deadline has passed on November 25th.

With best wishes for the weekend

Rebecca Clarke,

Head Teacher

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

Tolerance

Tolerance is accepting myself, even when I make mistakes. Tolerance is accepting others, even when they make mistakes. We are all unique and have something valuable to offer and share. Tolerance is accepting others and appreciating differences.

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

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:
Rosie
Kestrel Way:
Kozo

Tidy Tortoise

Derwent Road:
Swallows



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



GILBERT INGLEFIELD ACADEMY
OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY
10th November

5pm Headteacher Talk 1
6pm Headteacher Talk 2
6:15pm Final Entry for Tours

Gilbert Inglefield Academy,
Vandyke Rd, Leighton
Buzzard LU7 3FU

01525 372266
www.gilbertinglefield.com



YOUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN ADOPTED

by your local Everyone Active Centre

WHAT IS THE ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAMME?

Everyone Active's Adopt a School programme is a brilliant opportunity for both Everyone Active and local Schools to work together in an effort to get the local community more active.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU?*

During the 2 week period that your school is adopted, a variety of perks will be available to **parents/guardians, school pupils & school employees**, these will include the following:

FREE **Swimming** for School Pupils (Aged 10 & under)
FREE **Junior Gym** & Swimming for Pupils (Aged 11-15)
FREE **Membership** for Parent/Guardians (Aged 16+)
FREE **Membership** for School Employees (Aged 16+)

*Please note, the offers may vary by centre depending on the facilities available at your local centre.

Your adopting centre:
Leighton Leisure
Community Centre

Scan here for more information on the programme:

everyone ACTIVE

everyoneactive.com | everyoneactive | @everyoneactive | @everyoneactive

NOT MY CHILD

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO:
* EXPLOITATION
* KNIFE CRIME
* COUNTY LINES

6:00PM - 9:00PM
THURS 19 NOV 2026
STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL
LUTON · LU2 7UX

BOOK YOUR TICKET

VEPP BEDFORDSHIRE VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

Luton

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

JOIN US FOR A FREE EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES.

WHY ATTEND?

- **HEAR REAL STORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- **RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- **EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- **SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can offer further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.

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Luton

VEPP BEDFORDSHIRE VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

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.

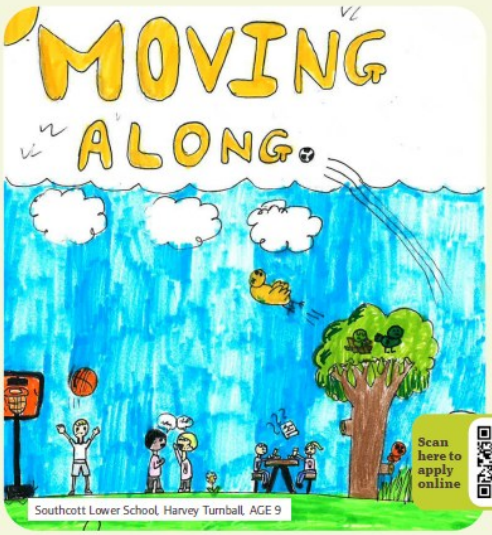
Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

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**

A great place to live and work.

Transfer to Junior/ Middle 2027

Central Bedfordshire



Southcott Lower School, Harvey Turnball, 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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DON'T WASTE YOUR MONEY THIS CHRISTMAS



- Police can seize e-scooters & illegal e-bikes being used unlawfully.
- You could lose hundreds of pounds.
- A Christmas gift could quickly become a disappointment.
- Privately owned e-scooters & illegal e-bikes cannot legally be ridden on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes or in parks.

BOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS. GONE BY NEW YEAR.

Scan QR code for more information

Think Before You Buy

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

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.

PTA

ADVENT RAFFLE!

Win a Range of Christmas Advent Calendars!

Over 20 Fantastic Prizes Up For Grabs So Far!



£1 for 1 TICKET

£4.50 5 TICKETS

£8 for 10 TICKETS

All tickets must be purchased via the Arbor School Shop

Tickets on sale until: MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

Winners Announced: FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

If you wish to make any further donations, please drop them off at the School Office. All money raised goes towards our school. Thank you for your support!

Greenleas School PTA