



# Newsletter

19th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

Thank you for coming along to support our "Starting the New School Year" sessions this week if you were able to. The information shared is also available via the Google Classroom, so please do have a look if you were unable to attend. I would be interested to hear any feedback you may have about the format of these sessions, to inform the school's planning for future events. For example, do you understand the purpose of the event, are you happy with the format (face to face presentation in school), would you prefer a virtual event like we used to do during Covid? Would you prefer access to the information before-

hand and use the time for a Q and A instead? Please do let me have your thoughts, either through your representative on the Parent Forum, or if you don't yet know who they are, via the school office.

This week I enjoyed a chatty lunch with Toby, Frankie, Scarlett, Oliver, Joseph and Jessica in KS2 at Kestrel Way who had been nominated for living the Greenleas Values at lunchtime. They all munched on a packed lunch, while I enjoyed a school dinner, and we all admired the fancy new champagne flutes for our water. We chatted about different things including Didcot Train Museum, Macaroni Cheese with gravy, not liking gravy, being a play leader, making our own hot chocolate and visiting Woburn Safari Park in Reception.

This week we have pieces of writing from Emily and Hanna from Derwent Road and Kestrel Way.

Next week we will be hosting a series of "Parent Pages" sessions in class, where you can come and share a story with your child. I know many of you are keen to understand what is replacing the retired Clover Reading Award, and at these sessions you can learn about our new Reading Rainbow.

Parents, please note that the CBC consultation on SEND strategy is still open for another month. Please have your say in this important vision for the future. [SEND Strategy consultation 2025 | Central Bedfordshire Council](#)

With best wishes

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?

## Star of the Week

**Derwent Road:**  
Annabelle  
**Kestrel Way:**  
Emi D

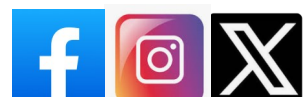


## Tidy Tortoise

**Kestrel Way:**  
Wagtails  
**Derwent Road:**  
Doves



Click the icon to  
visit our school



18.9.25 LO- To use the conjunction 'and' to add more information to a sentence.

dear mom and dad  
I am off on my  
in venchr and  
a trayd scor pns!  
I incoyd staying  
and i loved sunbaveing.  
LOVE From Sunny  
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- The Meerkat Mob
- Sandy Burrow
- The Dunes
- Beetle-Filled Desert
- Under The Sky

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18.9.25

To sister I am am  
on holiday and there  
I have been  
Sunbaveing on roks.  
I sorsaw uncle Bob.  
Brecfast was weard  
he servd up scorpecons.  
love Sunny x x x x x hug hug  
love you.



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## School Council—Derwent Road

School council members have been appointed as Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) as part of their role. It is our aim to educate everyone on parking safely around our school to keep all children safe. We appreciate that parking is limited and you may need to plan ahead to ensure you park safe.

Our JRSOs have started their rounds giving out green parking tickets to anyone parking in the zones directly outside the school. If you are persistently parking in these areas and have received a number of our green parking tickets then you run the risk of receiving a red warning card.

Helpful information: Zig Zag zones - No one is legally allowed to park in these areas.

Single solid yellow line - Parking is permitted any time only if you are a blue badge holder. Parking for others is only outside the permitted time frames which are clearly displayed on the sign.

The JRSOs thank you for your support.



On behalf of the Derwent Road PTA, the School Council accepted a cheque this week in Celebration Assembly from the Free Masons, Beaudesert Lodge for £1,100!

The school council will work together to decide how these invaluable funds will be used to improve our school playground.

Central Bedfordshire

great prospects



Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022? They will start school in September 2026, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2026.

Apply online at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school or by contacting School Admissions [admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) 0300 300 8037

A great place to live and work.

# Kestrel Way



## Pre-loved School Uniform Sale

Friday 26th September  
Under the shelter next to the office  
Please bring cash, all items £1 each



### YOUR GUIDE TO PUPIL PREMIUM RECEPTION - YEAR 4

#### What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is additional government funding provided to schools to support students from low income houses to reach their full educational potential. Schools receive this funding to support these pupils through tailored interventions, such as tutoring, enrichment activities, or wellbeing support, with the aim of closing the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their peers.

#### How does it help your child?

- When your child is registered as Pupil Premium the following support may be available in school:
- Additional learning support in class or in small groups,
  - Access to a nurture breakfast each morning,
  - Priority booking for parent consultation meetings,
  - Access to a private Speech Therapist,
  - Support with sourcing uniform,
  - Access to one free after-school club for a term,
  - Financial support during the school holidays to help with food costs,
  - Bespoke free events just for pupils and families such as breakfast book club, or trips to the local library.
  - Support during holidays with Holiday Activity clubs with free trips to pantomimes, experiences such as being a zookeeper for the day all free of charge through Central Bedfordshire,

#### How to apply.

Central Bedfordshire now automatically check families eligibility for Free School Meals and will contact families directly. However if you have had a change in circumstances either financially or with the people living in your home you can call 0300 300 8000 to update them and check eligibility.

If you need any help then please call the school office or ask for Mrs Hawkins (Derwent Road) or Ms Bird (Kestrel Way) and they will all be more than happy to help you through the process.

#### Who is eligible?

- Anyone who receives the following benefits qualify for Pupil Premium support in school:
- Income Support
  - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
  - Child Tax Credit (if you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190)
  - Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
  - Universal Credit - if you applied on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 your annual household income must be less than £7,400 (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

## PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY ONLINE: CYBER SECURITY FOR PARENTS

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Join the ERSOU Cyber Protect Team for a free two-part webinar series designed to help parents understand and manage online safety for their children. Learn practical tips, tools, and strategies to keep your family safe in the digital world.

#### WEBINAR SCHEDULE

Part 1: Introduction to Cyber Choices and Online Risks

8<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
14:00-15:00

16<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
16:00-17:00

25<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
10:00-11:00

Part 2: Tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family

15<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
14:00-15:00

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025  
16:00-17:00

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025  
10:00-11:00

#### Who Should Attend?

Parents, guardians, and carers of children and teens who use the internet, social media, or connected devices.

#### How Do I Register?

Visit the Eastern Region Protect website: [www.easternprotect.org/webinars](http://www.easternprotect.org/webinars)

Contact Us:



[cyberprotectersou@beds.police.uk](mailto:cyberprotectersou@beds.police.uk)



[www.easternprotect.org](http://www.easternprotect.org)



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

## **TIDDENFOOT LEISURE CENTRE FAMILY OPEN DAY SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**

Come along to Tiddenfoot for a fun-filled day of activities and discover everything Tiddenfoot has to offer – completely free! A great day out for the whole family.

- NEW BodyStep, BodyCombat and BodyBalance Launch!
- FREE PT Taster sessions
- FREE Brand New Sound Bath Sessions
- FREE Teacher-led Pool Games session
- FREE Pool Party
- FREE Family Fun including bouncy castle, table tennis, Badminton and Pickleball
- Rookie vs Lifeguard Competition
- FREE Jiu Jitsu Trial sessions
- Face painting

For more details and to book your place on a session, please scan the QR code or ask in centre.



## **CHUMS Psychoeducation Workshops**

Dates/times and workshop details can be found at: <https://chums.uk.com/emotional-wellbeing-service/#workshops> – Please note you will need to scroll to the bottom of the page to see the dates/times as well as the referral form. Families will need to identify which workshop they would like to sign up to within the referral form.

These workshops are designed as a starting point for families with children who have low level difficulties and may not have accessed support from mental health services. If parents are concerned that their child's problem is causing a moderate/severe impact on their life or they are presenting with risky behaviours (self-harm, suicidal ideations), then these series of workshops are unlikely to address these concerns. If this is the case we would recommend making a CHUMS referral on our website;

<https://chums.uk.com/emotionalwellbeing-service/#referral>  
for further support.