



# Newsletter

16th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

We started off the week with a welcome cup of hot chocolate at Derwent Road, this time with Ariya from Swallows as my invited guest for being the unsung hero of the class. On Tuesday, 2 of our governors joined us for a learning walk around Derwent Road, with a focus on our key priorities of Oracy and Reading for Pleasure. As part of the visit the governors listened to several children read, and asked them about which books they like the best.

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed several new governors to office. As Parent Governors we are welcoming Marion Matthews and Phil Kennett, and as Co-Opted Governors we are welcoming Sanjeev Kathiravel Ghandj and Matt Tucker. Our next board meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

On Wednesday the Reading Team attended some excellent training provided by the Roade English Hub on “Botheredness”, as explained by Hywel Roberts. This is an approach which re-energises the curriculum by getting the children to invest in the people, places and problems to be found in all areas of the curriculum.

This week we have Hot Writes from Brodie and Arlo G from Year 3 at Derwent Road and Kestrel Way.

We have noticed an increasing number of children coming into school wearing smart watches, many of which include photo functionality. You should be aware that our Behaviour Policy prohibits these, and other High Tech items from being brought into school by children. Please may I remind you that children should not be wearing these to school.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,  
Head Teacher



## Greenleas’ Value of the Month for January is...

### Trust

Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them.

Talk to your children about:

- People who you know that are trustworthy.
- Practical ways that we can show others that we are trustworthy

Why it is important to be able to trust others when working together as a team “Trusting someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you”.

## Star of the Week

**Derwent Road:**  
Delphi  
**Kestrel Way:**  
Alfie T



## Tidy Tortoise

**Derwent Road:**  
Doves  
**Kestrel Way:**  
Pre-School



Click the icon to visit our school social media channels.



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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### Sir David Attenborough

Who is Sir David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough loved nature and animals he loved all different types of animals. He would do any thing to help animals even if he didn't like them. People called him the natural treasure because he always helped animals. Sir David Attenborough always ~~tried~~ <sup>tried</sup> to help the environment.

Early life

Sir David Attenborough was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1926 in Totterham London Essex. He loved collecting lots of different stuff like rocks and coins. When David Attenborough was 11 years old he said news. He went university where his dad worked and read books about lots of different animals however he always wanted to meet one in real life.

Education and jobs

David Attenborough worked at a Natural Science Centre Cambridge but he really wanted to see animals in real life. He worked in navy for 2 years. In 1952 he worked at BBC seeing animals. His first one of his famous shows was Zoo Quest that shows animals.

Awards and honours

David Attenborough won a BAFTA for many of his animal shows. He was knighted by the queen in 1985. He was also knighted by the king in 2022. More than 40 animals are named after the animals he discovered.

Why is he important?

David Attenborough is important because he has spent his life teaching people about animals. David he has taught to all of the countries and made lots of friends.

### Success Criteria Information Text

I have ...

	checked my work		included my target	✓
	used capital letters at the start of sentences		used full stops	✓
	Used the correct sentence structures			✓
	Used capital letters and full stops consistently			✓
	Included facts (written non-fiction)			✓
	Organised my work into sections			✓
	Used single and multi-clause sentences using a wider range of conjunctions [e.g. when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [e.g. then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [e.g. before, after, during, in, because of]			✓
	Used the correct tenses consistently			✓
	Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors			✓

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
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Introduction

Alan Turing was born on <sup>the</sup> twenty third June 1912 at in London. Alan Turing was gay ~~therefore~~ <sup>the</sup> he got treated badly. He was famous for ~~codebreaking~~ <sup>the</sup> he even broke the code of Germany in WW2. Because of all of his brilliant help he got nick name 'the father of modern codebreaking'.

from a young age, he loved stuff like puzzles and he was a great at mathematics. He used signifier. Signifier meant science math and math language. He was a very long child but he was ~~lonely~~ <sup>sp lonely</sup> so lonely. Do not write my second and third paragraph with a conclusion.

Helping in the world war II

Alan Turing helped in the WW2 by led to leading code breaking. he developed and used his the the bomb machine and used his creation to understand complex German Enigma messages in Bletchley park.



Well done to Lois from Derwent Road who won the Young Artists competition and has been featured on the front cover of their Food Friends book! Well done Lois for your great Jumping Burger design!



# Theatre of Widdershins presents The Princess and The Pea

Leighton Buzzard Library  
Saturday 31 January 11am

A romantic tale of Princesses, Princes and Mushy Peas told amongst the bookshelves. Layered with gentle humour that appeals to all age groups, the show offers a unique blend of puppetry, props, storytelling and audience participation.



This 45 minute show is suitable for children aged 4+

Tickets: Children £5 Adults £5

Available at the library helpdesk or online via Eventbrite (booking fee applies) scan the QR code



National Year of Reading 2026



# Have your say on how we keep our communities safe

Take part in the community safety survey online at [safercentral.org/survey](https://safercentral.org/survey)

We want to hear from you if you live or work in Central Bedfordshire.



Find the council online at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/communitysafety](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/communitysafety)

# PARENT/CARER WEBINAR

## Exploring the sensory world - it's impact and what we can do

£5 per person

Delivered by Faye Clarke - Occupational Therapist, Mood Mechanics  
The session will focus on;

- The impact of the sensory world on how we feel, behave and relate to others
- The 8 senses and their purpose - what might hinder and what could help
- Learn how to support and adapt tasks, environments and relationships to help regulation

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

### To book your place:

Click below or scan the QR code to book!

<https://tinyurl.com/y7u2s8s6>



The session will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams. A joining link will be sent out closer to the date.

# SUPPORTING YOUR AUTISTIC TEENAGER PARENT/CARER COURSE

£25 per person + booking fee

Delivered by Sarah Polack - Parent, Cognitive Behavioural Therapist & DBT Practitioner. Across three sessions, Sarah will share real life experiences, positive approaches and valuable insights into supporting autistic teenagers.

### Aims of the session:

- Help you to understand your teenager and learn strategies to help them thrive
- Recognising their strengths and potential
- Offer a safe environment to share experiences with other parents

For Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes residents only.  
You must be able to attend all three sessions to fully benefit from the course.

23rd Feb, 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Autism Bedfordshire Head Office, 1 Hammond Road, Elms Farm Industrial Estate, MK41 0UD

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**MORNING MINI TENNIS CLUB SPRING TERM (School Hall)**

**MONDAY MORNINGS – GREENLEAS KESTREL WAY**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January to Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 (exc. Half-Term)

Day/Time	School year	No. of weeks	Cost	Tick box
Mon. 8-8.45am	All Years	10	£70	

Child's Name..... D.O.B. .... School Year .....

Medical Conditions (if any) .....Contact Tel. No. ....

Parents Name and Address .....

E-mail address.....

Please e-mail or text Debbie and attach completed form to either

[paulhobday@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:paulhobday@tiscali.co.uk) or 07956048006

Payment to Mrs D. Hobday by bank transfer, Lloyds TSB, 30-14-71, 14488160.

Please add GREENLEAS plus your child's name/s as the reference.

All equipment provided, please arrive wearing sports clothing or PE kit and bring a water bottle.

**Greenleas Kestrel Way**

**MINI TENNIS CLUB SPRING TERM**

Monday mornings

Come along and join in with the **FUN!**



**Coach Debbie Hobday**

**(LTA Accredited Level 4 Coach – Linslade Tennis Club)**

**Starts Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

(Application on reverse)



**Kestrel Way**

*Spring  
Disco*

RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2

4:15PM – 5:15PM

*£6.50  
per child*

YEARS 3 & 4

5:30PM – 6:30PM

FEBRUARY

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2026

SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED.

PLEASE DROP OFF BY MAIN GATE AND

COLLECT AT CLASSROOMS.