



Newsletter

12th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

I hope you are continuing to settle back into the routines of the Autumn Term, and finding out about what your child is learning.

I would like to remind you about our "Starting the New School Year" sessions on Wednesday 17th September at 3.45pm, 4.45pm and 6pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the class teacher, and learn new information about how to support their child as they

move into their new year group, or start school for the first time. This is not a drop-in session, so please be punctual. **Please let the class teacher know which session you plan to attend. Sessions with low numbers may be consolidated or cancelled to make best use of time.** Any children who come along will need to be supervised.

Wednesday 17th is also the date for the Derwent Road PTA AGM if you are interested in joining their fundraising work for the school. Come along to the school at 7.30 pm. Kestrel Way will also find an order form for Christmas Cards coming home this week. I know it seems rather early, but the school gets a much better commission by beating the rush later in the year!

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](#)

This week we have Hot Writes from Noah and Emma from Derwent Road and Kestrel Way.

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?

Vacancies

We have the following vacancies available at present:

Cleaner, Derwent Road

Midday Supervisor, Kestrel Way

TA, Derwent Road

You can apply for these roles on the mynewterm website [here](#).

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:

Ada W

Kestrel Way:

Ayfa M



Tidy Tortoise

Kestrel Way:

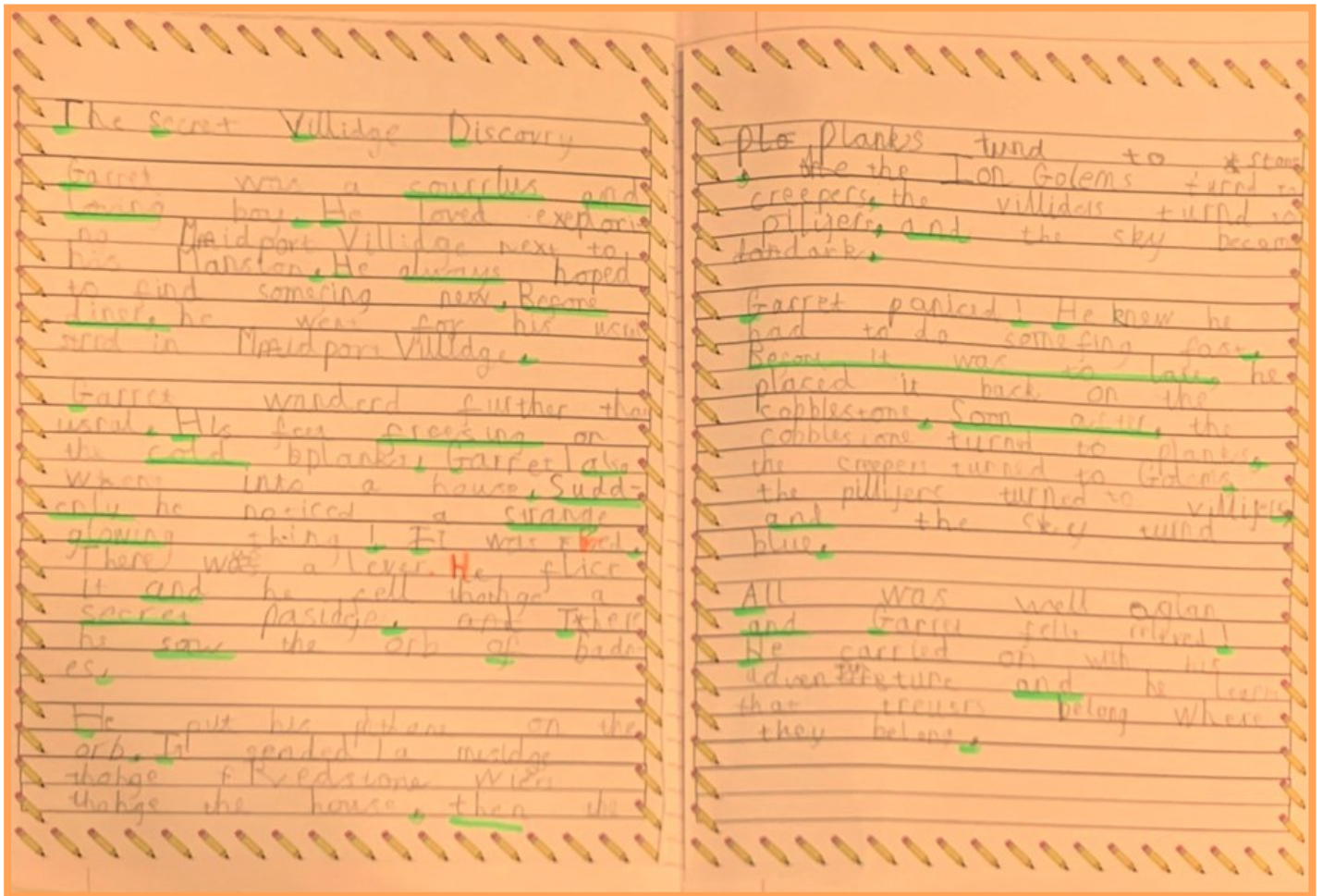
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Derwent Road:

Eagles



Click the icon to visit our school social media channels.



23.6.25

The boy without parents.
10. To write a rags to riches story.

The boy without parents,
Once upon a time there was a boy called Max. One day he lost his parents at the fun fair. He was now poor with no money and no food. He lived in a construction site. Max never got a bath since he lost his parents at the fun fair. He missed his mum and dad also he had no shoes his feet were dirty and ruined with lots of scratches and cuts. He also dressed in rags. Max's wish was to become a king with a shiny and clean throne with lots of gold and a shiny armour. One day he woke up and decided to make his own shop. By ten days Max got a thousand pounds. Enough for his dream. Ten years later he became a kind and persevering king also giant he had a giant castle and lived near the mountains.

Haytham participated in CRUK's Race for Life (3k) and raised £1,640!

Many of his school friends supported him along the way and helped raise money at his little lemonade stand.

Well done Haytham!



Derwent Road School Council



Made up of a range of children from years 1-4, our School Council members were specifically chosen by their fellow peers to represent the views of all of our pupils giving them the opportunity to make their voices heard this year. We have had our first meeting where members were given their badges to wear with pride. We discussed our plans for the coming year, with Road safety and promoting that around our school being the priority, along with revamping of the class target rewards and designing thank you cards for our kind volunteers this year.



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

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

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Join Home-Start Bedfordshire

Right now, a family with young children in your community struggles alone with sickness, disability, mental ill-health, isolation, bereavement, and more. You can make a lasting difference in their lives. You don't need any special qualifications, just real-life experience caring for children. You just need a couple of hours available on a week day, once a week. The time is flexible to suit you.

Our local volunteers are parents, grandparents, and caregivers from all walks of life who want to help others. Join us today because childhood can't wait. Visit www.home-startbedfordshire.org.uk and get in touch. We would love to speak to you!

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 1st April 2018 your annual household income must be less than £7,400 (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

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.