



Newsletter

17th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers of Greenleas School,

It's been a busy week at Greenleas this week as we get ready for the approaching half term and parent consultations. I hope you have seen the letter sent out earlier to book an appointment with your child's class teacher so you can find out how they have been settling in.

On Monday, I enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate with Isla, the unsung hero of Falcons.

We have celebrated Harvest at both sites with a visit from Father Bernard from St. Barnabas church. Children in Years 3 and 4 recited some seasonal poems in front of the whole school, and there was also a performance from the choir, who have been giving up their lunchtimes to rehearse.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food items for our Food Drive.

Contributions will be given to the local Food Bank via Leighton Linslade helpers.

On Wednesday, the Oracy team attended the Great Oracy Exhibition in Birmingham, hosted by Voice 21. At Greenleas we have started our journey to become a Voice 21 Centre of Excellence for Oracy, because we recognise the role that empowering children to communicate clearly has in improving their life chances. We attended many inspirational and informative sessions, including a keynote speech by Neil Mercer, Emeritus Professor of Education at Cambridge University.

On Thursday I had lunch with Jacob, Claudia, Evelyn, Immy and Ella from Key Stage 1 at Kestrel Way. We talked about our favourite dinosaurs and shared interesting facts about them, like whether we call them Pterodactyl or Pteranodon and are they actually the same thing? (Apparently not). T Rex was the most popular.

This week we having finding tales from James and Darren from Year 3 at Kestrel Way and Derwent Road.

The parent forum has also met at both Derwent Road and Kestrel Way this week. We have been discussing how we invite parents into school to find out how they can support at home, what is working well, and what we might need to change.

It's a disco-tastic Friday at both sites, so dust off your child's dancing shoes and don't forget to buy a ticket from the PTA. These hugely popular events provide supplementary funds for the school, so your support is greatly appreciated.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,

Head Teacher

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

Understanding

Understanding is having awareness of, and sympathy for, the feelings of others; it is being tolerant and forgiving.

To help deepen your child's understanding of our value this month, you could discuss and model for your child how to really listen to what others are saying and thinking about how they are feeling. How does it feel when someone really listens to what you have to say? How does it feel when you're not listened to?

Star of the Week

Derwent Road:

Evie H

Kestrel Way:

Alena



Tidy Tortoise

Kestrel Way:

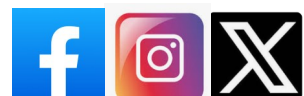
Starlings

Derwent Road:

Eagles



Click the icon to visit our school social media channels.



Wednesday 8th October 2025

LO: Hot write 1 - Funding tale

T. One ~~day~~ ^{snowy} day there was a ~~funny~~ ^{curious} boy called Liam. Liam ~~was~~ ^{was} a lonely boy because there ~~were~~ ^{were} not many ~~rich~~ ^{rich} people that lived in the ~~mountain~~ ^{mountain}.

A. No Liam's ~~dad~~ ^{dad} worked long hours as a firefighter so he ~~was~~ ^{was} alone at a pet store so he ~~was~~ ^{was} left alone.

B. ~~One~~ ^{one} morning after a big snow storm Liam walked down the mountains and he rubbed his ~~head~~ ^{head} eyes. ~~He~~ ^{He} saw some ~~thing~~ ^{thing} in the distance. Liam walked down to it ~~and~~ ^{and}

~~Liam~~ ^{huge} walked down to it and it was a ~~peguin~~ ^{peguin}. ~~Liam~~ ^{Liam} brought it back to his house and put it on the ~~table~~ ^{table}.

Liam ~~gave~~ ^{gave} the penguin some penguin food and ~~he~~ ^{he} the ~~peguin~~ ^{peguin} loved it. Liam gave it two more packets of penguin food. ~~Then~~ ^{Then} he went to bed.

After that ~~Liam~~ ^{Liam}

Liam woke up from a deep sleep ~~and~~ ^{and} Liam saw that the penguin had ~~rewnid~~ ^{rewnid} the ~~pillows~~ ^{pillows} and had ~~rewnid~~ ^{rewnid} the ~~pillows~~ ^{pillows}.

Liam ~~tried~~

Liam tried to fix it ~~but~~ ^{but} he couldn't. So he had to face ~~face~~ ^{face} his dad if his dad was going to be mad.

Then Liam found the ~~hoover~~ ^{hoover} and ~~but~~ ^{but} it didn't work.

Then Liam saw his dad walking up the ~~mountain~~ ^{mountain}. Liam panicked. ~~Then~~ ^{Then} he heard the banging ~~peguin~~ ^{peguin} on the door. Liam ~~troubled~~ ^{troubled} with ~~feared~~ ^{feared}. Without saying a word Liam's dad helped Liam to ~~clean~~ ^{clean} the living room. Then Liam and his dad returned the penguin to where his friends ~~was~~ ^{was}.

Liam's dad ~~was~~ ^{told} Liam that penguins live better in the ~~peguin~~ ^{peguin} ponds and Liam and his dad ~~was~~ ^{was} visit the penguin pond ~~every~~ ^{every}.

Wednesday 8th October 2025

LO: To hot write a funding tale

The Magical & Crab

There was a little, ~~friendly~~ ^{friendly} girl called Frank. She was a ~~adventurous~~ ^{adventurous}, curious, messy girl. She was living in a beach house and she was nearby a forest.

One evening, Frank ~~sneaked~~ ^{sneaked} out of the ~~beach~~ ^{beach} house because she saw a magical shimmering animal in the ground. ~~She~~ ^{She} was ~~not~~ ^{not} there so he stood there with a large coat, ~~a~~ ^a brown hair, and blue eyes. After approximately twelve minutes of the corner of ~~his~~ ^{his} eyes he saw the magical shimmering chick but then it disappeared in a blink of ~~the~~ ^{the} eye. Then he rushed back home and he realised that the chick was following him. So he put him in a ~~spare~~ ^{spare} cage.

In the morning, Frank ~~fed~~ ^{fed} the ~~chick~~ ^{chick} eat breakfast and ~~cleaned~~ ^{cleaned} the ~~chick~~ ^{chick}. After all of that work Frank realised a fox had come in. She swiftly checked on the chick but she was gone. She saw the ~~fox~~ ^{fox} at the exact moment she ~~troubled~~ ^{troubled} heard around. She tried to ~~chase~~ ^{chase} it but it was no use it was too fast. Then she had tears coming out of her eyes. ~~She~~ ^{She} felt sad of the chick because it was going to get eaten. Then she stood up for her self and went to find the chick.

Then after one hour he finally found the fox hole. Inside the hole he saw the chick so he ~~just~~ ^{just} jumped on the ~~hole~~ ^{hole}.

When the chick fox was ~~disgrated~~ ^{disgrated} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~exgged~~ ^{exgged} and went on his head to go home. When they got home Frank made a decision to put the chick back to the nearby forest.

After he put the chick back he learnt that he should not bring animals home.

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They will start school in September 2026, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2026.

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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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EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks, for things like:

- being late after the register has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 months in prison and a criminal record



For more information go to: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school



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Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm

5th Nov – 10th Dec 2025 (6 sessions)

Open to children in Years 2 – 4

£52.50 – including all materials

Bookings open Friday 17th October at 7pm.

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A friendly club where children make, build and create wonderful artwork to take home and treasure.

Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm

4th Nov – 9th Dec 2025 (6 sessions)

Open to children in Years 2 – 4

£52.50 – including all materials

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CREATIVE, FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDING: STREET DANCE, CHEER DANCE, DISCO DANCE, MUSICAL DANCE, DRAMA, DAILY ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY, ARTS & CRAFTS, OUTDOOR NATURE EXPLORERS AND OUTDOOR YOGA, WITH THE USE OF A LARGE HALL AND LARGE FIELD!

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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,

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).

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.

Could You Be a School Governor at Greenleas Lower School?

Or do you know someone who could?

Greenleas Lower School is looking for new governors to join our friendly and committed Governing Board. This is a fantastic opportunity to support your child's school and help shape its future.

What does a governor do?

Governors play a vital role in:

- ✓ Supporting and challenging school leadership
- ✓ Helping set the school's strategic direction
- ✓ Ensuring the best outcomes for all pupils

Who can be a governor?

You don't need to be an education expert—just someone who cares about children's learning and wellbeing. We welcome:

- Parents and carers
- Grandparents
- Family members
- Friends or neighbours
- Anyone in the community with a passion for education

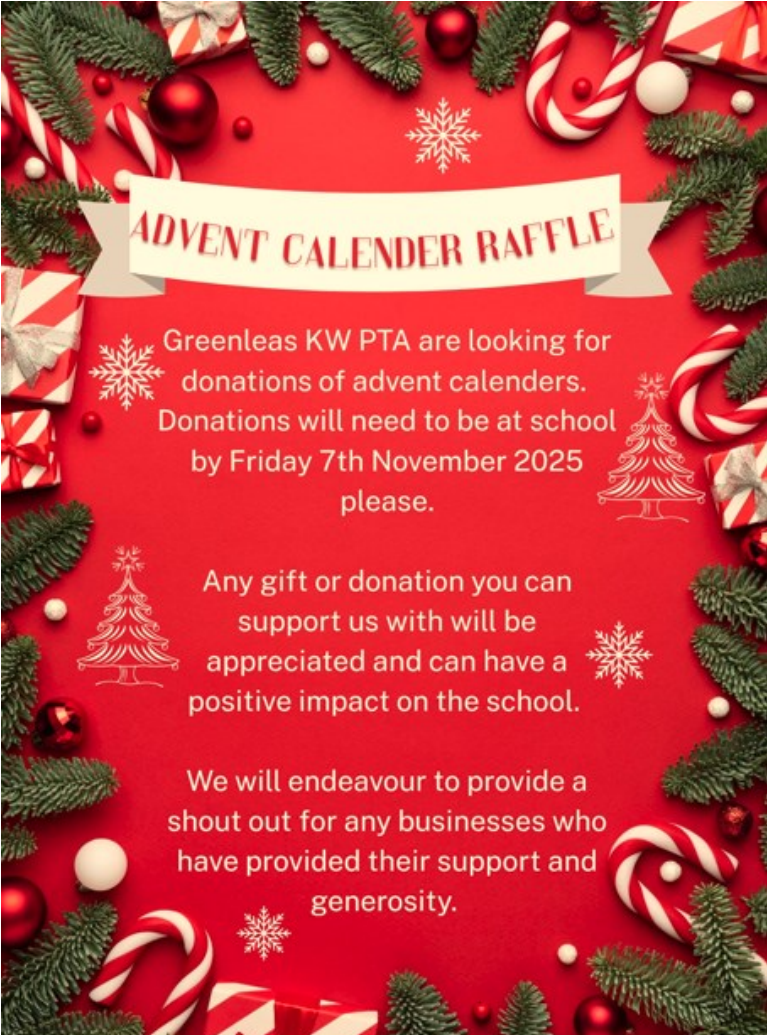
What's the commitment?

Governors attend meetings throughout the year and contribute their time, ideas, and experience. Full training and support are provided, and the role can fit around work and family life.

Interested or want to learn more?

- Contact us at cog@greenleas.net
- Visit <https://www.greenleas.net/>

Please consider joining us—or sharing this opportunity with someone who might be interested. Together, we can help Greenleas continue to thrive!



ADVENT CALENDER RAFFLE

Greenleas KW PTA are looking for donations of advent calenders. Donations will need to be at school by Friday 7th November 2025 please.

Any gift or donation you can support us with will be appreciated and can have a positive impact on the school.

We will endeavour to provide a shout out for any businesses who have provided their support and generosity.

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

Advent calendar raffle

£1 per entry

Enter on the school app (paper tickets will not be issued, every entry will be numbered and a random number generator will be used to select the winning entries.)

We have over 20 advent calendar's to win! Chocolate, toy and book calendars are up for grabs! Raffle will close on November 21st and winners announced November 27th.



DERWENT ROAD PTA

DERWENT ROAD PTA NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER



Support the school PTA with a £1 donation

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. Payment is on the app or you can hand your £1 to a class rep who will be at your classroom door with a green money box, at morning drop off.

No halloween costumes/masks or make up please.

Funds raised by the PTA are donated to the school to help with school projects, including the playground improvements.

Thank you so much!