



# Newsletter

7th November 2025



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.

For a lovely start to the week I enjoyed a steaming hot cup of hot chocolate with Lottie from Kestrels who is their unsung hero.

On Thursday I enjoyed my favourite macaroni cheese comfort food with a group of extremely well mannered children from Key Stage 1 and Reception at Kestrel Way who were chosen by the Midday Supervisors for their exemplary behaviour at lunchtime. Lyra, Annika, Albie, Monroe, Isaac, Fatheha and I chatted about fireworks, staying up super late, which football teams we support and how we had spent our half term holidays.

At Kestrel Way this week the children enjoyed a Movie Night after school on Thursday, hosted by the PTA. Popcorn at the ready, the children settled in to watch a film in their classroom, and raised funds for the school. K-Pop Demon Hunters was an extremely popular film choice – I wouldn't be surprised if you could hear the children singing "Golden" from your houses.

We have Hot Writes from Lyra and Melih from Year 1 at Derwent Road and Kestrel Way this week.

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

With best wishes for the weekend.

Rebecca Clarke,

Head Teacher

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

## Co-operation

**Co-operation is working together to achieve a common goal.**

To help deepen your child's understanding of our value this month, you could discuss these questions: Can you name some things you do at school and at home that require co-operation? What makes working in groups fun? What can make it not fun? Why is it better when people co-operate?

## Star of the Week

**Derwent Road:**

Grace

**Kestrel Way:**

Arlo S



## Tidy Tortoise

**Kestrel Way:**

Ospreys

**Derwent Road:**

Puffins



Derwent Road

**Join us for a Sleep Support Session with the school nurse.**

Thursday 20th November  
9:00 - 9:30am Phoenix Room

Click the icon to visit our school social media channels.



The Rabbit was feeling  
hungry. She ~~we~~ hopped hopped to  
~~the~~ Mollies house.

She ~~Wants~~ wanted something to  
eat. She ~~choctot~~ ate one of  
the ~~do~~ choclot. She ate the  
donut. She had a ~~del~~ the  
~~is~~ lovely day. She drank  
the hot choclot. she ~~W~~ had a wonder  
time.

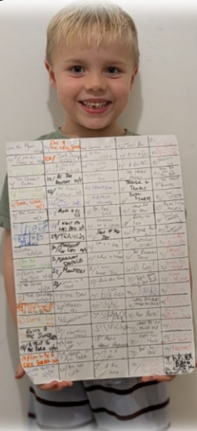
I was feeling - hungry.

I ran to Sophie's house.

I rang the doorbell dindong

Sophie was eating tea

in her kitchen.



Louis from Starlings was set the challenge of reading 100 books by his Daddy. He recently achieved his challenge and was very proud to show us all! We were all very impressed and loved hearing about his favourite reads. His number 1 recommendation is the book 'Freddie' as it has the same name as his brother. Well done Louis!

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

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# EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



## Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school)



## 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
Diarhoea 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



SCAN ME

### No

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

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

### Advice and guidance

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

## 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).

**MINECRAFT**  
ADVENT CALENDAR  
BOOK COLLECTION

24 DAYS OF BUILDS, CHALLENGES, JOKES AND ACTIVITIES!

**Disney HEROES**

**Matesers**

**Harry Potter**

**Galaxy**

**Mr. Men Little Miss**

**Merry Christmas**

**DAIRY MILK**

**Kestrel Way PTA:**  
Advent Calendar Raffle 2025

TICKETS ON SALE VIA GATEWAY APP FROM 3.11.25 TO 26.11.25

1 TICKET	£1
5 TICKETS	£4.50
10 TICKETS	£8

**OVER 40 CALENDARS UP FOR GRABS!**

DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON 27.11.25

[Ptakw@greenleas.net](mailto:Ptakw@greenleas.net)

# Advent calendar raffle

£1 for 1 entry  
£4.50 for 5  
£8 for 10

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.

**Friends**

**MR. MEN LITTLE MISS**  
Advent Calendar

**Merry Christmas**

**DAIRY MILK**

**DERWENT ROAD PTA**

# NOT MY CHILD

\* PARENTS GOING TO  
\* EXPLOITATION  
\* KNIFE CRIME  
\* COUNTY LINES

**CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS**

JOIN US FOR AN 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.

**5:45PM - 9:15PM**  
**WEDS 19 NOVEMBER 2025**  
**CEDARS UPPER SCHOOL**  
**LEIGHTON BUZZARD**

Bedfordshire Police

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