



Green Lea First School  
'Learn, Explore, Achieve'  
Weekly Newsletter  
15th of December 2023



### Dear Families,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at Green Lea First School. From festive markets to theatre shows, from Carol Services to the Nativity Story told by Reverend Starkie and much more, we are making Festive Memories to last a life time. We have been so incredibly proud of the children of Green Lea, who have behaved amazingly in all experiences and circumstances. They have been a real credit to the school and our community. Next week we look forward to more festive surprises and to welcoming you into school for our Nursery Craft Session and for our production of 'Forgetful Santa'. Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Headteacher

### This week at Green Lea:

#### Class 1 (Fantastic Foxes)

Our Early Years have been learning about the 'Christmas Story'. They have had lots of fun enjoying their Santa's Workshop and making Christmas Decorations. They have become expert present wrappers, so if you need a hand at home I'm sure they will help. In phonics, it is clear to see the hard work and enthusiasm is paying off with some super blending happening. Well done Reception.

#### Class 2 (Super Squirrels)

The children have been advancing their computing skills this week and have been learning about 'direction keys'. They are much more confident in logging on and off independently. They have had lots of fun making Nutcrackers then writing an instruction guide about how to make them. I wonder how many sets of instructions they can spot in every day life this weekend e.g. lego, recipes,?

#### Class 3 (Super Seekers)

The Authors of Class Three have finished their biographies which the children have been so knowledgeable about. They are continuing to practise their time tables daily and are demonstrating excellent fluency. Please do continue to practise these at home, even on the car journey to and from school.

### December Dates For Your Diary

- Nursery Family Craft Session and Songs Monday 18th 9.15am—11.15am
- Forgetful Santa Performances Tuesday 19th (9.30am & 6pm) and Wednesday 20th (9.30am & 2.15pm)
  - Last Day of Term and Festive Surprise Friday 22nd

# The Nutcracker

An amazing time was had by all at 'The Nutcracker' on Thursday. It was wonderful to see the awe and wonder on the children's faces especially when it started to snow. What a fitting enrichment to our English writing journey, bringing The Nutcracker to life. Thank you to FOGL for providing the children with an ice cream treat in the interval and for providing the transport.



## Green Lea First School Champion Moments

Meet a Vicar  
and  
ask a  
question.



What better way for our Reception children to learn about the 'Nativity Story' than a visit from Reverend Vivienne Starkie. The children asked thoughtful questions about how she became a Reverend and what her role entails.

# Green Lea Made Market

Wow! Thank you for all of your support for our Green Lea Made Market. Didn't our entrepreneurs do well? Our Year 4 Pupils did an amazing job of running the stalls. Thank you to FoGL for your help and our initial investment. We will update you soon with the winning class.





Thinking about your child's Reception 2024 Place or looking for a Nursery Place?

Green Lea First School is located in a beautiful rural setting.



A safe and supportive environment.

Every child enjoys Forest School weekly.



Wraparound Care Available.



Small class sizes.



Well-being is paramount.

"Learn Explore Achieve"

## Pre-Loved Uniform



We currently have a lot of grey pinafore dresses in stock at £1.50 each.

At present we have no 7-8years & 9-10 years uniform in stock so if anyone has any uniform they no longer need we would be very grateful for it please.

Do get in touch to order or donate.

**Admissions for Reception and Middle School 2024 places are open!**

Apply online via:

[Admission to primary and middle schools - Staffordshire County Council](#)



Community



**EXCITING OPPORTUNITY**

Make a difference

**TO JOIN THE**

Training

**GREEN LEA TEAM**



Support



Well-being



We are currently seeking to appoint a

**School Secretary and a Teaching Assistant**

to join our team.

If you or someone you know thinks this may be the role for them then do get in touch.

For more details click the link below:

[Teaching Assistant - Green Lea First School job with Green Lea First School | 182382 \(wmjobs.co.uk\)](#)

[School Secretary \(Green Lea First School\) job with The Creative Learning Partnership Trust | 182261 \(wmjobs.co.uk\)](#)

If there are any amendments or additions we will let you know with as much notice as possible.



**Green Lea First School**  
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**Spring Term Key Dates and Events**

January	February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Return to School - Spring Term 1</li>   <li>• Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Family Maths Workshop Multiplication/ Division 3.30pm and then 5.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> Friendship Discos Class One and Two 6<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm. Class Three 7<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm</li>   <li>• Week Beginning 12<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM</li>   <li>• Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Inset Day</li>   <li>• Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Phonics Screening Check Workshop 3.30pm and 5.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Afternoon Teas Class One (4<sup>th</sup> March) 2.15- 3pm Class Two (5<sup>th</sup> March) 2.15- 3pm Class Three (6<sup>th</sup> March) 2.15- 3pm</li>   <li>• Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day</li>   <li>• Weeks 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> Swimming Weeks</li>   <li>• Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Spring Assembly 9.10am and 2.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Return to School - Summer Term</li> </ul>



## **Term Dates, Insets and Holiday Dates 2023-2024**

### **Autumn Term 2023**

**Inset day:** Monday 4th September 2023

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 5th September 2023

**Term starts:** Wednesday 6th September

**Holiday:** Monday 30th October - Friday 3 November

**Inset day:** Monday 6th November

**Term ends:** Friday 22nd December

**Holiday:** Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

### **Spring Term 2024**

**Term Starts:** Monday 8th January

**Holiday:** Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

**Inset Day:** Monday 19th February 2024 - Trust Wide Inset Day

**Term Ends:** Friday 22nd March

**Holiday:** Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April

### **Summer Term 2024**

**Term Starts:** Monday 8th April

**May Day:** Monday 6th May

**Holiday:** Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

**Inset Day:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Last Day of Term:** Friday 19nd July

**Inset Day:** Monday 22nd July 2024

**Holiday:** Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August