



**Green Lea First School**  
**'Learn, Explore, Achieve'**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**18th of October 2024**



**Dear Families,**

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week. If you were unable to attend, your child's class teacher will be happy to arrange a convenient time with you.

Our Trust Director of Education visited us this week and was impressed with the children's can-do attitudes and enthusiasm bringing to life our ethos of 'Learn, Explore Achieve'.

Excitingly, we have our 'Happy Halloween Trail' organised by Friends of Green Lea (FOGL) happening next Friday. What a fun way to end this amazing half term! We have the Poppies and Poppy items available in School to purchase. More information can be found in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Headteacher

**This week at Green Lea:**

**Class 1**

In Class 1, we have been sharing a book based on a poem by Benjamin Zephaniah called people need people. We have looked at how we are all different in our own special ways. We've talked about how people need each other to care for and to love. We talked about different families and how we all live in different houses. We enjoyed using the play dough to create funny faces and we loved doing some large scale painting. Why don't you see if you can listen to any other poems by Benjamin Zephaniah?

**Class 2**

The Outstanding Owls have started writing their own character descriptions, describing their dragon. In maths we are learning what estimation means and are using the <, > and = symbols. The Scientists in Class 2 have been learning about germs and how they spread. We completed an experiment using glitter as 'germs' and experimented with cold water, warm water and soap to see which washed off the 'germs' most effectively.

**Class 3**

Our Mathematicians have practised their column addition skills. The Year threes have been adding a 2 digit and a 3 digit and the Year fours have been adding with multiple exchanges. They have both been solving lots of word problems. As Scientists they have been learning about sound. They made their own instrument and discussed how the sound was made. They also made a string toy telephone and investigated what happened when the string was tight and when it wasn't. They have also been learning about the volume and pitch of different instruments as well. A good website is Sound - KS2 Science - BBC Bitesize

**Upcoming Key Dates**

- **Friday 25th October** Halloween Spooktacular **3.30pm to 5.30pm**
  - **Monday 28th October** Half Term Week
- **Monday 4th November** Inset Day—**School Closed to Pupils**
- **Thursday 7th November** Think Tank Visit Class 2&3—**All day**

# 'Learn, Explore, Achieve'



**CLASS THREE'S  
COMMUNITY EVENT**

Planning

Women's Institute

Community Opportunity

Enjoyment

General knowledge



## Community Event

Class Three welcomed in members from the Woman's Institute this week.

The children planned a Quiz and organised refreshments. They then sang their favourite Harvest song.

A huge thank you to our visitors once again for having the tough job of judging the scarecrows.

## Early Years

Check out our artists in action here at Green Lea.

Class One have been experimenting with colours and textures to represent how different families can be.



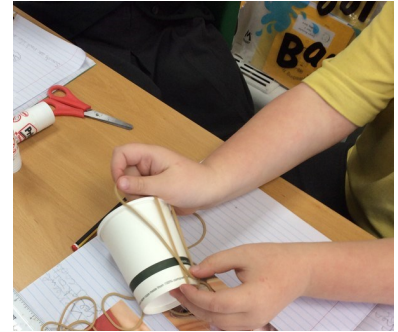
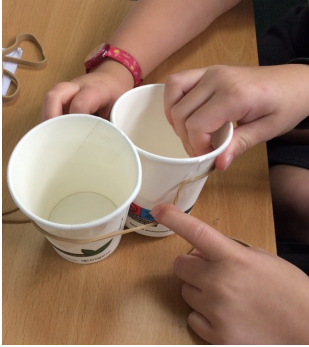
**We have Poppies and Poppy items available in school to purchase.**



Suggested donations are 50p for paper poppies and £1 for other poppy items.

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## Super Scientists!



In Key Stage 2, we investigated how to make sound using a cup, some elastic bands and cellotape. We also made a string toy telephone and investigated how the sound travelled.



In Key Stage 1, we have been learning about germs and how they spread. We have also been learning about how we stay healthy.



## Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

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Thank you for choosing a school!

### Green Lea First School

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You'll be able to track your school's Cashpot in the next 24 hours. Keep an eye on your selected Cashpot to track their progress and see how much they've earned!

## Every Day Is An Open Day!

Get in touch to facilitate your visit.

Do please share with anyone this may be of interest to.



## Green Lea First School

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



Every child enjoys Forest School weekly.



Part-Time/Full-Time Sessions Available



Small class sizes.



A safe and supportive environment.



Wraparound Care Available From 3 Years Old.



Well-being is paramount.

“Learn Explore Achieve”



## Green Lea First School

We are like a big family at Green Lea.

My children love the school and want to be there.

I love exploring and achieving in lessons.

Get in touch by calling 01889 505309 or email

[office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk) to find out if Green Lea is the right fit for your family.

It is so much fun, my child is always looking forward to the next day.

The best thing is being able to be yourself.



FoGL & Team Green Lea  
Invite you to our

# **HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**

Thrilling Halloween trail, frightening face painting, creepy crafts, gruesome games, grisly goody bags and much more!

**25  
OCT**

**3.30  
TILL  
5.30**

**£5 per family**

Hotdogs & cakes will be available to buy  
Halloween spooktacular will take place at school



## Green Lea First School

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### Autumn Term Key Dates and Events

September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School</li> <li>• Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> School Photo Day</li> <li>• Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> FoGL AGM 9am (Friends of Green Lea)</li> <li>• Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Phonics and Reading Workshops 3.30pm and 5.30pm</li> <li>• Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Mathematics Workshops 3.30pm and 5.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> School Flu Programme</li> <li>• Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Competition Deadline</li> <li>• Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Harvest Celebration 9.10am and 2.30pm</li> <li>• Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Y4 Community Event</li> <li>• Monday 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings (3.30pm to 6pm)</li> <li>• Week of 28<sup>th</sup> Half Term</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Inset</li> <li>• Friday 29<sup>st</sup> Non-Uniform Day</li> <li>• Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Green Lea Festive Makers Market Day 2.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Festive Jumper Day</li> <li>• Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Carol Concert at All Saints Church 4pm</li> <li>• Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Shows 9.30am &amp; 6pm and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Shows 9.30am &amp; 2.15pm</li> <li>• Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Nursery Christmas Family Craft Session and Songs 9.00am to 10.30am</li> <li>• Friday 20<sup>nd</sup> Festive Surprise - Last Day of Term</li> <li>• Week of 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Holidays</li> </ul>



## Term Dates & Inset Days 2024-2025

### Autumn Term 2024

Inset Days: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Term Starts: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Holiday: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Inset day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Term Ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Holiday: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

### Spring Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Holiday: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Term Ends: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Holiday: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

May Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Holiday: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Inset Day: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Term Ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Inset Day: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

