



Green Lea First School  
'Learn, Explore, Achieve'  
Weekly Newsletter  
24th of January 2025



### Dear Families,

At Green Lea First School, the environment and nature is extremely important to us therefore, we have been busy getting ready for the 'RSPB Big Bird Watch'. In Forest School, we have made food for the birds to hopefully attract them to our gardens. To find out more and to get involved at home visit: [Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

We are very fortunate at Green Lea to have such a proactive, supportive 'Friends of Green Lea'. Please find their newsletter included in this one. If you are interested in joining, do get in touch with them.

School admissions closed last week, if you missed the deadline, you can find out what to do by visiting [Admission to primary and middle schools - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Headteacher

### This week at Green Lea:

#### Class 1

In Class One, we have been starting to look at traditional stories starting with the Three Little Pigs. We have enjoyed reading different version of the story as well as adding actions and learning to retell the story ourselves. In Mathematics, we've been adding one more and showing the answer in our five frames. Why not try some counting games at home where you add more each time?

#### Class 2

The Mathematicians in Class 2 have started to learn multiplication. The Year Ones are learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's consistently and the Year Twos are starting to learn that the multiplication symbol means equal groups of. We had a great afternoon learning how to be Mini First Aiders, this is one of our Green Goals but it also reinforced our learning in History about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

#### Class 3

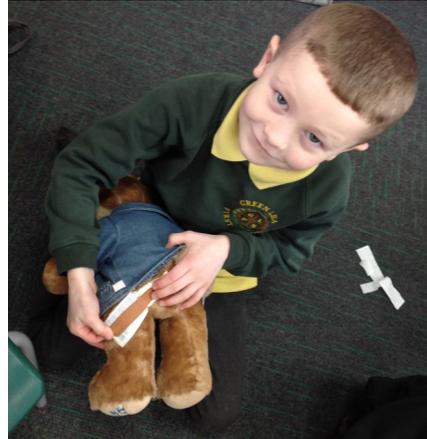
Our Historians have now been learning about the Bronze and Iron Ages. They have been looking at the different changes. This is a good website link if you want to find out more at home: [What was life like in the Iron Age? - BBC Bitesize](#) In Music, the children have learnt to play the note A on the recorder and have been writing crochets and quavers in their music books. I wonder if they can tell you what the difference is?

### Upcoming Key Dates

- **Week of 3rd February** Maths Stay and Play Sessions **see overview**
- **Friday 7th February** NSPCC Number Day **more details to follow**
- **Wednesday 12th- 14th February** Standon Bowers Residential
  - **Week of 17th February** –Half Term

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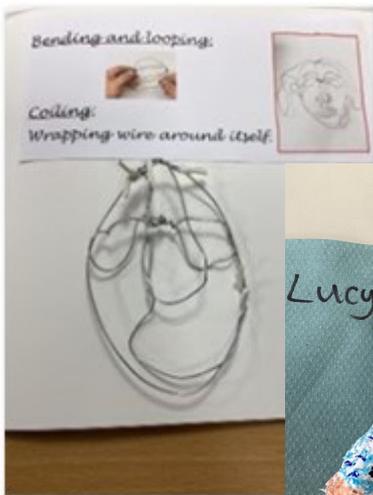
Key Stage One completed one of their Green Lea Graduate Goals this week by undertaking Official Mini First Aid Training. A huge thank you to FoGL for funding these sessions. The children have been equipped with important skills and knowledge. They were really engaged in their learning and took very good care of their teddies!



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What amazing sculptors we have at Green Lea!

Our Key Stage 2 pupils have been inspired in Art by the local sculptor Robin Wight. You can see some of his pieces at Trentham Gardens.



## Football Kit Sponsorship

With our Football season fast approaching we are in need of some additional items of kit. If you would be willing to fund/sponsor some items please do get in touch via the Office.



## Pre-Loved Uniform



We have lots in stock, do get in touch.

# FOGL NEWSLETTER JAN 2025



FRIENDS OF GREEN LEA

Welcome to 2025's first newsletter. Although Christmas seems so long ago, we'd like to say a huge Thank you to you all for supporting us at the Christmas performances. With your support we raised a massive £650 for the FoGL pot through raffle ticket sales and refreshments.

Thanks to FoGL funds, so far since November 24 we've been able to fund the following activities -

- A new microphone & sound system - Christmas books for all children - A minibus to Stone Library - 50% donation towards the theatre coach trip
- A total of £545

We have a lot of Preloved uniform in stock which is in excellent condition, please get in touch if you would like any.

We have quite a few exciting things planned over the next few months, including a quiz for world book day, our traditional Easter afternoon and our Super Spring Spectacular! Keep an eye out for more information soon.

If you have any spare time and would like to get involved with FoGL, we would love to hear from you. Volunteering is fun, you get to meet new people and best of all you'll be helping out our fabulous school and its children.

## Meet the team



## Up Coming Events

- World Book Day Quiz - (to be completed at home) 28th Feb - 7th March
- Spring Spectacular - Friday 4th April - School grounds





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### Spring Term Key Dates and Events

January	February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> <b>INSET Day</b></li><li>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Return to School Spring Term</li><li>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Reception Library Visit am</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Week Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> Maths Family Stay and Play Sessions Class One 4<sup>th</sup> 8.45-9.45am Class Two 5<sup>th</sup> 8.45 to 9.45am Class Three 6<sup>th</sup> 8.45 to 9.45am</li><li>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Number Day</li><li>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Standon Bowers (Year 4 whole time Year 3 Wednesday Only)</li><li>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Half Term</li><li>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 'Gotta Sing' Choir at The Gatehouse 7pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> World Book Day</li><li>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Standon Bowers Presentation Event 5.30pm</li><li>Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Forest School Sessions Class One (25<sup>th</sup> March) 2.15-3pm Class Two (27<sup>th</sup> March) 2.15-3pm Class Three (28<sup>th</sup> March) 2.15-3pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Social 3.30-5.30pm</li><li>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Spring Assembly 9.10am and 2.30pm</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