



Green Lea First School  
'Learn, Explore, Achieve'  
Weekly Newsletter  
13th June 2025



**Dear Families,**

We are super excited to launch our Community Library. At Green Lea First School we Read, Everything And Discover and we wanted to provide an opportunity to share this with our community. A huge thank to our Friends of Green Lea for sponsoring this.

What a wonderful week of Father's Day Forest School sessions we have had this week! Thankfully, the weather has been kind to us so lets hope we are on track for Sports Day next week. Wishing all of our father figures and role models a very Happy Father's Day from Team Green Lea.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Headteacher

**This week at Green Lea:**

**Class 1**

In Class 1 we have been continuing to read Pirates love underpants! We are really enjoying this funny story and also learning all about pirates. In Maths we have been looking at sharing and grouping. We all think we're very good at sharing—we just have to make sure they are equal shares! In forest school we enjoyed painting pebbles to create pebble monsters they looked very funny! In PE we have started to practise our sports day races which we all did so well. Why don't you practise running and balancing at home?

**Class 2**

What another busy week we have had! The mathematicians in The Outstanding Owls are learning about time; Year 2 have looked at quarter past and to, moving on to 5 minutes past and to, Year 1 have discussed the days and months and practiced spelling them correctly. In English, we have all written a 2-verse poem in the style of Kit Wright's 'The Magic Box' - they are really impressive! The Historians are starting to learn about Castles, which had an incredible start, with our trip to Stafford Castle. On Tuesday, we had a great morning at Milwich Church, learning about the History of the building, as well as the Christian Community. Thank you to Mrs Hodson, Randell and Rev Viv for making us so welcome.

**Class 3**

In Maths, Year Three have been practising telling the time. Here is a useful website: [Telling the time to the nearest minute - KS2 Maths - Year 3 - BBC Bitesize](#)

The Year Fours have been telling the time using the digital and analogue clocks. Here is a useful website: [Analogue and digital time - KS2 Maths resources for Year 4 - BBC Bitesize](#)

In English, the children have written their list poems in their Weaving Magic Book. In History, the children have learnt why the pottery industry was based in Stoke on Trent and the names of the six towns where the pottery was made.

**Upcoming Key Dates**

- Sports Day 20th June from 1.15pm
- Reserve Sports Day 26th June from 1.15pm
- Summer Fair 27th June 3.30pm—5.30pm

# 'Learn, Explore, Achieve'

Class 2 had a fantastic time at Milwich Church on Wednesday!



The Reading Council are very excited to launch our new community library!  
Open to all, Monday to Friday 8am—4.30pm!



# 'Learn, Explore, Achieve'

We've had a brilliant time in our Forest School Fathers Day sessions this week! Happy Fathers Day!





FoGL and Team Green Lea  
Host Our Annual



# SUMMER FAIR



Friday 27th June  
3.30pm till 5.30pm

Join us in the  
School Grounds



Games • Inflatables  
Raffle • Food • Cakes  
& Lots More

This is a cash only event - please bring lots of change

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.



### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION



An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE



When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM



Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👀 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO



Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION



Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME



Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE



While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples — please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 😏 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 😎 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 😘 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 🙄 (Moa) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- 🌸 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

### Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org), the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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## Early Education and Childcare Staffordshire



### Have your say

Are you the parent of a child under 5 or a parent to be?

Have your say on childcare in Staffordshire

Please complete our childcare survey for 2025 by visiting the link below

or scan the QR code. Have your say now!

<https://tinyurl.com/yx5pzz6m>



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with childcare costs



Visit [staffordshire.gov.uk/fundedchildcare](https://staffordshire.gov.uk/fundedchildcare)



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

April	May	June	July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Return to School - Summer Term</li><li>• <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b> Year 4 Families Multiplication Screening Check Meeting &amp; Year 1 Families Phonic Screening Check Meeting 3.30pm and 5pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> -</b> Bank Holiday</li><li>• <b>Week Beginning</b> 26<sup>th</sup> May Half Term</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> INSET DAY</li><li>• <b>Week</b> Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Forest School Class One (10<sup>th</sup> June) 2.15-3pm Class Two (11<sup>th</sup> June) 2.15-3pm Class Three (12<sup>th</sup> June) 2.15pm -3pm</li><li>• <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day 1.15pm <u>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></u> <u>Reserve Sports</u> <u>Day</u></li><li>• <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b> Summer Fayre 3.30pm - 6pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b> Nursery Graduation 2.30pm</li><li>• <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b> Year 4 Graduation 9.15am</li><li>• <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b> Last Day of Summer Term 2025</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