



Green Lea First School
'Learn, Explore, Achieve'
Weekly Newsletter
27th June 2025



Dear Families,

What an action packed week we have had here at Green Lea! Transition sessions were really positive and the children and the team are excited for the year ahead. 'Meet The Teacher' sessions are taking place on the 9th of July at 3.30pm and 5.30pm, do come along to find out key information and to ask any questions you may have. A huge well done to our Year Four Children who visited their next educational settings. It was very strange without them.

As well as 'Play Leader Training', and a 'Visiting Poet' we managed to hold our 2025 Sports Day. What a wonderful community event it was! Thank you from all of us and a special thanks to the Kite Family for easing our parking woes and to our Friends of Green Lea for organising refreshments and an icy treat for the children. We are all looking forward to the Summer Fayre later today.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs L Harris

Headteacher

This week at Green Lea:

Class 1

Class 1 have enjoyed the two transition mornings and they confidently joined their new classes. We have been looking at dinosaurs this week and have turned our role play area into a dinosaur museum—we just need some dinosaur bones now! We're looking forward to reading Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs—do you think we'll be able to say all of their names? In Reception Maths we have been doubling and practising knowing our doubles to 10. In Nursery we have been counting and looking at different ways to make numbers.

Class 2

The Outstanding Owls had a super two days 'pretending' to be the new Year 2's and 3's! It is a real pleasure to see them grow in confidence and be ready to move on to their next challenge. In maths, the Year 2's have started gathering data using tally charts and the Year 1's are learning about place value up to 100. In D & T we have started learning about free - standing structures. We tackled the challenge of creating a bridge out of one sheet of paper and folding it to be strong enough to hold some lego bricks.

Class 3

In Maths, the children have been learning about different types of angles. The Year Three children have learnt about right angles and the Year Four children have also learnt about obtuse and acute angles. Here is a useful website: [What is an angle? - BBC Bitesize](#)

In English, the children have been exploring what Pompeii was like before the eruption. They have used their senses to describe the place ready for their setting description.

In PE, the children have been practising their athletic skills and the Year Three children completed their playleader training this week.

Upcoming Key Dates

- EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic—1st July 3.30pm—4.30pm
 - Bikeability Year 3—1st July
 - Bikeability Year 4— 3rd July
- Alumni Event — 2nd July 4pm -5pm

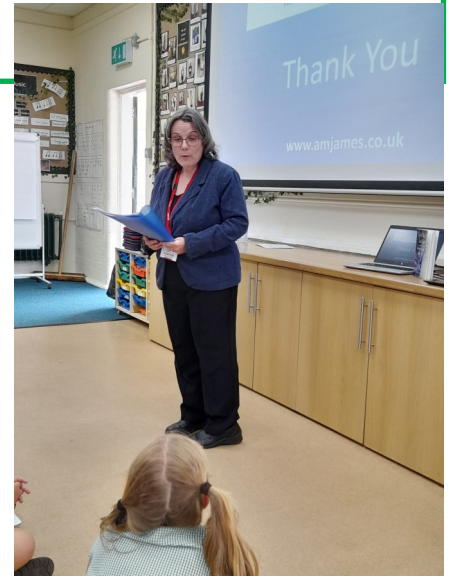
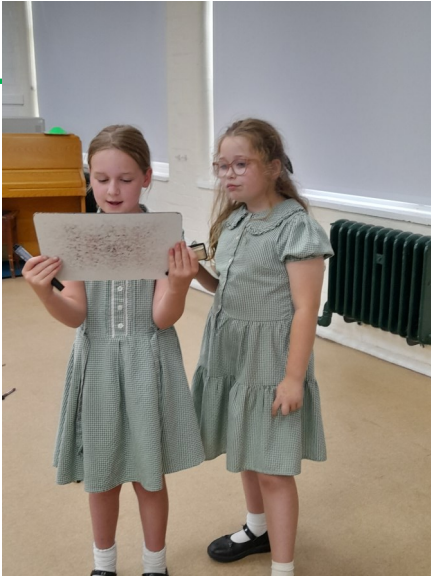
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What a fantastic time our Key Stage 2 Class have had this week learning to be Play Leaders!



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We had an amazing afternoon with Angela Marie James, a local poet and author. The children listened to her poems, wrote their own animal riddles and performed their creations to each other.



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A Few Sports Day 2025 Highlights



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE



YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS



YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS



The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY



YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

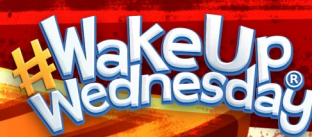
WATCH TOGETHER



It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youtube-kids-2025>



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Summer Term Key Dates and Events

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



Term Dates & Inset Days 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Inset Days: Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September

Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September

Holiday: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Inset day: Monday 4th November

Term Ends: Friday 20th December

Holiday: Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 6th January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January

Holiday: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Term Ends: Friday 11th April

Holiday: Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28th April

May Day: Monday 5th May

Holiday: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Inset Day: Monday 2nd June

Term Ends: Friday 18th July

Inset Day: Monday 21st July