



Green Lea First School
'Learn, Explore, Achieve'
Weekly Newsletter
19th September 2025



Dear Families,

It has been another busy and successful week here at Green Lea. Our children are really focused on their learning and in particular they have been showcasing their science skills this week. We are looking forward to welcoming you in to school next week for our 'R.E.A.D with me workshops'.

To end our week we took part in 'Jeans for Genes Day' by coming to school in our Jeans—a very comfy way to raise money. Thank you for all of your donations—we raised £50 which will help to support lots of families in need.

Thank you for your continued support.

From, Lindsay Harris , Executive Headteacher & All of Team Green Lea

This week at Green Lea:

Class 1

In Class 1 this week we have been learning about all kinds of people. We've looked at all the things that make us different and special - hair colour, eye colour, what we like, what we don't like. Nursery have made some lovely faces using Autumn materials and Reception drew some beautiful pictures of themselves. We'd love to display some photographs of our children's families so if you could send in or email us a family photo that would be great. In Maths, we have been sorting and matching objects. This is helping us to become better counters and better at spotting patterns. Our youngest children are doing so well coming into school with big smiles and our older children are really stepping up to being great role models.

Class 2

The Determined Deers have had a busy week writing their character description about Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk. Year 1 have been checking their sentences for capital letters and Year 2 have been using adventurous adjectives separated with commas. The Scientists of Class 2 have been studying their skeleton and creating their own whilst also naming different body parts. The Year 2 Mathematicians have been learning how to flexibly partition 2-digit numbers and the Year 1's have been learning 1 more and 1 less to 20.

Class 3

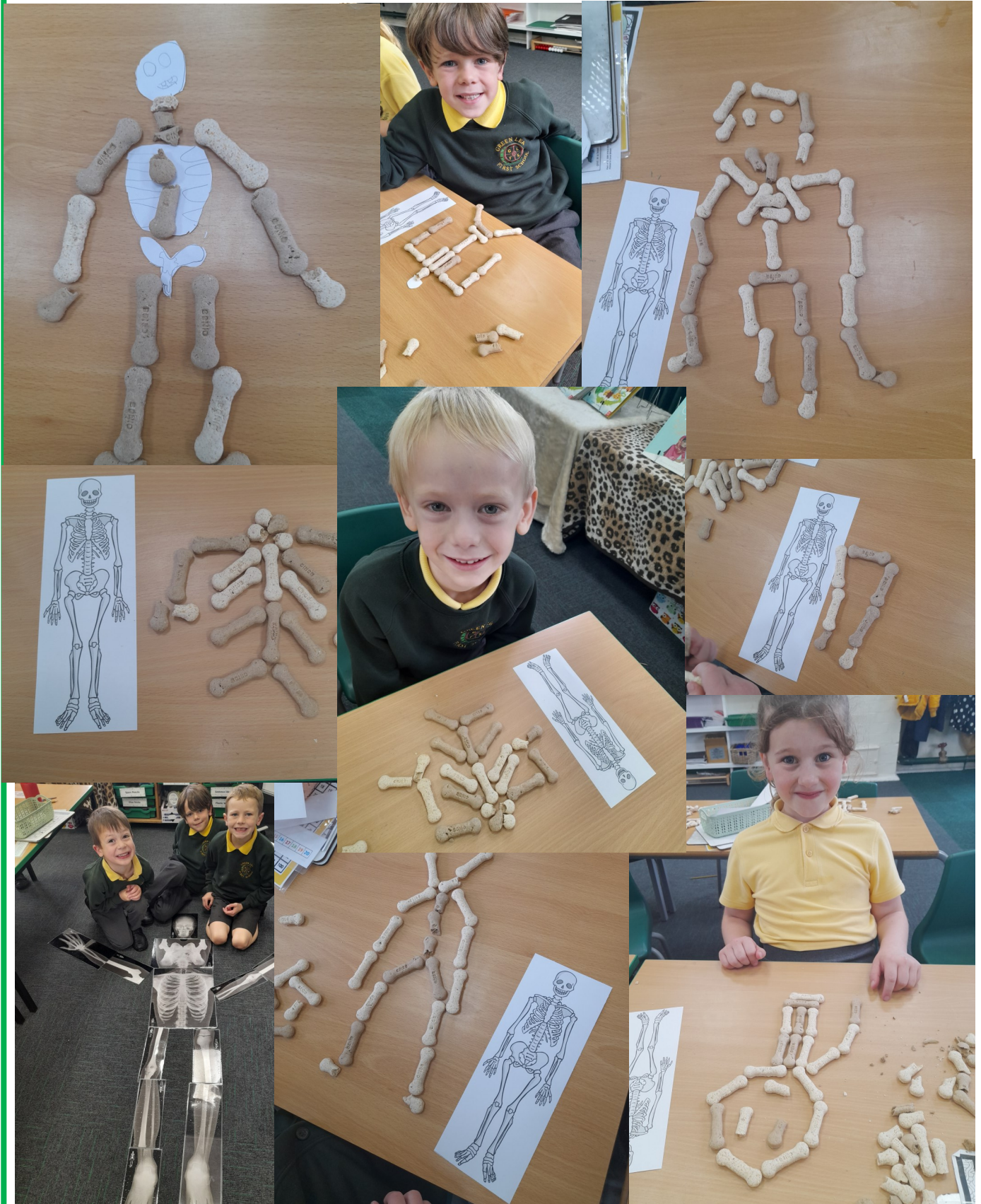
Well done to The Fantastic Foxes! What an amazing week! In Maths the children have been partitioning 3 digit and 4 digit numbers. In English the children have been describing the Iron Man using adjectives and similes. In Science, the children have been learning about different kinds of rocks and have also investigated which rocks are the hardest. They have also learnt what soil is made of.

Upcoming Key Dates

- 28th September—Harvest Festival at Church—11.15am
 - 29th September—Scarecrows due in
- 1st October—Flu Programme for Reception to Year 4
 - 3rd October— Harvest Festival Assemblies

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Key Stage 1 have been finding out all about their skeletal system this week!



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A huge thank you to Friends of Green Lea for all of their help last year. If you would like to get involved this year, please contact the new chair, Laura McTaggart (07834 388140).

FOGL Newsletter Sept 2025



Friends of Green Lea

Welcome Back to School!

A very warm welcome back to all our families—we hope you had a wonderful summer!

It was lovely to see so many of you at the AGM showing your support. We're excited to introduce our new core team for this year:

Chair – Laura McTaggart | Treasurer – Lucy Wild | Secretary – Kate MacKellar

A huge thank you goes to Vicky Smith, our previous Chair, for all her hard work in organising so many fantastic events, and to Niki Sutton, our previous Treasurer, for keeping the accounts in order and always making sure everything added up on time.

For any new families, here's a little about who FoGL are and what we do.
FoGL is a registered charity that raises funds to support the school with extras such as:

- Treats for the children
- Contributions to coach trips
- Books for the library
- Special visitors and workshops
- Equipment for the classrooms

We also run a variety of fun fundraising events throughout the year, including our Halloween, Spring and Summer Fairs, plus raffles, cake sales, and more! These events are not only enjoyable for the whole family but also vital in helping us provide those extra opportunities for the children.

FoGL runs on a small team of volunteers, and we'd love for more parents and carers to get involved. Whether it's donating a raffle prize, baking at the weekend, or helping run a stall at an event, every bit of support makes a big difference.

Our next meeting will be at 9am on 6th October at Fradswell Village Hall, where we'll be planning our autumn events - especially Halloween! Everyone is welcome to come along for coffee, cake, and idea-sharing.
We look forward to another fun year working together to support our wonderful school and children.

Meet the new FoGL core team for 2025:

Laura (Chair)



Lucy (Treasurer)



Kate (Secretary)



You can contact FoGL either through school, via Facebook messenger or Laura on 07834 388140



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Scarecrow Competition 2025

*The Scarecrow
competition is back!*

£5 per entry

Scarecrows to be in school
by **Monday 29th September**
Winner will be announced on
Friday 3rd October

Amazing Autumnal Family
Hamper to be won!





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Autumn Term Key Dates and Events 2025-2026

| September | October | November | December |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 3rd 1st Day of School• Thursday 4th School Photo Day Siblings and Individual• Monday 15th FoGL AGM 9am (Friends of Green Lea)• Tuesday 16th Science Workshop WPMS @ Green Lea (Year 4)• Tuesday 23rd R.E.A.D With Me Workshop 2.15pm - 3.00pm - Class 1• Wednesday 24th R.E.A.D With Me Workshop 9.00am - 9.45am - Class 2• Thursday 25th R.E.A.D With Me Workshop 9.00am - 9.45am - Class 3• Monday 29th Scarecrow Competition deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 1st School Flu Programme• Friday 3rd Harvest Celebration 9.10am and 2.30pm• Friday 10th Y4 Community Event 9.30am - 10.30am• Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th Parents Evenings• Thursday 23rd Halloween Spooktacular 3.30pm - 5.30pm• Week of 27th Half Term | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 3rd Inset Day• Friday 14th Children In Need• Friday 28th Non-Uniform Day• Friday 28th Green Lea Festive Makers Market Day 2.30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 8th Early Years Festive Craft Session 2.00pm• Tuesday 9th Christmas Show 1.30pm• and Wednesday 10th Christmas Shows 9.15am & 6pm• Thursday 11th Festive Jumper Day• Friday 12th New Vic Theatre Trip Class 2 and 3• Sunday 14th Christmas Carol Concert at All Saints Church, Milwich 4.00pm• Friday 19th Festive Surprise Last Day of Term• Week of 22nd Christmas Holidays |



Trust Term Dates and Inset Days 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

- **Inset Days:** Monday 1st September & Tuesday 2nd September
- **Term Starts:** Wednesday 3rd September
- **Half-Term Holiday:** Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
- **Inset Day:** Monday 3rd November
- **Term Ends:** Friday 19th December
- **Christmas Holiday:** Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Spring Term 2026

- **Term starts:** Monday 5th January
- **Half-Term Holiday:** Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
- **Term Ends:** Friday 27th March
- **Easter Holiday:** Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Summer Term 2026

- **Inset Day** Monday 13th April
- **Term starts:** Tuesday 14th April
- **May Day Bank Holiday:** Monday 4th May
- **Half-Term Holiday:** Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
- **Inset Day -** Monday 1st June
- **Term Ends** Friday 17th July
- **Inset Day:** Monday 20th July