Green Lea First School
'Learn, Explore, Achieve'
Weekly Newsletter
8th May 2026

Dear Families,

This week has been another busy one full of learning, exploring and achieving across the school. Key Stage One and Two enjoyed some additional football coaching sessions today and had a fantastic time developing their skills and teamwork.
Looking ahead to next week, we are very excited for Key Stage Two's Standon Bowers adventure and know the children will make lots of wonderful memories.
A huge thank you to our Friends of Green Lea (FoGL) for organising the Friday after-school treats. Your continued support and the funds raised make a huge difference to the opportunities we can provide for the children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs. L Harris

Executive Headteacher

This week at Green Lea:

Class 1

In Class 1, we have continued to look at the story of 'Titch'. We made pinwheels with card but unfortunately, they didn't spin around! We have also enjoyed finding out all about Sir David Attenborough and we were amazed that he is 100 years old! Some of us thought we would like to be naturalists too as we love animals and plants so much! In Maths, we have continued to make 'teens' numbers in different ways and have enjoyed learning about number blocks 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15!

Class 2

The Determined Deers have been learning all about Fractions in Maths. The Year Twos have been finding 1/3 and then finding the whole when given a fraction. The Year Ones have been finding 1/2 of a shape. In computers, we have been learning how to code a simple program and how to fix it when something goes wrong. We have learnt the word 'algorithm' and tried to use it when we talk about what we are doing. In PSCHE we have been learning about respect; what this means and what it looks like in different situations .

Class 3

This week in Maths, the Year Threes have been learning about tenths and have been identifying them and solving problems involving them. The Year Fours have been learning what tenths and hundredths are and comparing and ordering decimals. Here is a useful website: What are decimals? - KS2 Maths resources for Year 4 - BBC Bitesize

In English, the children have finished their adventure stories based on Flotsam - I am so proud of them all. In Geography, the children learnt about the rivers of the United Kingdom including our local River Trent.

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Football skills















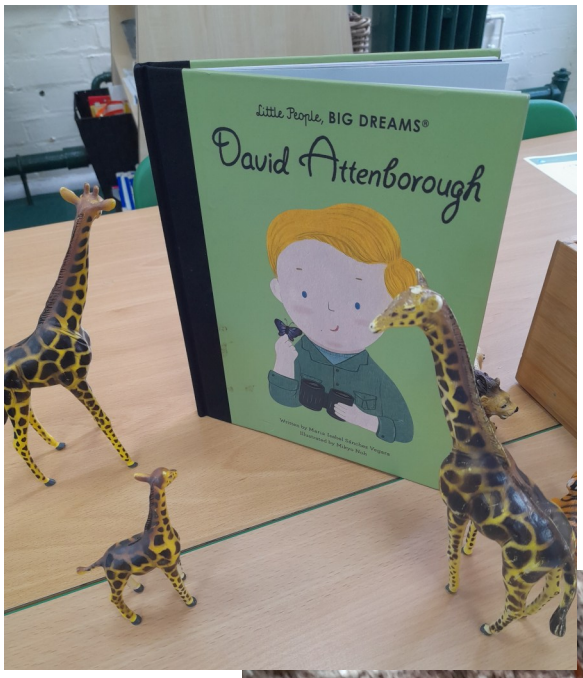






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David Attenborough's 100th birthday!















Safeguarding — important information

Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children

SAFER SCHOOLS

Microwaving NEEDOH Toys and Squishies

Parents and Carers Guide

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A viral trend is encouraging children to microwave squishy silicone toys, known as NEEDOH toys or squishies, among other names (Jelly Cubes, Nice Cubes) in order to make them softer and more pliable. Often, the packaging warns against this, but children are ignoring it because online videos and trends on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube encourage them to do the opposite. The toy feels cool to the touch after microwaving, but bursts when squeezed, spraying boiling material on hands, neck and face. A child in Bristol was seriously hurt on 4th May 2026 and children in America have experienced significant burns and injuries. This has happened to children as young as seven.

Please note - Your child does not need to have searched for this. The algorithm shows it to children based on other content they have watched.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ONE OF THESE TOYS

It is natural to feel concerned, but the most important thing is to remain calm. Children are far more likely to talk to you, now and in the future, if they know they will be met with a steady response rather than alarm.

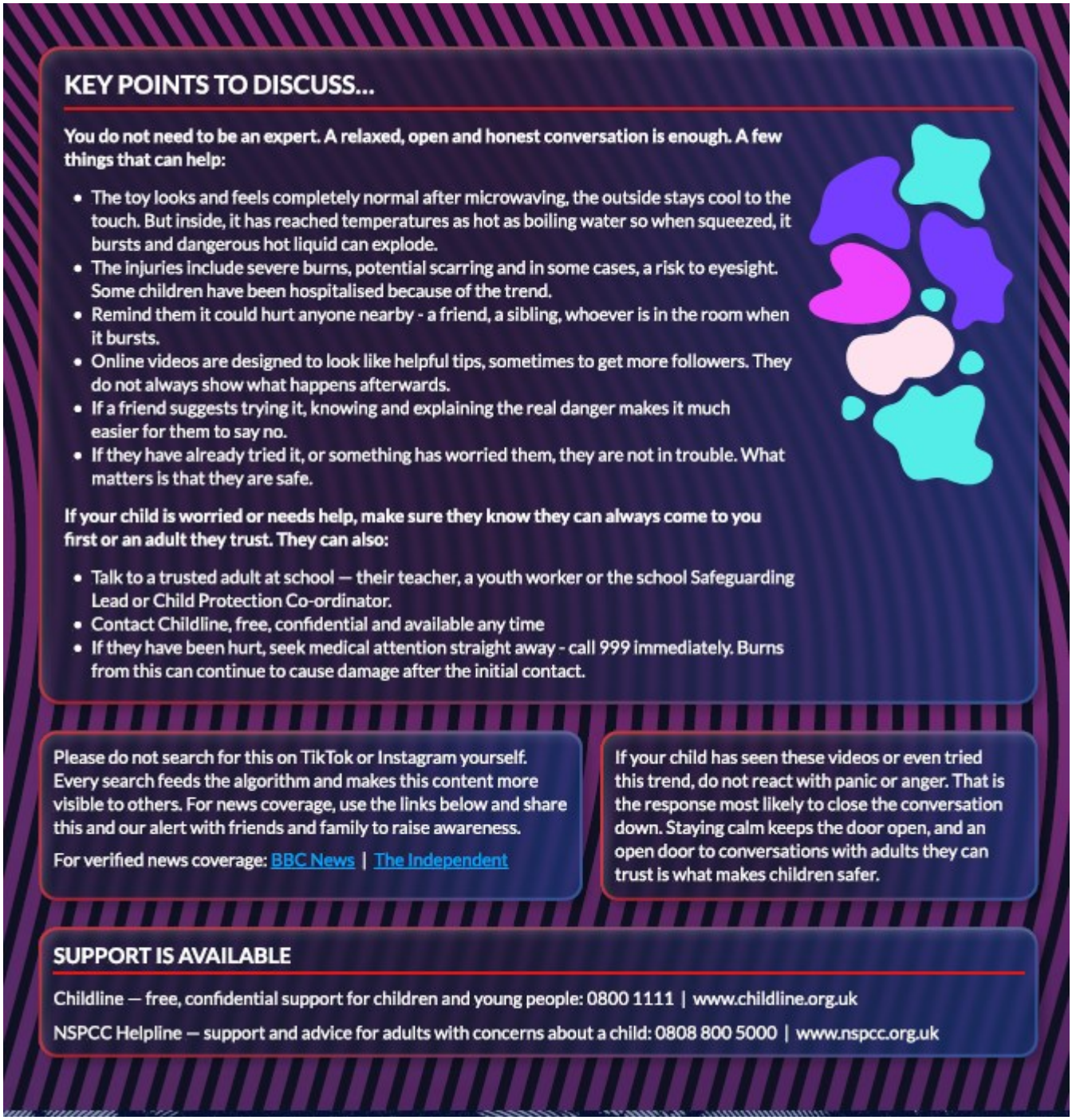
This is also a valuable opportunity. What your child sees online, from friends or from trends, does not always show the full picture or the consequences. Safety conversations are not about restricting their fun, they are about making sure they understand how to protect themselves and others.

STARTING THE CONVERSATION

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- Use the toy as a natural conversation point rather than sitting them down for a formal talk.
- Tell them simply that children their age have been seriously hurt following this trend. Reality carries more weight than a rule.
- Avoid taking the toy away without explaining why as providing a reason builds trust. Removing it without understanding may lead a child to hide things from you.
- If the toy feels too firm, the manufacturer's recommendation to soften it is to knead it with your hands for a few minutes. Encourage them, or help them, to do this instead.
- If they have already seen the videos, remain calm. The algorithm does its job quietly. What matters is the conversation that follows.

Produced by the INEQE Safeguarding Group and Safer Schools. Share freely with parents and carers. For safeguarding concerns, contact your Safeguarding Lead or Child Protection Co-ordinator. www.ineqe.com



For more information:

SAFEGUARDING ALERT: Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children - Ineqe Safeguarding Group

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Friends of Green Lea - exciting events



Please book and pay for your place through the office or direct to Friends of Green Lea (Sort code: 30-90-89 Acc: 45887368)





If you would like to get involved with FoGL (Friends of Green Lea, in any capacity, please get in touch with school and your details will be passed on.

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Summer Term Key Dates and Events 2025-2026

April	May	June	July
Monday 13th Inset Day Wednesday 22nd Phonics Screening Check Information session (Year 1 families) 8.15am and 3.30pm Wednesday 22nd Multiplication Check information session (Year 4 families) 8.15am and 3.30pm Thursday 23rd Adventure Farm trip Nursery and Reception	Monday 4th Bank Holiday Wednesday 13th Reception Heights and Weights check Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th Standon Bowers Residential Year 4 Wednesday 13th Year 3 Standon Bowers Day Monday 25th - Friday 29th Half Term	Monday 1st Inset Day Wednesday 10th Standon Bowers Presentation Evening - 5.30pm Week Beginning 15th Father's Day Arts and Crafts Class One (15th June) 2.15-3pm Class Two (16th June) 2.15-3pm Class Three (17th June) 2.15-3pm Wednesday 24th Llandudno CL2 Friday 26th Sports Day 1.15pm Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th Transition days Tuesday 30th Reception Class 2026- Teddy Bears Picnic 3.30pm -4.30pm	Wednesday 1st Fradswell trip CL2 Wednesday 1st Alumni Event 4.00pm - 5.00pm Thursday 2nd Reserve Sports Day 1.15pm Friday 3rd Summer Fair 3.30pm - 5.30pm Wednesday 8th Meet the Teachers 3.30pm and 5.30pm Tuesday 14th Nursery Graduation 2.30pm Thursday 16th Year 4 Graduation 9.15am Friday 17th Last Day of Summer Term 2026