



Green Lea First School
'Learn, Explore, Achieve'
Weekly Newsletter
15th May 2026



Dear Families,

We have been super impressed with our Read Write Inc Phonics this week across the Early Years and Key Stage One. All of the effort and practise is really making a difference. Do reach out if we can assist further with practising at home. We have lots of helpful videos and top tips.

What an incredible week for Key Stage Two it's been! Well done to Year 3 who loved their day at Standon Bowers and are excited to stay next year. They demonstrated excellent team work and problem solving skills. We couldn't be more proud of our Year 4 children, they showed determination, resilience, kindness and enthusiasm throughout their residential visit. They were a real credit to themselves and to our school community. They will no doubt love telling you all about their adventures.

Thank you to everyone for your support and to Team Green Lea who always go the extra mile. Everyone deserves a well-earned rest this weekend!

Mrs L Harris
Executive Headteacher

This week at Green Lea:

Class 1

In Class 1, this week, we have been reading the story 'Errol's garden'. Errol, the little boy in the story, lives in a tower block of flats so has no garden. He really loves gardening and wishes that he had a garden of his own. He plants things in all sorts of places - in bottles, in yoghurt pots, old shoes etc. Eventually he finds the roof space at the top of his block - the perfect place for a garden! This has inspired us to design our perfect gardens. We have drawn gardens, made cut and stick gardens and created Lego gardens. Next week we are going to do some planting in all different places and see if we can grow our plants as well as Errol did.

Class 2

The Determined Deers have completed writing their adventure story linked to David Weisner's book 'Flotsam'. They have chosen their own ending; they decided where they wanted the camera to end up. What super stories! In Maths, the Year Ones have learnt $\frac{1}{2}$ of amounts and Year Twos have learnt about unit fractions and non-unit fractions. In Religious Education we have learnt about answers and values using a story from the Bible to support this. On Thursday we really enjoyed hearing all about the Year Three's adventures at Standon Bowers.

Class 3

Earlier this week, the children wrote out their adventure stories in best - they were very proud of them. The Year Threes solved word problems based on fractions in Maths whilst the Year Fours rounded decimals to the nearest whole number. This week I have been so impressed with the determination, kindness, enthusiasm and teamwork skills of the children whilst at Standon Bowers. I am so proud of them all. What a fantastic week Class Three!



Team building @ Green Lea





Green Lea @ Standon Bowers





Special menu for School Census day

CLPT CREATIVE
LEARNING
PARTNERSHIP
TRUST

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**
By Aspens

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Get ready to feast among the stars and
embark on a flavour-filled adventure!



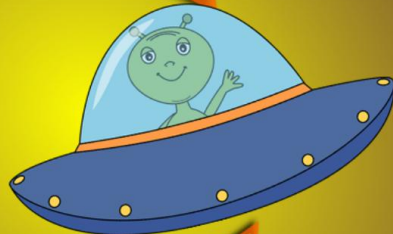
Did you know?

If you could stand
on the surface of
Mars the sky would
look red, not blue
because of the dust
in the air!

Don't miss our
cosmic cuisine
that will send
your taste
buds soaring!



As this
is a special
'cosmic' lunch,
there will only
be the options
listed



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21st May



Satellite sausages
(or Veggie sausages)
Moon mash
Planet peas with gravity gravy
and a crater cookie

Tomato pasta also available





Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children



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.





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



NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 22nd May

Donations for **FOGL's** tombola stall for the **summer fair** please

Bottles, new toys and gift sets, chocolates and sweets all gratefully accepted

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.



Half term activities



BioBlitz

Free Event Drop in



Tuesday 27th May 2026
10:00^{am} - 12:00^{pm}

At All Saints' Church Sandon ST18 0DB

- Join Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's rangers to take part in a BioBlitz in the grounds of All Saints' Church Sandon.
- Find and identify as many species as possible and record your sightings.
- Take part in bug hunts, bird watching and investigate plants and trees
- Have a go at tree bingo and clay creature modelling
- For further details see www.sandonallsaints.com



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Summer Term Key Dates and Events 2025-2026

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