Green Lea First School
'Learn, Explore, Achieve'
Weekly Newsletter
6th November 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a fantastic start back to school, with children across Reception to Year 4 enjoying a wonderful visit to Sandon Church with Keystone Heritage Trust. The trip was incredibly informative and provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to learn more about our local heritage. A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising the visit, and to the volunteers who helped make the day possible.

Reception Admissions for September 2027 are now open. If your child is due to start school next year, please apply via the Staffordshire County Council School Admissions website. We would be delighted to welcome new families to our *small but mighty school*, where children are at the heart of all we do.

We have lots to 'Learn, Explore and Achieve' this term, and we are looking forward to another exciting half term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes,
Mrs L Harris
Executive Headteacher

Class 1: Class 1 have been learning all about the traditions of Bonfire Night. We have made glittery firework pictures and built out own paper bonfires where we pretended to toast marshmallows. Reception class wrote some poems using the sounds of fireworks – their writing has really come along! We also enjoyed our visit to Sandon church – what a busy few days back!

Class 2: Welcome back to the 2nd half term of the year. The Fantastic Pheasants have returned to school eager to learn new things. In Maths, both year groups have been using their prior knowledge to complete missing number calculations, and they are starting to understand that the = sign can move around! We have written the beginning of our story, 'The Dragon Machine' in English and we are enjoying thinking of adjectives to describe these cheeky little dragons. In Science, we went on a material hunt around the school to find out what different things are made of and why that was suitable for its function.

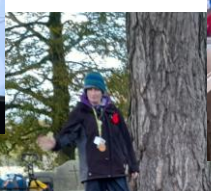
Class 3: Class 3 have had a fantastic first week back after half term! We started the week with Bikeability, where the children did brilliantly, learning the ABCD of the road and how to stay safe when cycling. On Wednesday, we enjoyed a lovely trip to Sandon Church, where the children explored creating artwork from natural materials inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. We also explored the church grounds and even had a go at ringing the church bells! Back at school, we focused on complements to 100 and 1,000 in Maths, while in English we proudly wrote up our final first-person narrative pieces. The children were introduced to our new Science topic, 'Living Things and Their Habitats' and began exploring how to group living things by their characteristics.

A snapshot of this week

















Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for more pics!

Info from school



Firework Safety

- Fireworks should not be touched
- You must always be with an adult when watching fireworks
- Stand far back from both fireworks and bonfires
- Once a firework is lit, never go near it
- If an adult allows, always wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Pets should stay indoors

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Milwich Christmas Fair

Saturday November 21st
3 - 6pm
In the Village Hall

Raffle Prizes include:

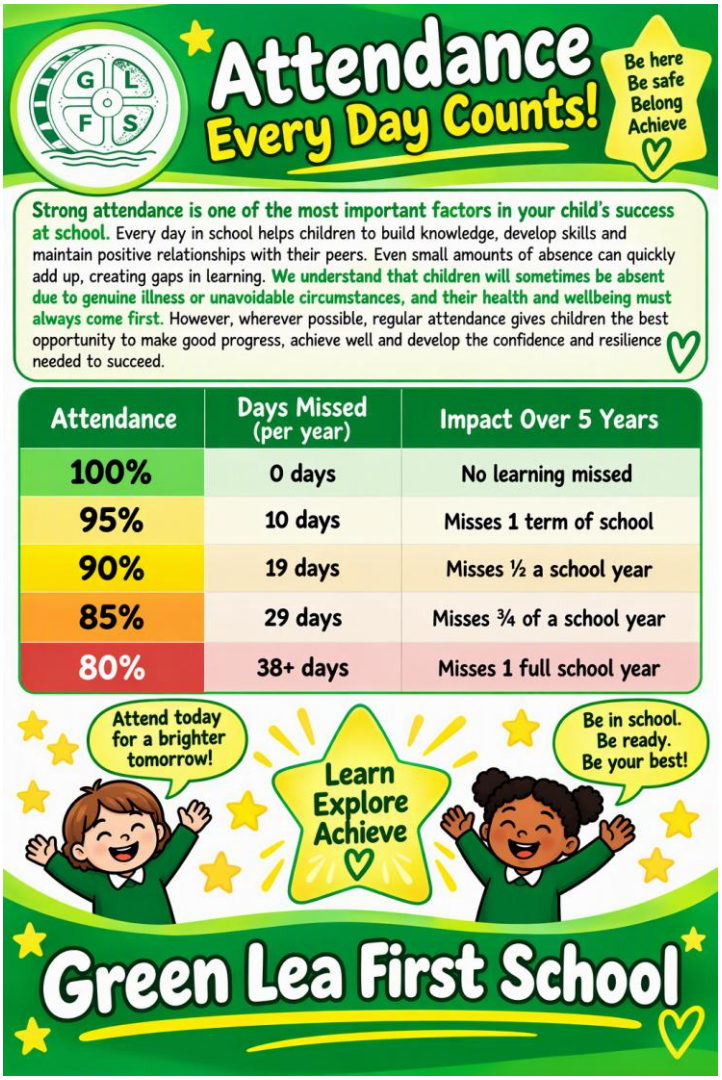
Tickets for Sandon Hall
Carol Concert and Christmas Fair
Afternoon Tea at the Dog and Doublet
Art work by Clare Lord
Wreath Making Workshop
The Company of Horsemen Voucher
Gift from The Green Man
Aston Marina Dome Hire

Tombola • Craft Stalls • Festive Refreshments

Food by Hot Stuff Catering

Important information





Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'