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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had the opportunity to meet your child/children's teacher this week to discuss their progress and how they have settled in so far. These meetings are integral to the children's learning and a great way for home and school to work together to give each child the best possible support to achieve their full potential. The atmosphere around the school was positive and we had some lovely comments from parents/carers about the meetings. Over the past couple of weeks, we have been collecting parent/carers' views regarding belonging at Greenleas. Thank you to those parents/carers who have taken the time to respond to the survey and we look forward to using it to continue to improve our school.

Football Report

On Tuesday, a group of Year 5 and 6 boys represented the school in the Tranmere Rovers Football Club Utilita Cup Football Tournament at Shaftesbury Youth Club. Although they did not progress to the finals, they enjoyed the experience and competed well against some good teams. **Well done to: Albie J, Jacob A, Jack G, Freddie W, Tom M, Eddie H, Jace C, Arthur N and Thomas K.**

Free School Meals

From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, the eligibility criteria for free school meals have changed. All children from households receiving Universal Credit are now entitled to receive a free school meal, regardless of household earnings.

There are now two categories of benefits-based free school meals:

Targeted Free School Meals: for children who meet the existing qualifying criteria, including households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. Targeted FSM continues to be linked to additional support, including Pupil Premium funding and the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

Expanded Free School Meals: a new category for children in households receiving Universal Credit who do not qualify for Targeted FSM. These children are entitled to a free school meal every school day. Expanded FSM does not automatically include Pupil Premium funding or other support linked to Targeted FSM, such as HAF.

What is the opt-out eligibility checking process? The opt-out eligibility checking process is a collaborative approach between Wirral Council and schools to help identify children who may be eligible for free school meals and reduce barriers for families accessing their entitlement.

The project aims to: ensure eligible children receive the support they are entitled to reduce barriers, including stigma and the administrative burden for families help families with the cost of school meals help identify children eligible for Targeted FSM and the associated Pupil Premium funding for schools.

The Council will identify potentially eligible children through data matching using existing benefits and school information. Schools are being asked to support the Council in making parents/carers aware that Wirral Council will be sending letters to potentially eligible families. It is important that parents/carers know this is a genuine communication from the council and not a scam. Further information for parents/carers is

also available on the Wirral Council website:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/funding-and-financial-support/free-school-meals>

Potentially eligible families will be notified from 5th October 2026 and given information about the process. Families who do not wish their information to be checked will have a 2-week window to opt out. The Council's Public Health team will remove any opt-out requests from the dataset and provide schools with an updated list of potentially eligible children. Schools will check the identified children against their school census data, register eligible children and notify parents/carers of the outcome.

FOG news

Support our school by joining the Your School Lottery. Tickets cost £1 a week with local cash prizes every week, whilst raising funds for the school. Click the link for more information.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/greenleas-primary-school>



Meet your FOG committee
Friends of Greenleas • 2026-2027

Shannon
Chair
Volunteering for the past 3 years.

Chloe
Treasurer
Returning for her second year as Treasurer.

Louise
Secretary
A longstanding member of the committee.

Steve
Vice Chair
A longstanding member of the committee.

Helping create special experiences and extra opportunities for our children

The next FOG meeting will take place at The Lighthouse Pub on Thursday 12th November at 7:30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend and to share ideas with our current committee and likeminded members of the Greenleas community.

Many parents/carers have requested that we host discos in school. We are delighted to be working with FOG to be hosting a Halloween Silent Disco on Thursday 22nd October. Tickets cost £5 per child, which includes a goody bag and access to the disco with their class. See the posters attached for more information.

Children in Nursery and Foundation 2 will have a 'Room on the Broom' storytime visit.

There will also be prizes to be won in our 'Guess the number of sweets in the pumpkin jar' competition.

The children are welcome to come to school with either crazy hair or dressed in a Halloween costume (nothing too frightening please!)

Attendance: week commencing: 05.10.2026



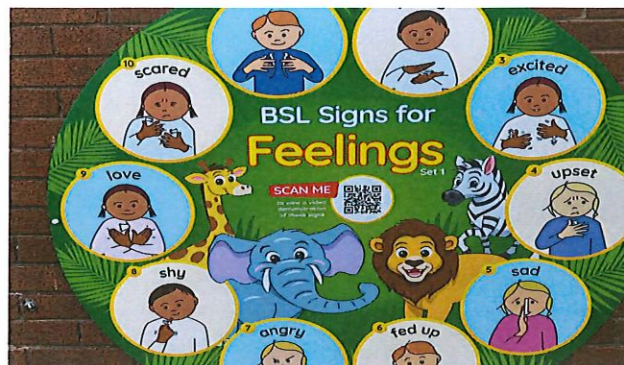
Class	Attendance
F2 Bluebell	88.3%
F2 Lavender	91.6%
Y1/2 Sunflower	95.2%
Y1/2 Daffodil	92.9%
Y1/2 Buttercup	97.3%
Y3/4 Dahlia	98.9%
Y3/4 Rose	95.2%
Y3/4 Poppy	96.7%
Y5/6 Lotus	84%
Y5/6 Azalea	96.4%
Y5/6 Ivy	93.7%

School Overall Attendance: 93.5% which is disappointing. Let's work to improve this next week!

Well done to our winners again this week - Dahlia! Another fantastic week of great attendance in Mrs King's class.

British Sign Language

Have you spotted our BSL signs on the school playground and outside of Nursery? Scan the QR codes to see practical demonstrations of these signs. The children in Year 3 to 6 have weekly BSL sessions for half a year.



Nursery and F2 Open Evenings

We are hosting our open evening for prospective parents and children on Monday 12th October. If you know somebody looking who is considering coming to Greenleas, we would love to meet them on Monday at 4pm.

National Year of Reading

Saturday 10th October is 'Bookshop Day', which is an annual celebration of all high street bookshops. It is about celebrating brilliant bookshops and the people who make them such special places. If you'd like to get involved, visit a local bookshop and join the celebrations. This falls on the same day as World Mental Health Day, which we have focused on in school this week. A new poll from YouGov has found that 9 in 10 people who have recently visited a bookshop say it has a positive impact on their mood.



BOOKSHOP DAY

Saturday 10 October



To find your local bookshop, please visit:

<https://booksaremybag.com/HomeSearch>



GREENLEAS PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Is your child due to start primary or nursery school in September 2027 or 2028?
If so, don't miss our upcoming stay and play sessions to open the door to the best educational opportunities for your child.

Date Wednesday 23rd September 2026
Monday 12th October 2026

Time Between 4pm and 5pm

Location Greenleas Primary School, Green Lane, Wallasey CH45 8LZ

Come and visit our Greenleas 'family' and take the first step towards your child's brighter future!

Contact our school office to book a session for you and your child
Tel: 0151 639 1225
Email: schooloffice@greenleas.wirral.sch.uk

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Harvest Donations and Own Clothes Day

Thank you for your kind donations today which will be greatly received by The Hive and Open Door. I will share the final donation amount next week. Don't forget, the children can bring in a donation towards Wirral Foodbank on Monday 12th October. Wirral Foodbank have requested: **tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned custard, shower gel, coffee, deodorant, tinned rice pudding and tinned meat.**

Wishing you a fabulous weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mr Healey
Interim Headteacher

Key Dates

Any updates to these dates will be shared and also communicated via Arbor.

October 2026	
12.10.26	Year 3/4 Harvest Assembly - for parents 2pm
12.10.26	Nursery and F2 Open Evening for prospective parents 4 - 5pm
14.10.26	Modeshift Awards Ceremony
16.10.26	Year 3/4 trip to Port Sunlight
21.10.26	11+ results sent out from today
22.10.26	F2 to visit St Nicholas's Church - am
22.10.26	FOG Halloween Silent Disco: Y1 - 6, FOG Halloween Story (Room on the Broom): F2/Nursery
22.10.26	Half term for children
31.10.26	Final day to apply for secondary school admission preferences for September 2027

November 2026	
02.11.26	School re-opens for Autumn 2
02.11.26	Year 5/6 Road Safety Workshop
w/c 02/09.11.26	Year 5 swimming
09 and 10.11.26	Year 4 Hi-Impact Workshop (Lego Spike Programming and Robots)
w/c 10.11.26	Anti-Bullying Week
11.11.26	Whole School Remembrance Assembly at 9am
12.11.26	Year 5/6 Careers Session with Chester Zoo (working with animals)
12.11.26	FOG meeting: 7.30pm in The Lighthouse
13.11.26	Children In Need Day
w/c 16/23.11.26	Year 4 swimming
w/c: 16.11.26	POOC Assemblies - more information to be sent out closer to the time.
16.11.26	F2 Read to Teddy Day