



**Be Nice,
Work Hard,
Never Give Up!**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final week of this half-term, I would like to reflect on the start of this school year. The staff have been working really hard to establish positive relationships with the children and to sustain high expectations of behaviour and attitudes. By doing this, the children will have the best opportunity to achieve well this year. I have been delighted by the start we have made and I look forward to the rest of the year with high hopes for each and every child at Greenleas.

Harvest Festival - Thank you!



A huge thank you to everyone in our school community for your kind donations towards our Harvest Festival collection for Wirral Foodbank. Your donations have been kindly received and will make an enormous difference to those people and families who are struggling at the moment.

It was wonderful to watch our fabulous Year 3 and 4 children performing during their Harvest Assembly on Monday. Their singing, enthusiasm and participation was a joy to watch. Well done to you all!

Parent Survey

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who responded to our survey. We had some really lovely responses about how we create a sense of belonging here at Greenleas. Also, we have started acting upon some of these responses to make our school a better place for each child.

Cross Country

On Monday, we had 23 children running in the Wirral Schools' Cross Country race at Arrowe Park. The children tried really hard on a difficult course and it is fantastic to see Greenleas so well represented at these events. Well done to the following children:

Year 4 - Darcy S-P, Erin D, Orla D, James H, Phoebe F, Luke C, Poppy L, Lucas C, Aber C, Isaac P and Wynter P

Year 5 - Oliver L, Edward S, Scarlett C, Sofia M, Jake B and Kyra M

Year 6 - Eri D, Eddie H, Hope L, Ella D, April F and Millie L

A big thank you again to Mr Baker for organising and attending this event.

FOG

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 below for more information.

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

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.

Don't forget to purchase your child's ticket for the FOG Halloween Silent Disco, which is on Thursday 22nd October during the school day. Nursery and F2 will have a Room on the Broom storytelling event. Every child will also have an opportunity to win a pumpkin full of sweets.

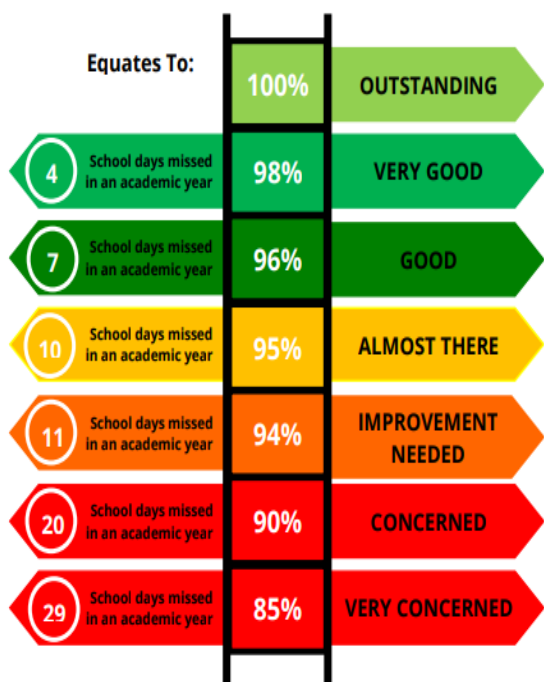
This week, the children brought home their Christmas Card designs. Don't forget to send the forms back with your orders.

Zones of Regulation

In September 2025, we introduced Zones of Regulation to our school to use as a frame to help our children with recognising their emotions so that they can use healthy strategies to regulate and move between the zones. To continue to raise the profile of using Zones of Regulation, on the first day of the next half-term (**Monday 2nd November**) we are going to start with a 'Well-Being Day' and we will be focusing on the Blue Zone. The children are welcome to come to school wearing something blue. This can be a blue top, jumper or a blue accessory. Throughout the day, the children will discuss and complete activities based around recognising the blue zone feelings and how to navigate these emotions. To find out more about Zones of Regulation, please look on their website: <https://zonesofregulation.com/>



Attendance: week commencing: 12.10.2026



Class	Attendance
F2 Bluebell	97.8%
F2 Lavender	97.7%
Y1/2 Sunflower	97.3%
Y1/2 Daffodil	92.9%
Y1/2 Buttercup	98%
Y3/4 Dahlia	100%
Y3/4 Rose	98.8%
Y3/4 Poppy	97.3%
Y5/6 Lotus	94.7%
Y5/6 Azalea	97%
Y5/6 Ivy	95.4%

School Overall Attendance: 96.9%

Another 100% week for Dahlia, their second week this half-term with every child in school and on time! This is superb. Well done Dahlia class!

Staffing Update

Miss Jones, one of our valued Teaching Assistants will be leaving us at half-term to start a new role at Irby Primary School. Miss Jones is a much-loved member of staff here at Greenleas and has made an enormous difference to the lives of many children and her colleagues during her time here. I'd like to thank Miss Jones for her commitment to our school, she will be missed by us all. We all wish her the best of luck in her new role, she will be fabulous. Good luck Miss Jones!

Parking

A polite reminder to all visitors to school - ANPR cameras are active between 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.30pm - 3.30pm. When parking in surrounding areas, please be mindful of our local residents. There are been several recent incidents of residents being unable to leave their driveway due to a car blocking their exit. As you may have noticed, the road markings outside of school have recently been refurbished. Please park in designated spaces only. This keeps everyone safe.

Modeshift STARS Awards

On Wednesday, children and staff from Greenleas were presented with two awards at Start Yard, Birkenhead - 'Approved Travel Plan Accreditation', which was presented to us for our efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel. We were also presented with a 'Good Travel Plan Accreditation' from Modeshift STARS. We are very proud of receiving these accreditations and will continue to promote active travel to and from school. Thank you to Mrs Murray and Miss Jones for attending with some of our Year 6 pupils.



Swimming

Throughout November, Year 4 and 5 pupils (and some Year 6 pupils) will attend a week of swimming at Leasowe Leisure Centre. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum for P.E and the children are expected to be able to: swim 25 metres unaided, use a range of strokes and to perform self-rescue. Letters will be emailed and given out next week to the children with detailed information. All children will be expected to attend these sessions as part of their curriculum. Please find below the timetable for swimming.

Week Commencing	Classes attending
2nd November	Year 5 - Lotus and ½ Ivy (plus some Year 6)
9th November	Year 5 - Azalea and ½ Ivy (plus some Year 6)
16th November	Year 4 Dahlia and ½ Rose
23rd November	Year 4 Poppy and ½ Rose

Prospective Parents' Open Evenings

On Monday, we had another busy and successful open evening for our 2027 cohort in Foundation 2 and Nursery. We will be hosting another open evening towards the end of November so if you know of any families looking for school or nursery provision in the near future, please spread the word. Another thank you to Mrs Kelly, Miss Prince, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Higgerson for attending this.

Charity Fundraising - The Hive and Open Door

From our fundraising day last Friday to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day, your donations have raised £190 which will be donated to The Hive, Birkenhead and Open Door Charity. This is very generous of you all and will go to good use.

Have a great (hopefully sunny) weekend.

Mr Healey
Interim Headteacher

Key Dates

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

October 2026	
21.10.26	11+ results sent out from today
21.10.26	Sunflower Class Story Cafe
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 - wear something blue!
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
19.11.26, 26.11.26	MHST Workshops in Year ½ - '5 ways to well-being'