

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Summer Term

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## A note from the Headteacher

It feels like the summer has been within our grasp this week with the sun beginning to shine and the warmer weather – although it hasn't lasted too long, and the rain has returned! However, that hasn't dampened our spirits at Green Ridge as we've continued to make the most of the summer term and use of the field for our PE lessons and lunch times and get outside for our learning as much as we can.

This week we've had lots of visitors to Green Ridge across the school, supporting our pupils with their learning and wider curriculum knowledge. Firstly, we welcomed a member of the online safety and safeguarding team to speak with our pupils in upper key stage two about online safety, including gaming and being responsible whilst doing so. This is such an important part of our safeguarding curriculum for pupils so that they know and understand the risks, as well as benefits, to their entertainment online. We also welcomed a colleague from Bucks recycling centre, who met with our Eco-councilors about sustainability, recycling, and all things we are doing to help reduce our waste. This was an informative session and I know the eco-councilors will report back to their classes with important messages and topics discussed. We've also welcomed Revd. Gareth Lane in this week too, who has been helping pupils in Year Five with some of their learning in RE about people within the local community. It has been great to see a range of people giving up their time to come and work with us and help support the children in their learning. Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Tim Culpin, Head of sustainability in REACh2 to Green Ridge for the first time and sharing all our plans and ideas with him!

Have a good bank holiday weekend and see you all back on Tuesday.

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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Thea	Ralph	Vivian	-
Hazel (YR)	Freddie	Nola	Edie	-
Willow (YR)	Lucas	Anya	Luna	-
Beech (Y1)	Isacc W	Ella	Nicolas	Amelie
Elm (Y1)	Grace	Karta	Olivia	Nariah
Lime (Y1)	Pranav	Matthew	Eloise	Kasia
Oak (Y2)	Miliya	Laila	Kendrick	Eva
Plane (Y2)	Harlee	Amber	Arabella	Evie
Alder (Y3)	Maisie G	Sophia	Liam	Leila D
Cedar (Y3)	Archie	Emily	Daisy B	Alyaana
Ash (Y4)	Pami	Aaliyah	Ezra	Elise
Rowan (Y4)	Daniel	Shayne	Aisha	Archie
Maple (Y5)	Kyle	Archie	Harrison	Lily
Sycamore (Y5)	Kiera	Wynnie	Roman	Liam
Aspen (Y6)	Ava	Dennis	Shannon	Samuel
Hawthorn (Y6)	Shaun	Pola	Kian	Junior

### Attendance Award

Well done to Alder class for the highest attendance of 99.3% this week!

### House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	107	6855
Disraeli	121	6020
Pratchett	108	5967
Redgrave	150	7095



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Site Update

The foundations for our new east wing have been well and truly laid, and the frameworks are beginning to take shape for the classrooms.



### Walk to School Week

With the weather getting brighter and (hopefully) warmer, we are happy to see more and more children cycling and scooting into school. Following this, we would like to continue to remind you of the need for helmets and safety while travelling and crossing the roads.

This also supports us as, following the success of last year's "Walk to School Week", we are excited to be celebrating it again throughout the week commencing **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May**. Following the same circuit from last year, we look forward to seeing as many of you travelling that route and interacting with the activities along the way. Further guidance will be shared with both parents/carers and pupils in due course and any supporting resources will be shared by class teachers prior to 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### Bling Your Bike

On **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**, it will be "Bling your Bike Day". Previous themes have been linked to the children's hobbies and interests and the King's Coronation. This year, we are excited to announce that the theme is: "Paris 2024 Olympics" and "Be Bright and be Seen" - the children will have the opportunity to decorate their bikes/skateboards/scooters as creatively as they so wish! Again, more information will follow; we can't wait to see what designs and ideas you have planned!

### Parent Forum Meeting – Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May** at 2.15pm.

If you have any feedback of a generic nature for the school, please do talk to the class reps or complete the short questionnaire online available [here](#). Please remember that if you complete the questionnaire that it should not be for individual/child feedback or to raise concerns, you should follow the normal procedures starting with your child's class teacher.

### Summer Census Special Menu

We are pleased to share that there will be a special menu on census day, Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May. It will be based on the theme of 'The Children's Favourites' and the options can be found below.

**Red meat option:** Beef Burger in a Bun

**Green vegetarian option:** Pizza Wrap

**Yellow jacket potato option (for our creatures of habit!):** Jacket Potato with a choice of beans, tuna mayo or cheese

**Please note there will be no cold option on this day.**

Lunch orders will need to be placed by **8.55am** on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May**. If you have already preordered a lunch for that day via SchoolGrid, please reorder choosing from the new menu options.

### Boys Football

On Tuesday the Green Ridge boys football team played a home game against Hayden Abbey. The boys put on an amazing performance with their first win 3-2, with goals from Tommy, Jacob and Olly. The boys played their socks off and represented the school with pride. Let's hope this is the first of many wins to come. **COME ON YOU GREENS!**





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### PTA

#### Key Dates Coming Up...

PTA Event	Date
PTA Bingo Event	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May
PTA Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May
PTA Summer Fete	Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June

or hampers in previous years. Anything you can donate is gratefully received. We thank you for your support and please do contact us with any questions you may have.

#### Family Bingo

The PTA is holding their first Bingo evening and its family friendly, kids are welcome! Books are £10 each and there will be drinks and snacks on sale. Tickets and books can be bought [here](#). There is a limited number of tickets so don't miss out!

#### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop has been updated and open at [www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta). Here you can purchase from a wide range of second-hand uniform, everything from jumpers to PE Kit to trousers and skirts.

If you are having a clear-out, please consider donating any unwanted uniform to the PTA. Each week you will see a bright yellow wheelie bin outside the school office for you to leave your donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Simply drop your donations into donations bin or contact the PTA to arrange collection. Please note we are no longer able to take donations of school shirt, tights, socks shoes or trainers, thank you for your understanding.

Don't forget we also sell school colour hair bands and clips for £1.50; these can also be found on our site.

#### Summer Fete Raffle

As you are aware we are holding our Annual Summer Fete on **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June** and as we do each year, we will be having a raffle on the day.

To help us raise as much as we can for our school, we are asking all local business and other popular locations if they would support our school by donating a raffle prize.

Any type of prize is gratefully received, even if you don't think your business or the business you work for has an item or service they can directly donate, we have had many generous donations of vouchers

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Online Relationships – KS1

Explain to your child that people view things differently. What may seem funny to one person online could be upsetting or offensive to another. Be mindful of the words you use online.

### Online Relationships – KS2

Explain to your child *when* the right time is to tell someone if an online relationship is making them feel uncomfortable. Remind them of *who* the right person could be – family, friends, teachers, online safety ambassadors, Childline, CEOPS.

## Right of the Week Article 6

### Article 6 – Life, Survival and Development

This week, the children discussed the fact that every government must do everything in their power to children develop in the best possible way – linking with other rights such as ‘Aims of Education’ and ‘Play, Rest and Culture’.



## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Waste-Free Lunches

Invest in reusable containers and drink bottles. Not only does this help reduce waste, but it also saves money in the long run. Encourage your child to bring home any leftover food to minimise food waste and involve them in choosing their lunch items to ensure they're excited to eat what you pack!



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### Stranger Danger

Statistics show that crime against young children by strangers is rare. Even so, these **six** tips can help protect your child:

- tell your child to avoid talking to people they don't know when you're not around
- make sure your child knows never to walk away with strangers
- make sure your child understands that they should always tell you if a stranger approaches, and never to keep this secret
- if your child is travelling alone, tell them to sit near other families on the train or bus
- if your child gets lost, they should ask for help from a police officer, another grown-up with children or someone working at a nearby shop
- have your children learn their address and telephone number by heart



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## Important Dates & Events

### Summer Term 1

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	2.15pm – Parent Forum Meeting
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm – EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 5 'Marvellous Motor Skills'
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am – Y3 11B411 Hiking Heroes
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	5.15pm - PTA Bingo Event
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm – THRIVE and Understanding Behaviour Parent Workshop
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	8.30am – Parent/Carer Book Look
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Children Break for Half-Term PTA Non-Uniform Day

### Summer Term 2

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children Return to School 5.30-6.30pm – New YR 24/25 Parent/Carer Induction Talk
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30-7.30pm - Y6 IoW Residential Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	2.15-3.15pm - Y5 Secondary Transfer and 11+ Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	8.45am - Y5 Trip to Bletchley Park
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fete
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 11B411 – Messing About on the Water 5.30pm – New Nursery Parent Induction Meeting
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	8.45am - Y4 Trip to The Hare Krishna Temple
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am – Lower School (Y1-Y3) Sports Morning 12.00pm – School Picnic Lunch

	1.15pm – Upper School (Y4-Y6) Sports Afternoon
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30-3.15pm – EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 6 'Managing Change'
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am – EY Sports Morning and Picnic Lunch
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm – Y5 Sycamore Class Assembly
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm – Y5 Maple Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm – Y4 Rowan Class Assembly
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm – Y4 Ash Class Assembly
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm – UKS2 Production to Parents/Carers
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm – UKS2 Production to Parents/Carers
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	4.30pm – Y6 Leavers BBQ
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm – Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents/Carers Only)



## Multi Sports Course this May Half-Term

for Years 1 - 6 Primary School Pupils in Aylesbury



### Course Details

**WHEN:**

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th May

**TIME:**

9 am - 3 pm

**COURSE VENUE:**

St. Mary's School  
Keen Close, Aylesbury, HP19 7WF

**COST:**

£22 for one day or £42 for two days

- ★ Children can attend as many days as they wish
- ★ Children work in groups with similar aged children. Opportunity to play fun skills based games and matches
- ★ We will cover Dodgeball, Football, Basketball and Tennis
- ★ Chance to win medals and trophies
- ★ All coaches are DBS checked, first-aid trained and have attended safeguarding courses

Book now at [www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses](http://www.gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses)

**Any child who attends both days will receive Game On Sweatbands!**

