

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

Issue 1

Friday, 13th September 2024

A note from the Head of school

It is such a pleasure to be celebrating a full week back at school! It has been wonderful to stand at both of our entrance gates this week and see so many smiling faces – both child and adults alike- arriving at school. As we welcome our students back to the classroom, I want to extend a special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception classes, who have completed their first week in a new setting. Starting a new school can evoke many emotions, and I have really enjoyed spending time in Early Years to see how well they have settled into their new environments.

This week, we have been taking part in the "Take One Book" project across the school and it was fantastic to see so many families coming in to see the work their children have been completing in class. The beginning of the year is a wonderful opportunity for children to build new relationships with the staff in their year groups. We understand how important these relationships are for children's development and we are using this time to ensure children feel confident in the routines and expectations of their year group. We have kept our three school rules of "Ready, Respectful and Safe" and have spent some time thinking about how we demonstrate these in all areas of the school. The children are busily applying and voting for roles in our pupil leadership teams and we cannot wait to announce the results very soon.

Miss. Libby Thomassen
Head of school

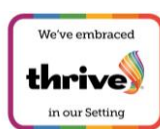


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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Alice	Beech Class	Ethan
Elm (Y1)	Bradley	Elm Class	Saanvika
Lime (Y1)	Rithvik	Ana	Ammina
Oak (Y2)	Ethan R	Caleb	Cillian
Plane (Y2)	Kasim	Plane Class	Elise
Spruce (Y2)	Alfie	Harley	Eli
Alder (Y3)	Orella	Louis	Kendrick
Cedar (Y3)	Vivienne	Gabrielle	Harlee
Ash (Y4)	Riyon	Enoch	Pranamya
Rowan (Y4)	Aaliyah	Amber	Cassia
Maple (Y5)	Jayden	Kira	Ethan
Sycamore (Y5)	Sophie	Freddie	Harry W
Aspen (Y6)	Roman	Laura	Yarina
Hawthorn (Y6)	Preesha	Kobe	Kyle

Attendance Award

Well done to Beech class for the highest attendance of 100% this week!

House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	41	41
Disraeli	39	39
Pratchett	40	40
Redgrave	36	36



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News, Updates & Reminders

Key Dates for the Academic Year 2024-25

This year attached to the weekly round-up is the key dates for the academic year, we will only share key dates in the weekly round-up if they have changed or for event reminders including timings.

Car Park and Site Reminders

As per the starting of term letter sent out last Thursday, we would like to remind you that the car park will remain closed to parents/carers, it is for staff use only.

We would also like to take this opportunity to kindly ask that if you are parking in the disabled bays to please display your blue badge.

Further to the letter sent on Tuesday, we would like to remind you that the gates at the far end of the school are now open for Year Three, Four, Five and Six to access their classrooms.

Parent Forum Reps 2024/2025

Each class has a parent/carer representative, who meet regularly with the leadership team at school. For more detailed information about the role and the formation of the forum, including previous minutes, please click [here](#).

We are now looking again to re-establish a Parent Forum group for this academic year. To keep the group a manageable size, it will typically be made up of one rep for each class. Parent Forum meetings will be held each half-term. The first meeting for this half-term will be on: **Tuesday, 8th October at 2.15pm**. Meetings will alternate between just after drop-off or just before pick-up to avoid unnecessary trips to school.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward to be a representative this year, please complete this [form](#) by **Friday, 20th September**. If parents/carers have previously been part of the Parent Forum and they wish to continue being part of this, please still do complete the form. If more than one parent/carer comes forward per class and nominates themselves for the role, we will contact individuals to work out how best to split the roles between various parents/carers. We will communicate to all those parents/carers who express an interest to confirm whether they will be participating in the forum by **Monday, 23rd September**.

Reception 2025 Prospective Parent/Carer Open Events

We are holding several open events for prospective parents/carers to come and visit the school and meet Miss. Thomassen and our team of staff. The events are as follows:

- Tuesday, 15th October at 2.00pm
- Tuesday, 12th November at 2.00pm
- Tuesday, 12th November at 6.00pm
- Tuesday, 19th November at 9.15am

The open events will give you an opportunity to have a tour of the school and Miss. Thomassen will give a short presentation about the academy, its vision and ethos, and helpful information to those parents and carers who intend to apply.

Further information and our admissions policy can be found on our website [here](#) and we kindly ask that you complete this [form](#) to book a place at one of the open events.

New X (Twitter) Year Group Pages

We have updated our X (Twitter) pages. They are now for each year group and will be updated with all the photos of the children's learning. Please see the new handles below and follow us on X.

Year Group	Name
Little Ridges	GRPA_Nursery
Reception	GRPA_YearR
Year One	GRPA_Year1
Year Two	GRPA_Year2
Year Three	GRPA_Year3
Year Four	GRPA_Year4
Year Five	GRPA_Year5
Year Six	GRPA_Year6
Green Ridge	GreenRidgeR2
Eco Council	GRPAEco
Inclusion Team	GRInclusionTeam
Little Pips	GRPALittlePips

Special 'Children's Favourites' Menu

We are delighted to share that on **Thursday, 3rd October** we will be having a special menu to promote our freshly made meals. Our special menu is the Children's Favourites and the options are as follows:

Beef Burger in a Bun (Meat Option)

Pizza Wraps (Vegetarian Option)

Cheese Baguette (Cold Option)

And for our creatures of habit Jacket Potato with a choice of Cheese, Beans and Tuna.

If you have already ordered your child's meal for Thursday, 3rd October on SchoolGrid, you can reorder up till **8.55am** on the day.

If you are experiencing any issues with your account, please contact the admin team.

Aqua Vale Swimming Offer

Aqua Vale are offering a no joining fee when signing up to their Swimming lessons. Please quote BACK2SCHOOL when making a booking through their Aquatics Coordinators, Neve and Chris via email. Neve.preedy1@serco.com or Christopher.hawkes@serco.com. This offer is available up until the 30th September 2024.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Poster Activity

At the beginning of each term, we update the display board in the dining hall that celebrates online safety.

If your child would like to try and produce an informative poster that makes it onto this display, please hand it into their class teacher to pass onto Mr. Arnold.

The information may include: SMART; personal information; flagging/reporting; managing screen time; gaming restrictions, and more!

Right of the Week Article 12

Article 12 - Respect for Children's Views

Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.



Sustainability Tip of the Week

Recycling at Home

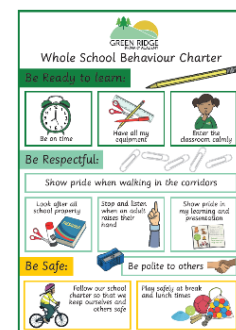
Turn recycling into a fun detective game! Teach your children to read packaging labels. Help them identify symbols that indicate whether an item is recyclable. This not only educates them but also sharpens their observation skills.



Behaviour Focus of the Week

All children at Green Ridge should understand:

- ✓ Being **READY** for learning is important,
- ✓ individually, and as a group.
- ✓ We are **RESPECTFUL** to others in the local and wider community.
- ✓ Everyone in the school should be kept **SAFE**.





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