

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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A note from the Headteacher

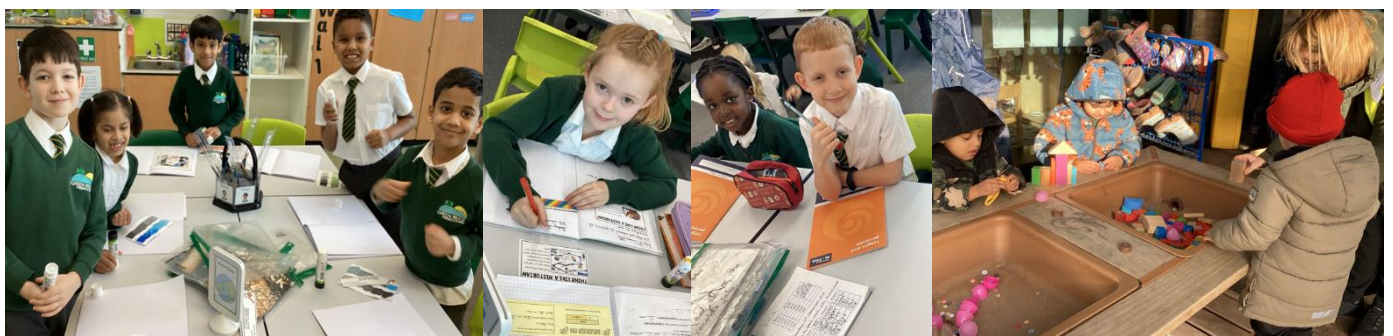
The children started the week with an assembly to celebrate World Religion Day. World Religion Day takes place each January, and aims to promote understanding, peace and tolerance between people of different religious backgrounds, and with clear links to our school value of respect it was important that we acknowledged the special day. One of the many wonderful things about Green Ridge is the rich diversity within our community so, unsurprisingly, the children had a great deal of knowledge and experience to share.

This year, teaching staff at Green Ridge are focusing closely on adaptive teaching, an approach that allows all children to be supported and stretched to meet their individual best. Led by Miss. Ellison, staff meet to share the best ways to teach to the top, whether that be through resources and tools, activity design, prompts for discussion or lesson structures. We want our children to feel happily challenged in their learning and to feel proud of their successes.

Ahead of next week's parent forum, I'd like to thank families who have put ideas and questions forward, and I look forward to meeting the reps there.

From all at Green Ridge, have a lovely weekend and try not to be blown away!

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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Dylan	Filip	Oliver	Zach
Elm (Y1)	Nina	Alice	Molly	Bradley
Lime (Y1)	Tyler	Ralph	Alexander	Sam
Oak (Y2)	Amelie	Andreas	Isaac A	Sophia
Plane (Y2)	Grace	Alexander G	Karta	Charlie
Spruce (Y2)	Kasia	Roman	Amber	Phoebe
Alder (Y3)	Freddie	Emily	Kendrick	Alfie
Cedar (Y3)	Gabrielle	Myra	Ameliya	Rituan
Ash (Y4)	Sienna	Willow	Maisie G	Indy
Rowan (Y4)	R'Elle	Selena	Zoe	Daisy B
Maple (Y5)	Ethan	Lena	Lillie	Skylar
Sycamore (Y5)	Daniel	Harry B	Darcey C-C	Shaylan
Aspen (Y6)	Jacob	Darcie	Amelia M	Kawthar
Hawthorn (Y6)	Ayaan	Adeena	Imogen	Cairo

Attendance Award
Well done to Beech class for the highest attendance of 98.7% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	150	429
Disraeli	136	444
Pratchett	145	518
Redgrave	139	443



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News, Updates & Reminders

Book Vending Machine

Today marked the official launch of our brand-new *book vending machine*! We were incredibly fortunate to win this fantastic prize in a competition, and we couldn't be more thrilled to share it with our children. Tokens will be awarded twice per half term to children who have demonstrated exceptional learning behaviours in reading. These tokens can be used to select a book from the machine, which they can keep!



A huge congratulations to today's lucky winners, please see below – enjoy your new books and keep up the brilliant work!

Class	Name
Beech (Y1)	Sophie
Elm (Y1)	Benjamin
Lime (Y1)	Jonah
Oak (Y2)	Bonnie
Plane (Y2)	Zunairah
Spruce (Y2)	Eloise
Alder (Y3)	Abigail
Cedar (Y3)	Alexandra
Ash (Y4)	Yashvi
Rowan (Y4)	Archie
Maple (Y5)	Robin
Sycamore (Y5)	Megan
Aspen (Y6)	Izzy B
Hawthorn (Y6)	Kobe

FareShare KFC Update



Thank you for supporting FareShare!

Whether you are part of our amazing team of volunteers or helping to reduce food waste by taking food home, we truly appreciate your contribution.

We recognise that our KFC distribution on Monday afternoons is extremely popular, and demand

currently exceeds supply. To ensure fairness and allow as many families as possible to enjoy this treat, we are introducing a new system starting **Monday, 3rd February**.

New System Details:

- **Limit:** 1 bag of KFC per household/family, per calendar month.
- **Sign-in:** Everyone collecting KFC will need to sign in with their name and their children's class(es).
- **Monthly Sheet:** A new sign-in sheet will be used at the start of each calendar month.

This system will help us ensure that more families have the opportunity to access the KFC food. Volunteers who are actively collecting or distributing the chicken each week may take one bag per collection.

Thank you again to all our FareShare volunteers! If you're interested in joining our wonderful team of volunteers, please email me at laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.

Parental Communications Policy

We would like to remind parents and carers of our parental communications policy when raising issues or concerns. Please raise any issues or concerns at the earliest opportunity with the school in the appropriate manner, speaking with the class teacher before escalating. It is important that communication between all members of the school community is clear, professional, timely and appropriate.

To ensure there are clear lines of communication with the school, please find attached to this weekly round-up the updated version of our who to contact document. Alternatively, you can email admin at admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk and they will forward your email on to the relevant member of staff.

Plea to Support Year Six Yearbooks & Hoodies

We are reaching out to local business owners with an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our pupils. As the Year Six pupils prepare to graduate in July 2025, we would love your support in

commemorating their journey with a yearbook and hoodie for each student.

Any sponsorship support will help us ensure every child leaves with a keepsake to remember their time at Green Ridge. This is a wonderful chance to show community spirit and connect with local families! In return you will have advertising in the yearbook that's handed out to the pupils.

For more details on how to get involved, please email [us at yr6leaversgreenridge2025@outlook.com](mailto:yr6leaversgreenridge2025@outlook.com)

Thank you in advance for helping to create lasting memories for our Year Six pupils!

PTA

A Slice of Knowledge – Friday, 28th February

Is your prowess for a general knowledge round lacking but unbelievable skill in the music round going to make you a winner? Might you play your joker on the music round, but wish you'd saved it for the sports round?!

Our fun community evening will be filled with games, team activities and a quiz throughout, with teams of six held at the school. Pizza is included in the ticket price to arrive part way through the evening.

It's an adult only event, so get the babysitter booked now! Book your tickets from **Sunday, 26th January at 5pm** at www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta.

Easyfundraising

We wanted to remind parents and carers that Green Ridge PTA is signed up to easyfundraising and how you can raise funds while sitting on your sofa!

It couldn't be easier. Whenever you shop online, switch energy providers or book a holiday, if you do so through easyfundraising.org.uk the retailer gives a small percentage of what's been spent back to us to say thank you for shopping with them, at no cost to you.

With over 4,400 online retailers involved including John Lewis, Amazon, Moonpig, Justeat, Shein, eBay, Booking.com, Now TV, Domino's Pizza, Audible and Uswitch.

All you need to do is register and list Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA as your "Good Cause". It's quick and easy to set up, and most importantly free to join!

Now with the Donation Reminder on your iPhone and iPad it's even easier! Simply download their app and enable the Donation Reminder feature on your Safari browser. They'll then pop up every time a donation is available.

This means Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA won't miss out on any donations as you're shopping online using your mobile!

So, when booking your holiday or when shopping please don't forget to use Easyfundraising!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

KS1 - Online Relationships

Show your child how to use the internet to communicate appropriately. Start a video call with a loved one and model the benefits of safe, respectable online communication.

KS2 - Online Relationships

Ask your child to join them whilst they are playing one of their favourite games online. Can they interact with others? How are they communicating? What is their response if someone is disrespectful or inappropriate?

Right of the Week Article 13

Sharing Thoughts Freely

Children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people.

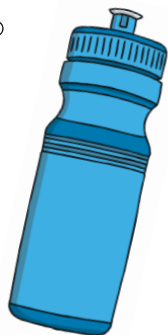


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Sustainability Tip of the Week

Water Bottles and Refill Stations

Encourage your child to bring a reusable water bottle to school. With water fountains around the school and taps in classrooms, this is an eco-friendly alternative to single-use plastic bottles. Not only will your child stay hydrated, but they will also actively contribute to reducing plastic waste.



Behaviour Focus of the Week

Understanding Your Child's Needs

Children's needs and behaviours change as they get older, and understanding these needs will help you better understand your child.



As children get older, they can experience difficult emotions. Some children find it hard to talk to their parents about feelings and may want to speak to Childline
0800 1111, childline.org.uk



GREEN RIDGE PTA
PRESENTS

A SLICE OF KNOWLEDGE

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

TICKET £10 PER PERSON

TEAMS UP 6

PIZZA INCLUDED WITH TICKETS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
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