

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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Friday, 31st January 2025

A note from the Headteacher

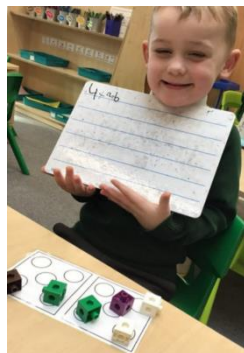
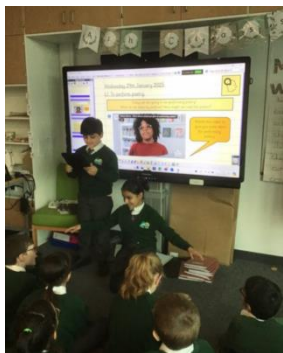
The children have been keen to share their writing this week, with many classes at the innovation stage where they adapt familiar stories and put their own spin on them. I've heard about a rabbit hopping over the moon in Hey Diddle Diddle, and a vampire sighting in Scotland! It's lovely to see the children exercising such creativity.

I'd like to formally thank our family representatives who attended the parent forum this week. It was a pleasure to meet you and hear your thoughts and suggestions. Minutes will be shared early next week, but I would like to address one of the points raised linked to social media. Due to our excellent safeguarding practice and awareness of the legal requirements, the process of posting on social media platforms has changed and is no longer as simple as 'snap a photo and hit post'. Because there are now numerous steps, which obviously take longer to work through, staff will now be asked to post from each class once per week. I'd like to thank you for your support and acceptance of this.

Please ensure that you have booked your Pupil Learning Review meetings (w/c 10th Feb) where we will revel in the chance to share all that is great about the children of Green Ridge!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Jen Fraser
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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Ibrahim	Evelina	Lara	Alayna
Elm (Y1)	Sreeyan	Kian	Hazel	Jeron
Lime (Y1)	Ollie	Tejjash	Vihaan	Thomas
Oak (Y2)	Vaibo	Eva	Nikola	Thomas
Plane (Y2)	Idris	Kasim	Elise	Karta
Spruce (Y2)	Shay	Saisha	Jacob	Arthur
Alder (Y3)	Phoebe	Daniel	Louis	Sofia
Cedar (Y3)	Nathaniel	Amirah	Freya	Elin
Ash (Y4)	Ishaan	Enoch	Lola	Maisey P
Rowan (Y4)	Francis	Izzy	Reggie	Noah
Maple (Y5)	Lexi	Joshua	Elise	Lily-Sue
Sycamore (Y5)	Isabelle	Darcey M	Jamie	Jess
Aspen (Y6)	Yarina	Gaetan	Stephanie	Izzy
Hawthorn (Y6)	Gracelyn	Poppy	Lissy	Sreejan

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

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	277	703
Disraeli	270	714
Pratchett	268	786
Redgrave	284	727



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News, Updates & Reminders

Enrichment Clubs

We would like to remind parents and carers that there are no enrichment clubs on **Wednesday, 5th February** due to staff training. This date was not included on Arbor and was shared in the letter sent on Tuesday, 19th November. Please collect your child/ren at the normal time of 3.15pm or 3.20pm. Thank you.

Little Ridges Nursery 2025 Prospective Parent/Carer Open Events

We are holding a selection of open events for prospective parents/carers to come and visit the nursery and meet Miss. Jones and our team of staff. The events are as follows:

- Thursday, 6th February at 2.00pm
- Tuesday, 4th March at 9.30am
- Thursday, 3rd April at 6.00pm

The open events will give you an opportunity to have a tour of the nursery and Miss. Jones will provide helpful information to those parents and carers who intend to apply for a place for September 2025.

We kindly ask that you complete this [form](#) to book a place at one of the open events.

Our Admissions Policy for Little Ridges 2025/26 can be found [here](#).

Parking at the Key Stage Two Gates

We kindly ask that parents and carers refrain from parking alongside the pathway near the Key Stage Two entrance when dropping-off/picking-up. The way in which some parents and carers park or leave their vehicles can often be dangerous and we encourage you to park or drop off in a safe place, where children can continue their journey safely on foot. Thank you for your continued support.

NUT-FREE School

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that we are a **nut-free school** due to allergies. Therefore, children must **not** bring in food containing nuts, regardless of their nutritional value. Please check cereal bars, chocolate spreads and other similar products as they often have traces of nuts, which are also **not**

permitted. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Illnesses due to Vomiting and Diarrhoea

If your child has been ill over the weekend with vomiting or diarrhoea and will be absent on a Monday, please let us know when they had their episode. This is to obtain when they can return to school as there must be **48 hours** since their last episode. If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness, please speak to your child's doctor, a pharmacist or Ms. West our Attendance, Safeguarding and Family liaison Officer for further advice.

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 - Cyberbullying

Ask your child how your words online can impact someone's feelings. Refer to our Zones of Regulation and focus on the positives – how kind, positive messages help to create a safe online environment.

KS2 - Cyberbullying

Ask your child how they would respond to someone sending them unkind messages. Would they block or report using the app? Would they tell an adult? Would they inform school if it keeps happening and seems targeted?

Right of the Week Article 2



No Discrimination

All children have all these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what their religion is, what they think, what they look like, if they are a boy or girl, if they have a disability, if they are rich or poor, and no matter who their parents or families are or what their parents or families believe or do. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.

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

How can I set boundaries?

- Keep guidance simple and consistent
- If your child is behaving in a way you don't want them to, clearly explain what you want them to do instead.
- Be available and make time for your child, so they will come to you when they feel something is wrong or they are upset.
- Keep talking and listening to your child even if at times it feels like a challenge. Start listening from a very early age and set a pattern for life.



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Family Learning



Spring Crafts Half Term Workshop

A FREE workshop for parents and carers of children from
4-11 years old, living in Buckinghamshire.

Make a variety of Spring Crafts from recycled materials that you
can make with your child and take home with you.

Tuesday 18th February 2025, 9.30am -12.30pm

Drop in session at:

Chesham ALC, Chiltern Hills Academy Chartridge Lane,
Chesham HP5 2RG



SOCK CATERPILLAR Craft for Kids

Free booklet with all the instructions, so that you can continue
making the crafts when you get home!

To book your FREE place, contact our enrolment team
on 01296 383582 or scan the QR code.

For more information call or text Nina on 07710 145234

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