Weekly Roundup

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Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back, everybody!

We hope you have enjoyed a restful and happy summer break and are returning refreshed and ready for new adventures in learning.

A new school year brings new opportunities, new friendships, and new experiences, and we are looking forward to helping every child grow in confidence, knowledge and independence, starting with our Take One Book visit this afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there!

J. Fraser.

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Friday, 11th September 2026

Upcoming Key Dates

- 14th September 2026: Enrichment Clubs Commence for YR
- 23rd September 2026: Parent Forum 9.00am
- 23rd September 2026: EYFS Let's Learn Together: Understanding the Prime Areas in Early Years 2.30pm-3:00pm
- 25th September 2026: Rescheduled Discos Y1 - Y3 (Y1 4.00-4.45pm & Y2-Y3 5.00-6.00pm)
- 28th September 2026: European Day of Languages
- 30th September 2026: PTA AGM 7.00-8.00pm

Right of the Week

Article 12 – Respect for Children's Views: Children can share their thoughts, feelings, and wishes without fear of dismissal due to their age.









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Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Richard	Jai	Cassidy
Elm (Y1)	Eden	Charlotte	Anne
Lime (Y1)	Shreshta	Gabriel	Cassian
Oak (Y2)	Esther-Rose	Mikail	Oscar
Plane (Y2)	Tilly	Maria	Nicolas
Spruce (Y2)	Zachary	Orella	Leo
Alder (Y3)	Fearne	Cameron	Sophia
Cedar (Y3)	Ati	Archie	Yuvan
Chestnut (Y3)	Freya	Ollie	Alexander
Ash (Y4)	Bonnie	Thomas	Kai U Vanessa
Rowan (Y4)	Dhivonn	Kairo	Anastasia
Walnut (Y4)	Tres	Alex G	Aathav
Maple (Y5)	Zachary	Orella	Laasya
Poplar (Y5)	Abigail	Théovanni	Natalie
Sycamore (Y5)	Arian	Vivienne	Arhata
Aspen (Y6)	Khalil	Tallulah	Maisey P
Hawthorn (Y6)	Jack	Selena	Prahathi

Attendance Award

Well done to Beech class for the highest attendance of 99.6% this week!

House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	178	178
Disraeli	192	192
Pratchett	219	219
Redgrave	226	226

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News & Updates

Parking on Crispin Street

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers to refrain from parking alongside Crispin Street during drop-off and pick-up times.

Parked vehicles significantly reduce visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, making it much more difficult for children, families and other members of our local community to see and safely cross the road. This creates a serious safety risk, particularly for young children who may be difficult for approaching drivers to see.

We appreciate that drop-off and pick-up times are particularly busy, but we ask that everyone considers the potential dangers caused by parking along Crispin Street and ask that you choose a safe and appropriate place to park.

Please help us to keep our children and the wider community safe. Thank you for your support with this.

FareShare – We Need You!

As you know, we are so incredibly fortunate to have a FareShare food bank on site weekly, providing necessary top-up items, including bread and fresh fruit and vegetables, to our families. This provision is only in place because of the kindness and generosity of the volunteers who lead it. We are, however, low on volunteers this year. If you are interested and able to provide help in any capacity, please contact laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk.

Parent Forum 2026/27

We are now looking to re-establish a Parent Forum group for this academic year (2026/27).

As the school is now much larger and in order to keep the forum group a manageable size for everyone to contribute, the Parent Forum group will typically be made up of one rep for each class. Parent Forum meetings will be held each half-term, and at least one parent/carer representative from each year group is required to attend. It may be on a rota basis so that there is equal opportunity for each representative to attend or based on availability.

Each meeting will last no more than 60 minutes, and the first meeting is due to take place at 9.00am on **Wednesday, 23rd September**. We usually alternate meetings between after drop-off or prior to pick-up in hope that this will allow as many people to attend as possible. There will be an expectation that you can attend most meetings, or else the role will not be effective.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward to be a member of the Parent Forum for the year 2025/26, please email admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk stating your interest by **Tuesday, 15th September**.

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 for 2026/27.

Thank you for your continued support in this important aspect of Green Ridge.

Home Learning & Microsoft Teams

Over the summer, REAch2 made changes to the login details children use to access Microsoft Teams. We are still experiencing a few teething issues as these changes are being finalised, so home learning is not yet available. We will let the children know as soon as everything is working correctly and they are able to access it from home.

KS2 Snacks

We would like to remind parents/carers that you provide your child with a healthy snack for morning break. Please be advised that if your child should bring in a snack in which we believe is not adequate, we will have no choice but to take the item/s off them and return them to you at the end of the day

We are also a **nut-free school** due to allergies. Children must not bring food containing nuts or products labelled as containing or potentially containing nuts. Please check cereal bars and similar products carefully.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Secondary School Applications

Secondary school applications are now open on the Buckinghamshire Council website. Parents and carers can now apply for a secondary school place for September 2027. The application deadline is **11:59pm on 31st October 2026**, so please ensure your application is completed and submitted before the closing date.

Claire Andrews Dance Academy

We are pleased to share that the Claire Andrews Dance Academy will be running dance sessions on Tuesdays at Green Ridge Primary Academy: An Afterschool Club for Green Ridge students (Yr1+), and a Street Dance class for children aged 4–7.

For more information, please email claire@claireandrewsdanceacademy.co.uk or book here.

Out of School Achievements

We have loved celebrating and sharing pupils out of school achievements in our weekly round-up and are grateful for the all the parents/carers that have taken the time to email in. From now on we will be celebrating out of school achievements on a half-termly basis, so please do keep sending them in to us via admin.

As a reminder, if your child has achieved something in an external club, we would love to celebrate it in the half-termly newsletter and add their photo to our Skills for Life display board. This can also be a snapshot of them mastering the life skills for their year group (see attached document).

PTA

Welcome Back!

The PTA welcome back all the parents and carers for the start of the new term and a warm hello to all the new families joining us this September.

We look forward to seeing you at our events this year and it was lovely to meet some of the new reception parents and carers at the coffee morning today.

More details about our PTA, events and fundraising opportunities will have been sent out today and in the following weeks and we hope to see you at our AGM on **Wednesday, 30th September at 7pm**. Please do contact the PTA (pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk) with any questions you may have.

Second-Hand Uniform

If you are having a clear out of uniform that your child has grown out of at the end of term, please consider donating any unwanted unform and PE kit (**excluding shirts, tights and shoes**) to the PTA to be sold to raise additional funds for the school.

If you need the next size up or an extra jumper, please look at our shop, www.pta-funds.co.uk/greenridgepta for all our current stock and to place an order. We have everything from jumpers to trousers to PE kits. We also have a variety of uniform for Little Ridges. Stock is updated as we receive donations so do check back regularly.