

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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## A note from the Headteacher

This week, the theme of anti-bullying week has been evident across the school, as we have taken part in various activities, assemblies, and lessons to coincide with the national campaign, this year with a focus on *'Make a noise about bullying'*. On Monday, we marked the start of the anti-bullying week with Odd Sock Day, as a starting point for discussion about differences and diversity. This week's campaign has also aligned with the updated anti-bullying policy which we have been updating over this term, so that it provides greater clarity for parents and carers about the steps we take as a school should anybody raise a concern about bullying, and the formal process we go through to ensure that any issues are resolved as soon as possible.

Year One enjoyed their visit to St. Albans Cathedral yesterday, as part of their History and RE work this term, along with Year Four Ash who visited Bartlett's residential home, as part of our work within the community. There has also been a buzz around the school today with our Children in Need fundraiser, and many of the children in yellow or spotted clothing and taking part in their 'Bearpees' challenge! We're hoping to raise over £500 for this fantastic charity, and once all our money has been counted and collected, we will share the final number with you.

As the weather prepares for winter, please ensure your child has the correct jackets, scarves, and hats etc. for playtimes. We are insisting that the children wear these when outside, given how cold it has become over the last week or so. Please also make sure they are labelled!

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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars	Times Table Rock Stars	
				Quickest	Hardest Working
Birch (YR)	Vihaan	Daisy	-	-	-
Hazel (YR)	Oscar	Hazel	-	-	-
Willow (YR)	Sithara	Wade	-	-	-
Beech (Y1)	Ella	Kai U	Caleb	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Tres	Georgia	Olivia	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Shay	Alicija	Darcey	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Louis	Lekshana	Darcy	Mikhaela	Jack
Plane (Y2)	Willow	Ritusan	Arabella	Gabrielle	Ameliya
Alder(Y3)	Connor	Enoch	Katie	Ishaan	Sophia
Cedar (Y3)	Maya	Niamh	Ana	Archie	Aleksander
Ash (Y4)	Oscar	Lexi	Manya	Ezra	Malachi
Rowan (Y4)	Sophie	Quinn	Macie-Rose	Diya	Freddie
Maple (Y5)	Preesha	Kobe	Kyle	Taksh	Preesha
Sycamore (Y5)	Bella	Oliver	Kiera	Miggy	Alice
Aspen (Y6)	Kyi-Michael	Luke	Ava	Olly	Jacob
Hawthorn (Y6)	Deeshna	Ethan	Sianna	Elijah	Megan

### Attendance Award

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

### House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	162	1819
Disraeli	244	1721
Pratchett	135	1475
Redgrave	287	2118

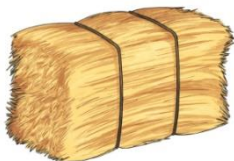


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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Christmas Production

The festive season is fast approaching and Year Two are busy preparing for their upcoming production, 'The Twinkl Nativity'. In order to bring the show to life, we are in need of some hay bales so are reaching out to anyone of our wonderful parents/carers who may be able to donate some. If you have the means to do this, please email the office via this [link](#). Thank you.



### Staffing update



Today we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs. Jus, our Teaching Assistant in Birch class, who leaves us to take up another position at another school where her own children attend, supporting her own work-life balance. We are very sad to see Mrs. Jus leave us, and she has been an asset to us at Green Ridge over the last year or so, and we will certainly miss her.

This week we welcome Mrs. Rebecca Lewis, who joins us as our new Office Administrator within the school office. Mrs. Lewis is a local resident and is familiar with the school, and comes with lots of experience, including working in education settings within the office environment which will be beneficial. You will very likely meet her or speak to her when you next visit the school.

### Stay and Learn sessions – next week!

Next week we have our stay and learn sessions taking place across the school whereby parents and carers are welcome to come and join in for part of a lesson with their children, so they can see how their child learns and take part in the lesson with them. Parents and carers have always felt these types of sessions have been a great opportunity to have a window into daily life at Green Ridge, and so we encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

Early Years	21-Nov	9.00-9.45am
KS1 & Y4	22-Nov	9.00-9.45am
Y3, Y5 & Y6	23-Nov	9.00-9.45am

Please enter via your child's normal entrance in the morning at drop-off and accompany them into class. If there are buggies or pushchairs, we do ask that these are left outside the door – as space is

quite tight in the rooms with 30 children and all the parents and carers! If you have multiple children and classes you want to visit, then staff will help you find the other classes so you can visit multiple classes if you need to. Gates will remain open until 9.45am, and if parents or carers need to leave before this, then they can exit via their child's normal classroom door.

### Teaching Assistant Vacancy

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you have the skills to support their learning and development? Have you got a 'can-do' approach and outlook? At Green Ridge Primary Academy, we are looking for a Teaching Assistant who will work as part of our support staff team, across the school, to support children in their learning and development, including those children with Special Educational Needs and for whom English may be an additional language. We are looking for someone who is up for getting stuck into all aspects of academy life! If you think this could be you, be sure to get in touch. Further information can be found [here](#).

### PTA Christmas Cards & Gifts

Thank you for all your orders, we will update you on any information regarding delivery of your items. We will send home the cards as soon as they arrive at the school. Please contact the PTA if you have any queries.

### PTA Easyfundraising

We wanted to remind parents and carers that Green Ridge 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](https://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 its 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 shopping for Christmas or the upcoming Black Friday, please don't forget when shopping to use Easyfundraising!



## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Privacy and Security – EYFS/KS1

Ask your child if they can think of two pieces of 'personal information' and explain how they can keep these safe (and why it is important to do so!).

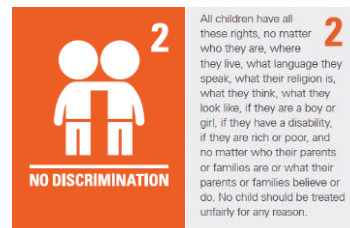
### Privacy and Security – KS2

Speak to your child about their 'digital footprint'. Do they understand what this means? Explain that anything we put online, stays there in some form and is stored in the 'Cloud'. This is why we need to ensure we are being digital citizens.

## Right of the Week Article 2

### Article 2 – No Discrimination

Linked to Anti-bullying week and referenced in two recent assemblies, children have revisited the importance of using kind hands, feet and words and not discriminating others based on their protected characteristics. At Green Ridge we celebrate difference and diversity.



## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Road Safety Week

Next week marks the launch of Road Safety Week. This not only helps children learn the skills they need to use roads safely, but by cutting down on emissions, it also helps promote a more environmentally friendly way of living. We encourage you to take advantage of possibilities to walk to school or park nearby and stroll a portion of the way in order to emphasise the significance of road safety.



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### Helping Children Responding to Unkind Situations

As anti-bullying weeks comes to a close we would like to review how parents can help children respond to unkind words/actions to support positive interactions.

- 1) Remind them of their self-worth
- 2) Project confidence
- 3) Disarm with humour
- 4) Stay safe and tell an adult
- 5) Treat others with kindness

We have worked with the children in school to identify who their trusted adults are. Please encourage them to speak to their trusted adults if they feel they are not being treated fairly.



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## Important Dates & Events

### Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	9.00-9.45am EY Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.00-9.45am KS1 Stay and Learn including Year Four 9.15-10.30pm Prospective YR 2024 Open Morning
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Reception Trip to Waddesdon Manor 9.00-9.45am KS2 Stay and Learn excluding Year Four 9.15am Year Four Multiskills Festival
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day #2 - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception – Year Six Flu Immunisations 1.30pm Year Four Rowan Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am Parent Forum Meeting
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	8.35am Parent/Carer Book Look 1.30pm Year Two Oak Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15-3.00pm Year Two Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15-10.00am Year Two Christmas Performance
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm Year Two Plane Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15pm EY Christmas Singalong PTA Festive Fun Event
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children Finish for end of Term



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