

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

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## A note from the Headteacher

With December now upon us, there has been lots of excitement around the school as some of our annual traditions at Green Ridge have begun – elves flying around the school into different classrooms, Christmas trees being decorated and nativity rehearsals well underway. The weather has also stepped-up to the mark this week, and fingers crossed we don't have any snow... just yet anyway! We've had lots going on this week across the curriculum – whether this be Year Four visiting Barlett's care home and visiting the residents and spreading some early festive cheer, our Year Six pupils learning about circuits in Science, Year Five using all their recyclable materials to make their marble runs in Design Technology, or Early Years learning how to clean their teeth properly! It is so wonderful to be able to walk around the school and see just what great opportunities children are having through the curriculum each day – and mostly, how excited and engaged they are in learning.

On behalf of the PTA, thank you to everyone for their donations today as part of the non-school uniform day in aid of bringing something for our Festive Fun event in a few weeks' time. The bottle and chocolate tombola will, undoubtedly, be the most frequently visited stalls!

There are quite a few things going on over the next couple of weeks, so please do make sure you check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. I am meeting with the Parent Forum reps next Tuesday, so if there is anything you would like to feed back on, please do let your reps know.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr. Aaron Wanford

Headteacher



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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars	Times Table Rock Stars	
				Quickest	Hardest Working
Birch (YR)	Sam	Druvi	-	-	-
Hazel (YR)	Ben	Kian	-	-	-
Willow (YR)	Ethan	Bianka	-	-	-
Beech (Y1)	Bonnie	Pippa	Matilda	-	-
Elm (Y1)	Shriram	Lincoln	Karta	-	-
Lime (Y1)	Phoebe	Alfie	Matthew	-	-
Oak (Y2)	Laila	Dwiti	Miliya	-	-
Plane (Y2)	Lakshan	Elin	Freya	-	-
Alder(Y3)	Leila	Lola	Mya	Roseanna	Adam
Cedar (Y3)	Alyaana	Lily	Cassia	Aaliyah	Archie
Ash (Y4)	Lily-Sue	Lillie	David	Joshua	Grace
Rowan (Y4)	Diya	Harry B	Sophie	Shaylan	Jamie
Maple (Y5)	Casey	Katherine	Kyle	Taksh	Preesha
Sycamore (Y5)	Wynnie	Bella	Miggy	Miggy	Orla
Aspen (Y6)	Vincent	Shannon	Sophia	Vincent	Tommy
Hawthorn (Y6)	Whole Class	George	Shaun	Ema	Sianna

### Attendance Award

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

### House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	267	2282
Disraeli	258	2134
Pratchett	320	2020
Redgrave	291	2676



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Hartwell Nurseries



Thank you to Hartwell Nurseries for gifting us our lovely tree! Mrs. Cavanagh has been working her magic this morning becoming Mrs. Claus with decorating and making Green Ridge festive and bright.

### Poppy Appeal Update

Thank you to those who donated and purchased a poppy or small merchandise in aid of the Royal British Legion. The charity is such a worthwhile cause, and we raised a total of £420.58!



### Staffing news & updates

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Herring, our Year Four teacher, has had a little baby girl, named Cassie Joanne. She was born this Monday and weighed an impressive 8 pounds! Both Mum and baby are both doing well, on behalf of the staff team, we are sending our love and best wishes to her and the family.

We are also excited to announce that Miss. Chalmers and her partner are also expecting a baby at the end of March. Although Miss. Chalmers' partner is carrying the baby, Miss. Chalmers will be taking some time off in the spring term when the baby is due – most likely around the Easter holidays. We will communicate with Year Two Oak parents and carers about this separately nearer the time.

### Term Dates 2024/2025

We have now published our term dates for 2024/2025 academic year. These can be found on our website here, as well as attached with the newsletter this week.

Please be aware of the additional INSET days which have been placed in September, to allow staff to prepare the school following the building work which should be complete during the summer holidays. Next summer will inevitably mean that almost all classrooms and furniture will need to be moved, and so we have had to allow for this at the start of term. We also hope this might support parents and carers with additional flexibility for summer holidays.

### Christmas Post Box

Our very own Green Ridge Post Box is back in our main corridor from **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December** so that the children have the opportunity to 'post' any Christmas cards that they may want to send to



each other (which is also a great opportunity to practise their writing skills!). It is far easier for the children to put them in our post box and then we will have our elves working to help sort them out into classes and arrange delivery each day.

Please remember to name each card with the child's name and class they are in to ensure successful delivery!

If you would like a copy of your child's class list, please contact Mrs. Upfold in the school office via email. Please note that the lists will only contain the first names of the children whom we have permission to share this information for due to data protection regulations.

### FareShare



Thank you to everyone who has helped us to rescue food this term. Since we started distributing food back in May 2022, we have saved more than 5 tons of food!

You may have noticed that we have moved our food tables to just outside the school office where it's not quite so busy! Please do remember to pop by on the school run and take any food you can use.

We are pleased to announce that we are trialling an additional collection each week from Sainsbury's. Our current food distribution schedule looks like this:

<b>Monday 3.10pm</b>	<b>- KFC and Sainsbury's</b>
<b>Tuesday 8.25am</b>	<b>- Tesco</b>
<b>Wednesday 8.25am</b>	<b>- Tesco</b>
<b>Thursday 8.25am</b>	<b>- Tesco</b>

We would also like to remind you that children should **not** be taking any food or bringing it into the classrooms, and that food should only be taken by adults. Additionally, we are delighted to see that the

KFC is particularly popular! We do ask that to reach as many people as possible, each family only takes one bag.

Our FareShare project runs entirely on the goodwill of a team of friendly volunteers. We would love to be able to expand that team and meet some new parents. Most jobs only take five minutes and can be done alongside the school run – and the children love to help too!

### How can you help?

1. Volunteer to be one of our collection drivers! This involves picking up surplus food from Tesco (evenings) or KFC and Sainsbury's (afternoons) and bringing it to the school a few times a term.
2. Help set up or clear away tables used for displaying the food a few times a term. This job only takes five minutes but is so helpful.

If you think you might be able to help, or would like to find out more, please contact [laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk).

### Parent Forum Meeting – Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December

Just a reminder that the next Parent Forum meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am.

If you have any feedback of a generic nature for the school, please do talk to the class reps or complete the short questionnaire online available [here](#). Please remember, if you complete the questionnaire, it should not be for individual/child feedback or to raise concerns, you should follow the normal procedures starting with your child's class teacher in this instance.

### PTA Non-Uniform Donations

Thank you very much for your generous donations today, that will be used at our upcoming Festive Fun event.

### PTA Festive Fun

As you know our Festive Fun event is on **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** and we are in need of volunteers to help run our stalls, unfortunately if we do not have enough, we will not be able to run the event, so please help out, even if it's only for an hour! To help out please sign up [here](#).

### 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](http://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 shopping for Christmas or the upcoming Black Friday, please don't forget when shopping to use Easyfundraising!

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Self-image and Identity – EYFS/KS1

Ask your child what could take them out of the 'green zone' when using digital devices and discuss the importance of saying: "No." or "Stop." when something is doing something they dislike.

### Self-image and Identity – KS2

Speak to your child about 'online identities'. Unpick how anyone can make an online profile and people may not always be trustworthy – people are not always who they say they are. What should we do if something makes us feel unsure?

## Right of the Week Article 23

### Articles 23 – Children with Disabilities

This article highlights the importance of providing every child with equal opportunities and trying to remove barriers for children with disabilities and support them in participating actively in the community.



**23** Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Governments should remove all obstacles for children with disabilities to become independent and to participate actively in the community.

## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Christmas Trees

[Forestry England](#) have some great tips on making sure your Christmas tree is as sustainable as can be. They include, if you choose a real tree, making sure it is Grown-in-Britain certified, opting for a potted tree (which can last a lifetime, not just Christmas!), and recycling your tree after you've used it. If you're opting for a fake tree, it's estimated to take 10 years to make it environmentally worthwhile, so make sure you love it.



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### Uniform and Presentation

It is really important that children are showing pride in their uniform at Green Ridge. We support children being independent in getting ready in the morning, however, we ask that parents support the children in making sure they are showing pride in their presentation.

Things to check:

- Is uniform washed, fresh and unstained?
- Is hair brushed and neat?
- Are teeth brushed?
- Are school shoes fit for purpose?



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## Important Dates & Events

### Autumn Term 2

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	2.00-3.00pm - 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

### Spring Term 1

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children Return to School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term Enrichment Clubs Commence
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	1.30pm - Year Five Maple Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home 2.30pm - Online Safety Parent Workshop
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm - Thrive & Understanding Behaviour Parent Workshop
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	1.30pm - Year Five Sycamore Class Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	1.30pm - Young Voices Visiting Bartlett's Residential Care Home

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm - Year Four Multiplication Check Parent/Carer Information Meeting
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am - Reception Trip to Windsor Castle 8.15am - Year Two Trip to Radlett Synagogue
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 3 Recognising and Managing Emotions
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00-7.30pm - Pupil Learning Reviews
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00-6.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Children Break for Half-Term

## Key Dates for the Academic Year 2024

Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.30-10.45am - Prospective YN 2024/25 open event
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00-10.00am - SEN Coffee Morning
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30am – Oak Class Parent Library Session 2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 4 Helicopter Stories 2.30-3.00pm - Alder Class Parent Library Session
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30pm - Plane Class Parent Library Session 2.30-3.00pm - Elm Class Parent Library Session
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30pm - Cedar Class Parent Library Session 2.30-3.00pm - Beech Class Parent Library Session
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30pm - Willow Class Parent Library Session 2.30-3.00pm - Lime Class Parent Library Session
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30pm - Birch Class Parent Library Session 2.30-3.00pm - Hazel Class Parent Library Session
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30-3.00pm - Rowan Class Parent Library Session
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30pm - Ash Class Parent Library Session 2.30-3.00pm - Maple Class Parent Library Session
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30pm - Little Acorns Parent Library Session 2.30-3.00pm - Sycamore Class Parent Library Session
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30pm - Aspen Class Parent Library Session 2.30-3.00pm - Little Acorns Parent Library Session
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30pm - Hawthorn Class Parent Library Session

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.45pm - EY Stay and Learn – Maths
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.45pm - KS1 Stay and Learn - Maths
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00-9.45pm - KS2 Stay and Learn - Maths
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am - KS2 Spring Assembly (led by Y3) 2.15am - KS2 Spring Assembly (led by Y3)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 5 'Marvellous Motor Skills.'
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 6 'Managing Change.'
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	EY Sports Morning and Picnic Lunch
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm - Y5 Sycamore Class Assembly
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00-10.00am - SEN Coffee Morning 2.30pm - Y5 Maple Class Assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Lower School (Y1-Y3) Sports Morning and Picnic Lunch Upper School (Y4-Y5) Sports Afternoon and Picnic Lunch
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm - Y4 Rowan Class Assembly
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm - Y4 Ash Class Assembly
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm - Upper School Production
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm - Upper School Production
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm - Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 parents/carers only)





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## MALE CARERS DROP IN

### **Lets talk about: Common Childhood Behaviours**

#### **Session Overview:**

- Arrival/general introductions
- Introduction to MHST - Who are we and what can we offer
- Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD)
- Behaviours and Strategies
- Increase confidence in managing child's behaviours
- Parenting Programmes
- Q & A/Feedback



Venue: Princes Risborough Family Centre  
Wellington Avenue  
Princes Risborough  
Bucks, HP27 9HY  
Time: 6.30pm - 8pm  
Date: 14th December 2023

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